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## DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT

Architecture, Urban Planning and Heritage in the Global South

I and II level Specializing Master – 5th edition 2026/2027

### CALENDAR \*

MODULE A – CHALLENGES FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH (Theory) (72 HOURS)		
<b>A.1</b>	<b>June, 18-22 2026</b>	<b>(online)</b>
Thursday 18th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Introduction
Friday 19th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Mapping humanitarian sector and Introduction to the Theory of change
Monday 22nd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Mapping humanitarian sector and Introduction to the Theory of change
<b>A.2</b>	<b>July, 1-3 2026</b>	<b>(online)</b>
Wednesday 1st	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Slum upgrading housing
Thursday 2nd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Slum upgrading housing
Friday 3rd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Slum upgrading housing
<b>A.3</b>	<b>July, 15-17 2026</b>	<b>(online)</b>
Wednesday 15th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Heritage in Danger
Thursday 16th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Heritage in Danger
Friday 17th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Heritage in Danger

**MODULE B – CHALLENGES FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH (Tools)  
(72 HOURS)**

<b>B.1</b>	<b>Sept., 15-18 2026</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
Tuesday 15th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Technologies and self-construction
Wednesday 16th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Technologies and self-construction
Thursday 17th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Technologies and self-construction
Friday 18th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Technologies and self-construction

<b>A.4</b>	<b>Sept., 23-25 2026</b>	<b>(in person or online)</b>
Wednesday 23rd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Climate change and Urban resilience thinking
Thursday 24th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Climate change and Urban resilience thinking
Friday 25th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Climate change and Urban resilience thinking

<b>B.2</b>	<b>Oct., 5-7 2026</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
Monday 5th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management
Tuesday 6th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management
Wednesday 7th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management Theory of Change and Project Cycle Management

<b>A.5</b>	<b>Oct. 21-23</b>	<b>(in person or online)</b>
Wednesday 21st	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theories and criticisms
Thursday 22nd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theories and criticisms
Friday 23rd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Theories and criticisms

**MODULE C – DESIGN STUDIOS****(132 HOURS)**

<b>C.1</b>	<b>Nov., 2-9 2026</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>DESIGN STUDIO 1 – Architecture</b>  Design strategies for housing and services in informal, precarious settlements
<b>From Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th</b>	<b>09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	
<b>Monday 9th</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	

<b>A.6</b>	<b>Nov., 18-20</b>	<b>(in person or online)</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>From Emergency to Recovery</b>
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>From Emergency to Recovery</b>
<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>From Emergency to Recovery</b>

<b>B.2</b>	<b>Dic., 2-4/16-18 2026</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>
<b>Friday 4th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Territorial analysis and mapping Territorial analysis and mapping</b>

<b>C.2</b>		<b>Jan., 11-18 2027</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>DESIGN STUDIO 2 – Urban Planning</b>	
<b>From Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th</b>	<b>09.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Planning strategies for integrated regional development of rapidly urbanizing areas</b>	
<b>Monday 18th</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>		

<b>A.7</b>		<b>Jan., 27-29</b>	<b>(in person or online)</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Design for Development</b>	
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Design for Development</b>	
<b>Friday 29th</b>	<b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Design for Development</b>	

<b>C.3</b>		<b>Feb., 1-8 2027</b>	<b>(in Milan)</b>
<b>Monday 1st</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>DESIGN STUDIO 3 - Heritage</b>	
<b>From Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th</b>	<b>09.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>	<b>Strategies for protecting and enhancing cultural heritage in urban-rural areas in transition</b>	
<b>Monday 8th</b>	<b>11.15 AM – 01.15 PM</b> <b>02.30 PM – 06.30 PM</b>		

**MODULE D – ON THE GROUND DESIGN WORKSHOP °****(168 HOURS)**

<b>D.1</b>	<b>Feb., 17-19 2027</b>	<b>Introduction and preparatory exercises (<i>in Milan</i>)</b>
From Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 AM – 06.30 PM	Preparatory Exercises
<b>D.2</b>	<b>Feb., 26 - Mar. 14 2027</b>	<b>Workshop (<i>on the ground</i>)</b>
Friday 26th		Departure from Milan
Sunday 14th		Return to Milan
<b>D.3</b>	<b>Mar., 15-22 2027</b>	<b>Post Workshop (<i>in Milan</i>)</b>
Monday 15th	11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Postproduction and Final Critics
From Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Postproduction and Final Critics
Monday 22nd	11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Postproduction and Final Critics

° Days may change depending on flight availability.

**MODULE E – INTERNSHIP****AT LEAST 350 HOURS**      **from March 2027****MODULE F – FINAL THESIS****July 2027 – November 2027**

July 2027 - To be defined	Seminar final thesis presentation – session 1
September 2027 - To be defined	Seminar final thesis presentation – session 2
November 2027 - To be defined	Seminar final thesis presentation – session 3

\* This calendar may be subject to changes due to organizational issues independent of the will of the Master Direction.