The Program in Urban Planning, Design and Policy provides PhD Students with the analytical and interpretative tools and skills together with the research/planning/design methodologies to advance research in the field of urban studies, spatial planning, urban design, urban policy and governance. PhD Students are encouraged to carry out original empirical analysis on urban dynamics and reflect upon traditional and innovative practices in these fields by participating in research activities concerning cities and regions in both Italy and abroad, paying particular attention to international comparison.

The courses, all given at the Campus Leonardo, are taught in English.

The PhD Program in Urban Planning, Design and Policy (UPDP) aims at exploring the significance and impact of contemporary urban changes and understanding the way these processes can be governed through planning, design and policy making activities. The program pays specific attention to recent spatial, environmental, social and economic dynamics taking place in urban contexts, as well as to pro-active advancements in planning practices and to potential innovations in traditional urban studies, urban design and policy approaches. Based on a multidisciplinary approach, the main objective of both the educational program and the individual research activities is to offer PhD students a challenging environment with space for international debate, research, experimentation and innovation. The main courses and workshops are focused on the following topics:

- Urban changes. Contemporary cities are worldwide confronted with increasing challenges regarding social inequality, local democracy, environmental, social and economic sustainability, and cultural diversity. The main issues addressed are: social, economic, environmental and territorial transformations; governance problems, technological change that cities are facing, social and political innovation strategies.
Eligible students hold a master degree of whatever discipline and they are able to speak English language fluently.

Scholarships both on general and on specific themes are available, in accordance with the call for admission.

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