PARTNERS ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2025
Syllabus for Architecture

Subject Area

This syllabus is for PARTNERS applicants seeking to progress to the degrees of:

- K100 BA Hons Architecture

Aims

To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry-level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

Learning Outcomes

A good knowledge and understanding of …

- How personal space can be designed for both practical and recreational uses.
- Site context as a driver for design creativity.
- The value of ephemeral elements and the benefits they can bring to the design process
- The importance of allowing time in the evolution of well resolved design work.

The ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to…

- The ability to apply knowledge and critical understanding to develop their chosen design project to fruition and to discuss and describe their work to staff and other students during tutorials and group crits.

Competence in…

- Site research, spatial design, and presentation skills including effective communication and listening skills when interacting with staff and other students.

Summer School Syllabus

During the Summer School week, you will be supported by a member of the Architecture School's delivery team who will help you develop your ideas and offer advice. This will be done in person, and via Zoom meetings. Expect to talk to your support staff member at least once a day. There will be two group meetings during the week, one in person at the beginning, and the other, a group crit, and end via Zoom. Group discussions on Zoom will be recorded so that students who are unable to join in can access them at a later date. Throughout the week you will be posting all of your work onto a number of Miro boards that will provide a way for everyone to see all students' responses to the brief. By the end of the week, these boards will be populated by all of your ideas, sketches and notes, as well as the finished schemes. On-line resources will provided that include links to relevant resources that you can explore and that you might find helpful in fulfilling the tasks you have been set.

The architecture summer school takes the form of a short design project containing a range of achievable elements to be delivered by each student by the end of the week. Students will use their personal time to develop their own response to the brief. As their project work develops, they will be supported by the architecture summer school staff in person, and, after the on-campus time, via daily group tutorials delivered via Zoom. Following an introductory session on the first day, the student cohort will be divided into three/four groups who will be under the guidance of individual tutors. There will be group tutorials each day (in-person on the Monday and Tuesday, and on-line on Wednesday and Thursday) between students and staff, during which each student's work will be discussed with support and advice given by the team. A group crit on the Friday will enable all students attending to present their s project and learn about the work of others in the group.

Activities for Personal Study

Students will be provided with reading and post-Class activities to complete during the Summer School. Reading will be provided via the Library Reading List feature within Canvas; exercise will be posted on Canvas before the Summer School commences.

On-Campus Teaching:
Sunday 29th June (PM), Monday 30th June & Tuesday 1st July

Online Teaching:
Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th (AM only) July

Formative Assessment Details
Presentation during group session
More details will be given during the event by your Academic Strand Lead.

Hand-in Method
Online delivery

Assessment deadline
Friday 4th July