

MODULE DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Field	Design and Fine Arts		
Program	MA Design		
Major	All majors		
Module title	Training in research III – Application		
Code	2MaDe11	DDISO813FE26	
Course Type	Master		
Semester	Semester 3		
ECTS Credits	3		
Prerequisites	None		
Languages	French / English		
Place	ECAL		

Skills targeted General learning objectives	This module has two main objectives: The first is for students to obtain a critical review of their ongoing thesis project as presented to 1st year students. The second goal is to become actively involved in a nationwide event, the <i>Design Research Conference</i>. This day is dedicated exclusively to 2nd year design Master students in universities of applied sciences throughout Switzerland.
Teaching content and form	The module takes place over two block days, one of which brings together 2nd year students with 1st year students taking the <i>Training in Research I</i> module. On the first day, 2nd year students 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. Day 2 consists of actively participating in the <i>Design Research Conference</i>. Some students will be given the opportunity to present their work and conduct a workshop. For the others, participation in this event is mandatory.
Forms of assessment and validation	Students must attend all lessons. Assessment of the module is then based on active participation as well as the presentation of the thesis (to 1st year students) and its summary uploaded to the <i>Design Research Conference</i> website. Grades take into account the contents as well as the form, i.e. the quality of the oral and/or written delivery. 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), Davide Fornari and Jonas Berthod with heads and professors of the majors.

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