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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)		
A.1	June, 18-22 2026	(online)
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
A.2	July, 1-3 2026	(online)
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
A.3	July, 15-17 2026	(online)
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.1	Sept., 15-18 2026	(in Milan)
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

A.4	Sept., 23-25 2026	(in person or online)
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.2	Oct., 5-7 2026	(in Milan)
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

A.5	Oct. 21-23	(in person or online)
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

A.6	Nov., 03-05	<i>(in person or online)</i>
Wednesday 03rd	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	From Emergency to Recovery
Thursday 04th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	From Emergency to Recovery
Friday 05th	02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	From Emergency to Recovery

MODULE C – DESIGN STUDIOS (132 HOURS)		
C.1	Nov., 16-23 2026	<i>(in Milan)</i>
Monday 16th	11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	DESIGN STUDIO 1 – Architecture
From Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	Design strategies for housing and services in informal, precarious settlements
Monday 23rd	11.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 PM – 06.30 PM	

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

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

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

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

MODULE D – ON THE GROUND DESIGN WORKSHOP °		
(168 HOURS)		
D.1	Feb., 17-19 2027	Introduction and preparatory exercises (<i>in Milan</i>)
From Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th	09.15 AM – 01.15 PM 02.30 AM – 06.30 PM	Preparatory Exercises
D.2	Feb., 26 - Mar. 14 2027	Workshop (<i>on the ground</i>)
Friday 26th		Departure from Milan
Sunday 14th		Return to Milan
D.3	Mar., 15-22 2027	Post Workshop (<i>in Milan</i>)
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.