

University Master's Degree in

**INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION
SUSTAINABLE
EMERGENCY
ARCHITECTURE
(OFFICIAL)**

*Pioneering Master
founded in 2004*



This programme prepares architects to develop and rebuild communities affected by rapid urbanisation, poverty, conflict and disasters. **Professionals involved in these areas need to understand that their role in the complex system of international cooperation** is to seek holistic solutions that combine both interdisciplinary knowledge and participation from citizens. The ever growing impact of climate change, military conflicts, rapid urbanisation and economic crises represents a clear need and opportunity for qualified professionals globally.

Established in 2004, this Barcelona-based pioneering master's degree is an official programme combining international cooperation, sustainable urban development and emergency architecture

Students are provided the necessary theoretical and methodological background, with an interdisciplinary and holistic approach that enables practitioners to manage projects ranging from the urban to the architectural scale.

Who can apply?

Holders of a university degree in the following fields: Architecture, Design, Urban Development, Planning, Urban Design, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Geography, International Cooperation, or related disciplines.

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

University Master's Degree in International Cooperation in Sustainable Emergency Architecture (Official) from Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

Director: Prof. Dr Alberto T. Estévez

Coordinator: Prof. Dr Yomna K. Abdallah

Dates and timetable

OCTOBER - MARCH:

Classes Monday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm

MARCH: Field trip.

OCTOBER - MAY: Thesis development;

Thesis defence beginning of June.

JUNE - SEPTEMBER: Internship period.

[Get in touch with your advisor](#)

Prestigious Faculty

Students will learn from a prestigious roster of renowned international researchers and practitioners, benefitting from both the expertise of practitioners in leading humanitarian organisations as well as leading researchers from top universities. Our professors come from a range of disciplines and specialisations, including political ecology, environmental justice, urban resilience and climate change adaptation, thus providing students an interdisciplinary understanding of the humanitarian sector.



Course in partnership with IFRC

One of the courses in our programme: Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). This provides students the necessary skills to lead and coordinate shelter clusters on the field in the context of emergency response. At the end of the course, participants will have acquired strategic and practical knowledge on shelter coordination policies, as well as the methods, tools and procedures inherent to the humanitarian response system.



Internship & Partner Organisations

A 7 weeks mandatory internship at the end of the programme provides the connections and experience needed to take the next step in your career. We collaborate with organisations worldwide across all areas of development and emergency practice, from leading international institutions such as UN-Habitat, MSF and CRS to specialised NGOs and research networks like the Urban Climate Change Research Network.



CURRICULUM - 60 ECTS

Modules 1 – 3: Courses / OCT - MAR

Module 4: Internship / JUNE - SEPT

Module 5: Master's Thesis / OCT - MAY

MODULE 1

Emergency Shelter and Settlements / 12 ECTS

- 1A: Introduction to Emergency & Urban Development / 3 ECTS
- 1B: Humanitarian Shelter & Settlements. Course in partnership by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) / 6 ECTS
- 1C: Reconstruction and Urban Displacement / 3 ECTS

MODULE 2

Urban Development and Community Design / 6 ECTS

- 2A: Humanitarian Design and Settlements / 3 ECTS
- 2B: Bottom-Up Strategies for Urban Regeneration / 3 ECTS

MODULE 3

Socio-Spatial Strategies / 12 ECTS

- 3A: Socio Spatial Workshop for Integrated Urban Upgrading / 3 ECTS
- 3B: Climate Resilient Urban Design / 3 ECTS
- 3C: Environmental Justice & Urban Development / 3 ECTS
- 3D: Participatory Planning & Community Design / 3 ECTS

MODULE 4

Internship / 15 ECTS

- International Field Trip / 5 ECTS
- Internship / 10 ECTS

MODULE 5

Master's Thesis / 15 ECTS

- Final Thesis Defence



Field Trip

Included in the cost of tuition is a field trip in which we team up with local organisations on on-going projects, as well as students local universities when possible. This 10-day workshop provides a unique experience to put into practice the theory and tools acquired during the programme. Past field trips have included: urban integration strategies for refugees in Thessaloniki, Greece, assessing the post-disaster temporary housing solution in La Palma, Canary Islands, post-disaster reconstruction strategies in Ecuador, International cooperation activities in Tanzania, among others.



Master's Thesis & Research

This program is an EQF level 7 degree accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education. As an official master's program, students who complete a master's dissertation will be able to start a PhD at UIC BCN or any European university after graduation. Students develop their thesis throughout the academic year with one-on-one supervision from experienced researchers. It is important for professionals in this field to develop a critical perspective, enhance their writing and communication skills and improve urban development and emergency practices with their proposals.



Multicultural Environment

Much like our faculty, we've had students from almost 70 different countries around the world, making for an exceptionally international and enriching learning environment and a valuable professional network, which includes alumni who have started their own NGOs or consultancies.





STUDYING IN BARCELONA

Start the most important learning experience of your life in one of the main European cities. Barcelona is a cultural and financial role model and a city where your knowledge can adapt to multiple professional opportunities.

UIC BARCELONA, OUR CAMPUSES

Classes are held on our Barcelona campus and also our Sant Cugat campus, which has a total area of more than 53,000 m². Each Faculty has the best facilities and latest generation equipment for both theoretical and practical classes.

Find out more about the admissions procedure, reserving a place and enrolment here uic.es/masters. Click on uic.es/grants for information about financial aid, discounts and grants.

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