

COURSE TITLE:**URBAN DESIGN A****Institute/Division:** A3 Institute of Urban Design, Division of Urban Composition**Course code:** I-C-22**Erasmus subject code:** 02.1 / 02.3**Number of contact hours:** 90**Course duration:** 1 semester (Spring)**ECTS credits:** 8

Course description: The course is devoted to the problems of delimiting and shaping selected urban areas which – on account of their location in the spatial structure of cities – play or could play an important role as centers of service and public functions. Public spaces play a special role in city centers. Public spaces in a city – squares, streets, municipal parks and beaches, boulevards – are open-access places, remembered from the past and still attracting users with their peculiar climate, attractive for diverse meetings and contacts between city dwellers or newcomers. Places where the life of an urban community goes on. The places of public events, urban rituals. A public space and public buildings form an attractive offer of places for everyday life, a possibility of staying with other people, realizing social behaviors through partnership in urban shows of life. To a large extent, they owe the legibility of the spatial structure of a city to public spaces. The accompanying public buildings – dominants or strong forms – play an important role in the composition of an urban space and have a significant meaning in the shaping of the identity of places and the identification of diverse sequences of the urban tissue. The revitalization of former city centers or the transformation of areas degraded by industry or other users, absorbed as a result of the territorial expansion of cities, is one of the most urgent assignments in most European cities -in Poland as well.

Literature: Basic literature on the subject of urban composition and design of residential complexes

Course type: Individual design work under supervision and tutorial

Assessment method: Evaluation of the final submission (process, progress, personal creativity & individual approach, graphic and oral presentation)

Prerequisites: Architectural and Urban Design Studio (e.g. Urban Composition, Single Family Housing, Architectural and Urban Design – Multifamily Housing)

Primary target group: 3rd year students in Architecture

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Deadline for application: beginning of the Spring semester (according to the schedule)