

RUSH

Reimagining Urban Sacred Heritage

Intersecting perspective on the future of architectural religious heritage

October 26-31, 2025

3 ECTS

Experience the Baroque heart of Turin through an international workshop, bringing together students and professors from universities across Europe. This immersive programme offers a unique opportunity to explore the city's most iconic churches while addressing the current challenges of their conservation and adaptation. Through a dynamic mix of lectures, visits, and labs, participants will collaborate with experts and peers from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds to envision new futures for these remarkable heritage sites. Join us for an inspiring journey at the crossroads of history, architecture, and innovation, set in a city where tradition and transformation go hand in hand.

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The RUSH Project aims to address the regeneration of urban religious architectural heritage from a systemic perspective through a didactic-laboratory approach. The program adopts a strongly interdisciplinary vision, combining critical insights from various disciplines with interdisciplinary methodologies and both traditional and digital technologies. Involved disciplines: architectural history and restoration | architectural design | technology | urban analysis and surveying | urban sociology.

Methodologies

Field study and analysis of the existing architectural religious heritage in Turin | Lectures and dialogues with experts | Discussion and comparison of topics through seminar activities | Drafting of a project concept based on consultation with stakeholders and local actors | Development of future design scenarios at different scales | Presentation and dissemination of the design concept.

Training activities (in-person)

The in-person training activity is concentrated in 6 days of activities to be carried out in Turin. Planned activities: Guided visit and field inspections of the case study | Expert lectures | Meetings with stakeholders and local actors | Meetings with the local community | Design and lab activities | Social events.

Training activities (online)

Introductory thematic and logistical meeting | Expert lectures | Progress-sharing meetings among students from different schools.

Aims

Students will be invited to envision possible reuse and regeneration strategies for religious heritage from multiple perspectives. Results will be present during the Bip Final Presentation. Disciplinary tutors will be present to support students in their work throughout the lectures and the final presentation.

How to apply?

Polito BSc. and MSc. students in Architecture Construction City, Architecture for Heritage, Architecture for Sustainability are eligible to participate in the program.

Partner students: please contact the International Mobility/Erasmus+ office of your university.

Courses and activities will be held in English.

Info, contacts and application:

<https://www.polito.it/ateneo/un-ateneo-internazionale/percorsi-di-studio-internazionali/erasmus-bip>

Program

VIRTUAL COMPONENTS

October 3, 2025 (4h)

Francesco Novelli | PoliTo

Giulia De Lucia | PoliTo

Rolando Volzone | DINÂMIA'CET-Iscte

October 10, 2025 (4h)

Caterina Giannattasio | UniCa

Mariarosaria Villani | UniSa

Mariateresa Giammetti | UniNa

Maria Chiara Giorda | Uni Roma 3

Caterina Pignotti | Sapienza

PHYSICAL COMPONENTS

October 25, 2025

Arrive and accommodation

DAY 1 | October 26, 2025

Visits: Turin and its churches

Welcome dinner

DAY 2 | October 27, 2025

Visit: Church of Santa Croce

Teaching modules:

Andrea Longhi | PoliTo

Giulia De Lucia | PoliTo

DAY 3 | October 28, 2025

Lab session

Visit: Diocesan Museum of Turin

DAY 4 | October 29, 2025

Teaching modules:

Davide Dimodugno | UniTo

Lab session

Visit: Church of Santa Chiara

Meeting with 1563 Foundation

Social event

DAY 5 | October 30, 2025

Lab session

DAY 6 | October 31, 2025

Final presentation

Round table