

BUILDING BEAUTY

ECOLOGIC DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Post Graduate Program in Architecture

Sorrento, Italy | November 2018 – May 2019

Overview

The Associazione Culturale Building Beauty offers a Post Graduate Diploma program in Architecture entitled "Building Beauty: Ecologic Design and Construction Process". Designed in close collaboration with Maggie Moore Alexander and some of **Christopher Alexander's** life-long collaborators, the program explores the principles expressed in "The Nature of Order" through an integrated approach to hands-on making, appropriate technology construction and community engagement design. The program, housed at the Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento, Italy, offers a one-year life-changing intensive experience in one of the world's most remarkable environments, where the natural and the man-made have historically evolved into an integrated whole of astounding beauty.

Learning Experience

The program is **international**, entirely taught in English. The syllabus is organized along three axis: 1. **Construction and Cultivation:** replication of traditional building/ornament techniques, where we are learning the process of making in small experiments and gradually applying it to larger projects in the Sant'Anna Institute's gardens: this integrates actual design/build with landscape architecture by cooperation with the "Giardino della Minerva" of Salerno, the most ancient medical garden in the western world. 2. **Seminars:** leading international scholars from a wide range of scientific fields explore with students the potential of a truly interdisciplinary approach to design and construction where complexity and uncertainty are the positive condition of beauty generation, towards sustainable architecture and resilient communities. 3. **Self, Community and Space:** a series of art/psychotherapy workshops aimed at trusting our feelings in relation to space and acknowledging beauty as a mirror of our self. Feelings are referred to space, the body-mind, and the way they interact in hands-on making. The program terminates with an intensive **Summer School** in Cisternino (Puglia): two weeks of intensive construction, learning to build the traditional "trulli" from a local master builder, in a fully immersive experience of local art, landscape and food culture.

Entitlement to apply

The program is international, open to individuals holding a Bachelor degree or equivalent experience in Architecture or any other subject.

Qualification

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be awarded the "Building Beauty: Ecologic Design and Construction Process" ACBB Post-Graduate Diploma (60 ECTS credits, equivalent to 120 USA/UK credits). Legal accreditation is currently being sought from Universities in Italy, United States, UK and India: for an update on qualification please visit the [Building Beauty website](#).

Tuition Fees

EU students: **€10,000** (full fee, including pre-enrolment and tuition).
Non-EU students: **€16,300** (full fee, including pre-enrollment and tuition).

Financial support

Scholarships and loans are available for students in need. For information please visit the [Building Beauty website](#) or **contact us**.

Registration

Registrations will be accepted starting in mid August 2018, following announcement on the website. For information and pre-registration please **contact us**.

Contact us:

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The Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento

The [Sant'Anna institute](#), founded in 1998, is an institution of higher education specializing in study abroad programs accredited by a U.S. university. With the mission of creating a global community of students, faculty and scholars, Sant'Anna prides itself on fostering the exchange of ideas and growth towards a more profound sense of the world, as well as a deeper sense of self.

Sant'Anna is housed in a stately building, constructed as a convent in the nineteenth century, overlooking the Marina Grande of Sorrento on the bay of Naples. The building is comprised of five-floors, each featuring an eclectic combination of details from its past and present. This includes a beautiful Chapel and an abundant garden including organic fruits and vegetables. The first three floors are dedicated to academic use. It is on these floors that a library, student lounge, classrooms, studio space, and offices can be found. The top floors are a Residence Hall with an open floor plan kitchen, en-suite bedrooms, and a beautiful terrace overlooking the Bay. Wi-fi, heat, and air conditioning are available throughout the building. Shared apartments in town can also be arranged. As an international community, restaurants, supermarkets, public transport, and other conveniences can be easily accessed. Beyond Sant'Anna's walls, students can navigate from one century to another, discovering archaeological sites and the treasures of the arts and architecture, bearing witness to millennia of human development in the heart of the Mediterranean.

Accommodation costs (per person per month)

In Sant'Anna: Single room: 950€. Double room: 750€.

In Sorrento (average): Single room: 1,050€. Double room: 750€. Studio apartment: 900€



