

# Space Syntax: Architecture & Cities MSc

Programme Information Sheet

This document provides details of the structure and content of this programme.



linguistics, social theory and theories of technology via student debate on issues of design practice, the nature of collaboration, machine intelligence and creativity. The module asks students to reflect on what they do as practitioners by

This module introduces a series of important concepts intended to provide students with the theoretical basis for researching the relationship between space and society with an emphasis on the urban scale. It draws on theoretical perspectives from a range of disciplines and explains the contribution each has to make. The module investigates the theoretical possibility of developing a distinctive spatial ontology of society through a range of case studies of different spatial cultures.

Assessment: unseen written examination in term 2

Optional modules in term 2:

#### Spatial Justice (15 credits)

Module tutor: Professor Laura Vaughan

This module examines the interface between urban form and social outcomes. To explore these issues, the module offers an overview of the key factors in social exclusion and presents research into the relationship between urban design and crime, poverty, health and other issues of urban space.

Assessment: takehome exam

#### Spatial Dynamics and Computation (15 credits)

Module tutor: Dr Tasos Varoudis

This module builds upon machine thinking in simulation and analysis with a focus on understanding the spatial dynamics that form the built environment around us. This module will deliver the basics of computer scripting and the fundamentals of spatial computation and visual agent simulation. It will equip students with an understanding of the principles underlying the computation, representation, measurement and analysis of spatial and architectural phenomena that are at the core of space syntax and architectural design.

Assessment: coursework project report

#### Analytical Design Research Project (30 credits)

Module tutor: Dr Kayvan Karimi

This module provides a well-defined methodology for the description and analysis of form-function relations in architecture at all scales from the individual dwelling to the urban region. It introduces space syntax

multiple actors involved in their production, rather than a priori ideas of novelty and a tabula rasa approach, or nostalgia for an urbanity that mimics the old. More than training students how to produce expressive buildings, it

## Staff

the interaction between architecture and the user, de-industrialisation and urban regeneration, and design research. Her activities in these areas have resulted in publications, creative installations and design projects. As a practising architect, she has won first prizes in international architectural competitions and her work has been exhibited across Europe.

[Dr Kerstin Sailer](#) - Reader of Spatial and Social Networks

Kerstin is a trained architect and has developed a business process examining links between space and effectiveness in the workplace at Spacelab Architects. Her research explores office buildings, universities, and public spaces.

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