

Architecture & Dwelling

MSc 2_ Global Housing: Re-Imagining Buenos Aires



View of the banks of the Matanzas urban river near Villa 21-24 (Buenos Aires). Photo: buenosaires.gob.ar (Creative Commons)

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Code	AR2AD012
Credits	15 ECTS
Location	Buenos Aires (ARG)
Excursion	Yes*
Costs	€ 1400 (approx.)

Project type Practice related

Approved Master 2 Yes
Architecture design project

* unless not allowed by the travel restrictions in place at the time of the planned fieldtrip.

This design studio will be developed in collaboration with students and professors of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism of Buenos Aires University (FADU-UBA).

The studio will focus on the social and spatial challenges associated with the environmental improvement of areas along the basin of the river Matanzas, the most polluted river of Argentina, which flows in the heart of the city of Buenos Aires.

The studio will investigate new housing approaches to promote inclusive, liveable, heterogeneous and sustainable urban practices addressing Buenos Aires's social, economic and environmental challenges.

Participants in the course will be challenged to investigate design strategies for an area located in the banks of the river Matanzas, near Villa 21-24. The area is earmarked for a process of re-urbanization, and relocation

of residents of an informal settlement. The process, led by the governmental agency ACUMAR, aims at improving the environmental conditions of the residents of the area, but also of those living along the basin of the Matanzas river.

To support the development of the project, participants in this course will develop spatial and situational analysis in the project's location, investigating patterns of inhabitation, interdependence between dwelling characteristics and lifestyles, and negotiations between individual aspirations, collective welfare, and environmental protection.

The studio will organize a field trip to the project's site (Buenos Aires) in mid-April 2023, if travel restrictions allow. During the field trip, participants will develop fieldwork and join seminars with local housing experts and a workshop with students and professors of FADU-UBA.