The prestigious tradition of Politecnico di Milano gave life to a school of Architecture in Mantova at the beginning of the 1990’s which paid particular attention to the issues of protecting, preserving and enhancing the value of the architectural and environmental heritage, open to broader international relations. The territory of Mantova is teeming with cultural, architectural and environmental assets which, in and of themselves, constitute an educational component which is suitable for promoting a planning-oriented culture offering the students the know-how which is crucial in the present day for professional success in interventions on buildings in historical settings. The rich historical and cultural heritage of the city and the region, the presence of the Site “Mantua and Sabbioneta” (entered July 7, 2008 to be part of the World Heritage List of UNESCO), the advanced models of experimentation promoted by the Politecnico, the facilities and services on campus, made the Mantova Campus an ideal place for the development of an ambitious international project of teaching and research. The Mantova Campus combines the excellence of a great traditional University with belonging to a specific territorial area. The main objective is to guarantee the first-class quality of the educational offering, thanks to the coordination of the system with the Politecnico di Milano network in a city which is people-friendly and which offers personalized services, welcoming structures and direct student-lecturer relationships. The Mantova Campus is site of UNESCO Chair Architectural Preservation and Planning in World Heritage Cities and of the Competence Centre for the Preventive and Programmed Preservation of the historic-architectural Heritage.

Unesco Chair Architectural Preservation and Planning in World Heritage Cities

The Mantova Campus assumes a specific identity thanks to the project of Unesco Chair.

A UNESCO Chair is a long-term program, set up in accordance with a resolution adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 1992, for educational and research activities at international level. The UNESCO Chair program pursues the strategic objective of fostering the creation of new educational programs, generating new ideas and reflections in the area of scientific research and facilitating exchanges between Universities on specific themes. The aim of the UNESCO “Architectural Preservation and Planning in World Heritage Cities” Chair is to combine differing disciplines and technologies to efficiently tackle complex and multi-scale problems related to architectural and environmental planning and preservation in contemporary cities. The activities of the UNESCO Chair Project in Mantova are organized in different levels:

- Master of Science in Architecture
- Master of Science in Architecture and Preservation
- Bachelor of Science in Architecture Design
- Grants for Master international students
- Grants for visiting scholars
- Doctoral grants
- Grants for two-year post-doctoral research
- Grants for Master international students
- Grants for Master international students
- Visiting professors
- Stage abroad
- Summer school

Education

The educational project is based on two important principles. The first is related to the polytechnic tradition that aims at a synthesis between technical and scientific skills. The second is training professional profiles, as well as the figure of the architect-designer, in the vast field of activities of architecture, city and territory. In this context, the international experiences give the opportunity to find a variety of complementary figures, which arise from a common matrix, but with specific characteristics of identity. Mantova Campus, in order to improve the internationalisation, is the promoter of international architectural training at well-known architectural design studios: Peter Eisenman Architects in New York, Renzo Piano Building Workshop in Paris, Dominique Perrault Studio in Paris, Michele Arnaboldi Architetti in Lecce and Miller&Marriner Studio in Brescia. The Mantova Campus arranges English language courses, Italian language courses for foreign students and gives scholarships for MSC international students.

Three-year Bachelor program

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture Design
- Counseling service
- Study rooms
- Computer services
- Free wi-fi
- Library
- Canteen
- Accommodation
- Poliprint room
- University Sport Centre
- Counsellor service
- Charter of service
- Master of Science in Architecture and Preservation
- Master degree program
- Charter of service

The curriculum, taught in English, is devoted to Architecture and Planning in World Heritage Cities and aims at promoting a solid architectural specialization, nesting theories and techniques that are needed in dealing with complex and multi-scalar problems of architectural design and historic heritage preservation in contemporary cities. In this sense students will combine disciplines such as architectural design, building preservation and technology; on site and laboratory analysis and diagnosis, theories and history of restoration, history of architecture and of landscape, urban planning and design, urban, cultural and economic studies and heritage preservation law. Lectures, Seminars Series and Workshop are previewed as completion of the programme. The rich and well-preserved historic and artistic heritage of the city and region of Mantova and the presence of advanced preservation experimentations lead by Politecnico are the ideal conditions for hosting the programme. Through this unique educational path, students are encouraged to develop a critical attitude and innovative skills. At the moment, students from many different countries like Egypt, Cyprus, Argentina, Iran, Turkey, China, Colombia, Pakistan and South Africa, are attending the Master in Architecture and Preservation.

The education post degree is present with PhD research and Master of I” and II” level.

Charter of service

Mantova Campus offers many facilities and services

- Counselor service