

MODULE DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Field	Design and Fine Arts	
Program	Master Design	
Major	All majors	
Module title	Training in research I – Introduction	
Code	1MaDe11	DDI303811FE26
Course Type	Master	
Semester	Semester 1	
ECTS Credits	3	
Prerequisites	None	
Languages	French / English	
Place	ECAL / HEAD	

Skills targeted General learning objectives	This module aims to convey the nature and stakes of design research to the students, through an approach closely linking theory and practice. This enables students to differentiate between design practice and design research practice (to understand the epistemology of research). Several concrete examples allow them to apprehend the various aspects and possible approaches.		
Teaching content and form	The module takes place over two block days, one of which brings together 1st year students with 2nd year students taking the <i>Training in Research III</i> module. The first day of the module is provided as an introductory course on design research. Presentations by designers/researchers shed practical light on the concepts introduced in the course. On the second day, students taking the <i>Training in Research III</i> module present their work. Several concrete cases are presented and analysed. In the second part of the day, an interdisciplinary workshop allows students to apply some of the concepts seen earlier.		
Forms of assessment and validation	Students must attend all lessons. Assessment of the module is then based on their active participation. Students must have a minimum grade of 4 in order to obtain credits.		
Remedial teaching	A remedial course may be taken by students with slightly insufficient grades (3.5). A remedial course consists of written or oral assignment carried out under the direction of heads and professors of majors, within 3 to 4 weeks after the assessment. Grades take into account the contents as well as the form, i.e. the quality of the oral and/or written delivery. In case of more acute failure (grade 3 or lower) the module must be repeated the following academic year. No remedial course can be taken for a repeated module.		
Professors	Anthony Masure (HEAD), Jonas Berthod, Davide Fornari with heads, professors and lecturers of the majors.		

In charge of the module	Davide Fornari		
Description validated on	29 September 2026	By	Davide Fornari

The French text is authentic