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The choice of the university degree course is certainly an important step for all young high school graduates who are preparing to start a university course. It is one of those moments in life when dreams and aspirations take shape, when the foundations for your own future are laid. For those who come from out of town, families are also concerned about the city where the university is located, with its qualities, its attitudes, its services. In short, this is a choice to be carefully made, considering many factors, including the academic community in which you will be welcomed. That’s why the Pescara Department of Architecture and its teachers, researchers, technical and administration professionals, but especially its community of students, wants to give a warm welcome to the new students by showing them some bits of our university life, and the commitment, dedication and passion that we all put into our extraordinary work: building the society of the future!

Building the society of the future!
tomorrow
The Department

The Department of Architecture was born in 2012 from the merger of the previous departments in the former Faculty of Architecture, whose foundation dates back to the late 1960s. The School of Pescara has its own historical and cultural identity recognised in the panorama of the Italian Schools of Architecture as a place for sharing ideas and teaching methods that come from the integration of different scientific cultures related to the design of the city and territory, and the representation and preservation of historical heritage.

The Department has about one thousand five hundred students enrolled in the two degree courses: the five-year Master's Degree in Architecture and the three-year Bachelor’s degree in Design. From the year 2020/21 the new Degree Course in Sustainable Habitat Sciences is going to be available. The DdA is therefore a medium-sized university, an ideal condition for study and research, where the student/teacher relationship is excellent and develops over the years as a relationship of mutual knowledge that leads to a strong cultural and academic growth.
The G. d'Annunzio University has two campuses: the Chieti Campus and the Pindaro Pole in Pescara, where the Department of Architecture is located.

Classes and workshop activities of the degree courses in Architecture, Design and Sustainable Habitat Sciences will be held mainly in a building designed and built specifically for the purpose, separated from the historic headquarters of the Pindaro Pole by an
internal square, functioning as a meeting place for students, surrounded by important service facilities, such as the self-study rooms, the exhibition areas, the FabLab and the CeSA Study Centre.

Classes end at eight o'clock in the evening, but our classrooms remain open until midnight to allow students, who often come from out of town, to experience an intense university campus experience.
Pescara is an interesting city for a student: it is young, dynamic and inclusive. Everything is within short distance and bicycles are widely used thanks to an extensive cycling network. The urban and regional setting it is located in provides for high quality of life and valuable historical and landscape heritage. The old villages of the foothill area with their food and wine circuits, the unspoiled mountains
and natural parks, the coastal strip where you can do all kinds of leisure activities and sports, make Pescara the ideal choice for spending your university years. The average cost of the rooms for students should also be considered, which is truly competitive to other university cities, as well as the numerous high-quality student residences and accommodation facilities, both public and private.
The Department of Architecture offers a five-year Master's Degree programme in Architecture, a three-year course in Design and a three-year Sustainable Habitat Sciences course. All degree courses include a mix of lectures and Workshop activities, with a broad use of the multidisciplinary workshop method. Over their learning process, students will also have the opportunity to make internship experiences in companies, professional firms, public or private organisations, in Italy or abroad.
Research, scientific dissemination and technological transfer of innovations are key for the Pescara Department of Architecture.

Every year a large amount of its budget is invested in post-graduate scholarships, PhDs, research grants.

Scholarship recipients, PhD students and fellows work together with researchers and professors in the Department research laboratories.

There are many areas of research, linked to the different scientific-disciplinary sectors of the Department, all focusing on "design" in all its applications: territory, urban environment, architecture, technology and industrial products.
Centre of Architectural Studies ———— (CeSA)

The DdA has recently set up a Research Centre dedicated to European funding programmes. The centre is in the inner square of the Pindaro Pole and has workstations equipped for scholarship holders, PhD students and research fellows of the Department.

The multidisciplinary research platforms developed by the CeSA engage young researchers in topical scientific issues: smart city, slow mobility, environmental and landscape sustainability, climate change, urban regeneration, enhancement of historical heritage, energy efficiency of buildings, digital representations, industrial product innovation, analysis of the real estate market, etc.
FabLab

