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# Urban Design Seminar: Urbanity

Tutor: [Gyler Mydyti](#), core elective, 2 ECTS, in English, 24 lessons (+ 42 h private study time), Friday 13:30 to 16:45 (27.09./18.10./08.11./15.11./22.11./06.12.2024), min. enrolment: 5 students, assessment: minimum 75% compulsory attendance and continuous assessment. The final grade is calculated according to the weighting of the following components: final submission (80%) and oral presentation (20%). Relevant reading will be made available at the beginning of the course. A list of recommended literature will be announced in the course and updated on an ongoing basis. Contact: [gyler.mydyti@uni.li](mailto:gyler.mydyti@uni.li)

The Urban Design Seminar explores contemporary urban design principles and challenges, focusing on their implications for architects and urban designers. Central to this semester's seminar is the theme of Urbanity, covering concepts such as the open city, community-based developments, the right to the city, and urban qualities. By examining both historical and current discussions and case studies, the seminar assesses how urbanity can be achieved under today's conditions, influenced by climate change, globalization, mass migration, and social inequalities, and reviews means for evaluating and fostering urbanity. The seminar will enable students to critically discuss urban design principles aimed at creating livable, inclusive, and equitable environments. Lectures will feature visual and conceptual exercises with students, supported by collective readings of seminal theoretical texts and case studies from practice. The goal is to provide students with foundational knowledge to synthesize and evaluate theoretical frameworks for urban design.