

Public Building

MSc 3 Public Building Graduation Studio

The Vertical Campus

A Public Hub of the Future in The Hague



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Related Course
AR3A010
MSc 3 Research Plan [5 ECTS]

Code	AR3AP100
Credits	55 ECTS
Location	The Hague, NL
Excursion	United Kingdom (London, Oxford, Cambridge)
Costs	€400-600 (estimate)

The theme of the Public Building Graduation Studio for 2023-24 is the **Vertical Campus**. The Studio will explore the potential of a new generation of **hybrid buildings** for education. The typology of the university campus will be investigated in its programmatic diversity, vertical expansion, and public circulation, to rethink the relationship between the campus and the surrounding city fabric in multiple ways. Firstly, by the definition of the **Public Hub** of the future. Secondly, by the inquiry of how new directions in **education** and pedagogy translate in space, according to the concept of **lifelong learning**. And thirdly, by working with a largely biobased/co2 reducing construction for tall buildings.

Can university campuses be active components of the cityscape?
Can we revise the traditional horizontal extension of the campus to propose its vertical development?
Can university spaces be hybridized with leisure, office, and entertainment activities that coexist in the same building,

so to create an extended **Public Hub**?
Can the vertical campus trigger new urban dynamics, by providing accessible and inclusive environments?

In addressing those questions and in combining forms of intervention both on existing buildings and on new constructions, the Studio will take place in **The Hague**, in the area adjacent to the Central Station and currently occupied by government offices.

Throughout the MSc3 and MSc4 periods, **Research by Design**, as our pedagogic model, will occupy the core of students' explorations. In Semester 1, the Studio will be based on two integrated modules: Project Design and Theory & Delineation. In this phase, the students will work collectively on the definition of a general strategy of urban intervention. Semester 2 extends the work of Semester 1 with the contribution of Building Technology Research, by focusing attention on the development and materialization of individual projects at the building scale.