The DdA is creating a brand new FabLab, an evolution of the small workshop that offers customised digital manufacturing services. In the past, Architecture faculties used to have "model laboratories", where scale models of architectural projects were made using wood, cardboard or other materials. Today, the so-called FabLabs are gaining international recognition. These labs are equipped with a series of IT tools (3D printers, CNC cutters, laser cutting machines, etc.) capable of producing a wide range of objects in a flexible and semi-automatic manner. Many are the DdA courses that include activities carried out within the FabLab: digital education workshops and workshops for selected groups of students, research activities and services for companies, digital workshop activities available for young researchers, etc.
The Publishing Centre was established in 1996 and plans, coordinates and lays out the Department publications on educational and research activities. Thanks to editing and publishing graphic design specialised staff and equipment, the centre takes care of the editing of the two departmental magazines Opus and Piano Progetto Città (City Design Plan), and the Department Series Studi e Ricerche di Architettura (Architectural Studies and Research) published by Gangemi ED.
Along with teaching and research, the so-called "Third Mission" represents one of the three institutional objectives that Italian universities are now called on to achieve. The Department of Architecture third mission activities are aimed at the dissemination of science, the transfer of knowledge and scientific methods, the experimentation of university research results locally. These activities are implemented through scientific agreements, memoranda of understanding, research contracts, which the Department signs mainly with local authorities and institutions in the Middle Adriatic basin.
Every year between August and September the Pescara Summer School takes place. It is an intensive higher-education course joined by students and teachers from about ten European DdA partner universities.

For a couple of weeks, the participants are divided into working groups coordinated by interdisciplinary pools of teachers and tutors and develop projects on assigned topics using the total immersion workshop method. In addition to the design activities, the schedule is packed with cultural initiatives and community events involving the entire town.
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31 European universities partnering with the DdA for Erasmus student exchange programmes. 26 non-EU universities in Europe, America, Asia and Africa partnering with the DdA for teacher and student exchange programmes. Our department offers a wide and varied range of international exchange opportunities to the students. Today, a period of study and research abroad is an essential activity for university courses and even more so in the field of Architecture and Design, which by their very nature have no boundaries other than those of creativity.
The Courses
The DdA offers students three courses:

- The five-year Master's Degree course in Architecture
- The three-year Bachelor's Degree course in Design
- The three-year Bachelor's Degree course in Sustainable Habitat Sciences
Architecture Design

Sustainable Habitat
The Three Courses
The Dd'A Single Cycle Master's Degree Course has obtained the European Certification that allows qualified graduates to work throughout the EU.

Its programme is aimed at creating architects who are conscious of the context they work in, attentive to environmental issues, open to the virtuous use of new technologies and today's cultural awareness. Master's degree graduates can work as freelancers or hold high responsibility positions in public and private institutions and organisations, professional firms and design companies operating in the fields of architectural design, construction, management, maintenance, transformation and restoration of buildings.

Admission to the Master's Degree Course requires a five-year upper secondary school degree, as well as passing an admission test in accordance with the procedures established each year by the Ministry of University and Research.

The disciplinary sectors are those identified by the Ministry for the accreditation of Architecture courses: English language, Technology of Architecture, Technical Physics, Construction Science and Technology, Design, Architectural Design, Drawing and Representation, History of Architecture, Restoration, Urban planning, Surveying.

The specific topics covered by the single disciplines range from urban regeneration to maintenance and energy efficiency of the existing building stock; from urban and territorial planning to the safeguarding of common assets; from the enhancement of the historical-architectural and landscape heritage to the technical economic and social feasibility of construction works; from the study of building techniques to structure dimensioning.
Five-year Master's Degree in Architecture

Il Corso di Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico del Dd'A ha ottenuto la Certificazione Europea che consente ai laureati habilitati di poter operare in tutto il territorio comunitario.

Il suo percorso formativo è teso a costruire una figura professionale di architetto consapevole del contesto in cui opera, sensibile alle tematiche ambientali, aperta all'utilizzo virtuoso delle nuove tecnologie e al respiro culturale della contemporaneità.

I laureati magistrali possono praticare la libera professione nonché rivestire funzioni di elevata responsabilità in istituzioni ed enti pubblici e privati, studi professionali e società di progettazione operanti nei campi della progettazione architettonica, costruzione, gestione, manutenzione, trasformazione e restauro degli edifici.

Per l'immatricolazione al Corso di Laurea Magistrale è richiesto un titolo di scuola secondaria superiore di durata quinquennale e il superamento di un test di ammissione secondo le modalità stabilite ogni anno dal Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca.

I settori disciplinari sono quelli individuati dal Ministero per l'accreditamento dei corsi di studio in Architettura: Lingua inglese, Tecnologia dell'Architettura, Fisica Tecnica, Scienza e Tecnica delle costruzioni, Design, Progettazione architettonica, Disegno e Rappresentazione, Storia dell'Architettura, Restauro, Urbanistica, Estimo.

