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Master's Program in Urban and Spatial Planning IUAV University of Venice

EVALUATION REPORT

After an in-depth examination of its academic curriculum and teaching pedagogy, the MSc Programme in Urban and Spatial Planning offered in the IUAV University of Venice has been conferred the AESOP Certificate of Quality.

The Master of Science in Urban and Spatial Planning delivered at University of Venice has been evaluated by two members of the AESOP Excellence in Education Board (EEB) appointed by the Chair. The EEB certifies that the above programme fulfils the Quality Recognition criteria.

Quality in Planning Education

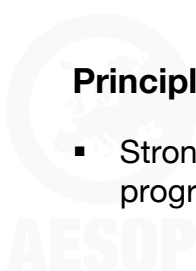
The MSc in Urban and Spatial Planning delivered at IUAV University of Venice brings together the following aspects of quality in planning education:

Programme Curriculum and Identity

- An effective blend of practice-oriented studio courses focused on research areas in regional and urban planning meeting global, national, regional and local challenges. A studio-based learning process provides a combination of good theoretical foundations with practical approaches.

Principles of Pedagogy

- Strong focus on interdisciplinary, practical, and ethical education. The program integrates theoretical courses and design studios to foster a





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holistic approach, blending disciplines like sociology, geography, economics, and ecology.

- It prioritizes hands-on learning through real-world case studies, workshops, and internships with public agencies and private companies. This pedagogy also values diversity, supporting student inclusion and collaboration in multicultural, multidisciplinary teams.
- Ethical responsibility is a cornerstone, encouraging students to address socio-spatial inequalities and global challenges like climate change and resilience while balancing stakeholder interests.

Showcase Practices

- Intensive international workshops, gamification, and real-client projects. These practices connect students with global planning challenges and diverse geographical contexts, enhancing their problem-solving and adaptive skills. International workshops provide opportunities for hands-on learning in multicultural settings, while gamified courses like maritime spatial planning simulate real decision-making processes.
- Design studios engage students in addressing complex local issues, promoting innovative solutions for urban regeneration, sustainability, and social inclusion, underscoring the importance of planning as a socially responsible and participatory process.





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AESOP CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY

We certify that:

This programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to the AESOP Charter, complemented by an effective internationalization of teaching and learning processes. The AESOP Certificate of Quality is valid for a period of six years (2024-2030).

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