Le tematiche specifiche approfondite nei singoli settori disciplinari spaziano dalla rigenerazione urbana alla manutenzione ed efficienza energetica del patrimonio edilizio esistente; dall'ecosostenibilità della progettazione urbana e territoriale alla salvaguardia dei beni comuni; dalla valorizzazione del patrimonio storico-architettonico e paesaggistico alla fattibilità tecnica, economica e sociale degli interventi edilizi; dallo studio delle tecniche costruttive, al dimensionamento delle strutture.
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Three-year Bachelor's Degree in Design
The Three-Year Bachelor's Degree course in Design is based on an innovation-oriented interdisciplinary educational model featuring theoretical-critical lectures, laboratories, workshops and internships in companies and professional studios. The three-year Bachelor's Degree course in Design offers a wide range of job opportunities within companies, studios and design firms, cultural
The Course in Design has limited places (80). Admission requires a five-year upper secondary school degree and passing the admission test. The course of study awards the university degree in Design, which grants access to Master's Degree and 1st Level Master courses. After a common two-year period of theoretical, methodological and instrumental education and training (humanities,
economics, science and technology, drawing), the third year of the programme offers the opportunity to deepen the design skills by choosing one of the three final synthesis studios:

1. Product Design: design of user products, from lighting to furniture, from office systems to kitchens, from street furniture to sustainable mobility installations, from boating to sports equipment;
2. Interior Design: design of interior spaces of any kind, private or public, permanent or temporary, such as residential units, offices, shops, restaurants, boats, places of entertainment, exhibitions and cultural events;
3. Communication Design: design of analogue and digital communication products in the fields of electronic publishing, advertising graphics, digital interfaces, web design, interactive multimedia, animation and motion design.
Three-year Bachelor’s Degree in Sustainable Habitat Sciences

The range of courses at the Pescara Department of Architecture is going to be expanded to include the new Degree Course in Sustainable Habitat Sciences.
The 2030 Agenda, which is the global programme for sustainable growth and employment signed in 2015 by 193 UN member Countries, clearly specifies that the future labour market will increasingly demand all those skills that allow to design a sustainable future that is attentive to the protection of common heritage, use of resources, environmental and social impacts, people’s health and more generally quality of life. The new Degree Course wants to meet those needs and provide its graduates with a wide range of job opportunities within government institutions, public and private organisations, companies, professional firms, consulting and design companies etc., that require expert professionals in the sustainable transformation processes of cities and territories.

The topics covered by the programme are green and environmental issues related to the transformation of cities and territories: adaptation to climate change; sustainable mobility; energy efficiency of the building stock and production cycles; landscape design; enhancement of cultural heritage; management of recycling and reuse processes, and so on.
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The Sustainable Habitat Sciences course has limited places locally (80).
A high school diploma obtained in Italy or another equivalent qualification obtained abroad is required for admission.
The Degree Course awards the Three-Year Bachelor’s Degree that grants access to Master's Degree and 1st Level Master courses.
The training method is multidisciplinary. The core topic linking all the subjects is sustainability and all its facets: environmental, social and economic, applied to urban and territorial transformation processes. This requires not only the typical skills of the planner/architect in analysing, designing and managing human actions, but also basic knowledge on other disciplines such as climatology, ecology, geology, biology, agronomy, economics, sociology. The subjects belonging in the architectural field include history of landscape and common heritage, science of green materials, recovery of historical heritage, digital design, landscape design, sustainable mobility. The programme includes lectures, design workshops, thematic seminars, training internships and a final dissertation.
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The learning objective is to help students acquire knowledge, skills, methods and tools to work in the transformation processes of cities and territories aimed at improving their environmental performance, also considering the global climate change phenomenon.

Graduates will acquire the basic knowledge for the analysis and identification of the environmental critical issues of urban settlements, infrastructural systems and landscape; develop an adequate capacity of interpreting the dynamics of territorial government; acquire the ability to process information also through new techniques and IT tools; be able to offer design solutions that pursue
environmental sustainability objectives.

Therefore, graduates from the three-year Sustainable Habitat Sciences course will be environmental planning and control experts with cultural sensitivity, analytical and proactive ability and communication skills enabling them to consciously act as a support to both public and private decision-makers.
The G. d’Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara is born

1970

The Faculty of Architecture is born

1500

Students enrolled in the Faculty from 29 different Italian provinces

50

Teachers employed in the Department of Architecture

Post-graduate PhD courses

1

Degree courses

3

Most students live about a 15-minute walking or cycling distance from the campus

1

CUS-partner sports facilities

8

Laboratories

5

Students enrolled in the Department of Architecture from 29 different Italian provinces

1

Library

1

Department

European Partners universities for Erasmus exchange programmes

31

Non-EU partner universities in Europe, Asia, America, and Africa for teacher and student exchange

26

Study Centre

1

Publishing Centre

45

minutes to the nearest ski slopes

30

seconds to dive into the sea

1

Fab Lab

43