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CITYLAB CARACAS DESIGNS AND INTERVENTIONS

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Design Studio: Caracas: Planned & Spontaneous

Urban Planning and Arts/Architecture Departments Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela

This course aims to develop students' skills to approach and solve urban conflicts, with the application of strategies of sustainability, both in planned areas and spontaneous settlements of Caracas, considering two fundamental goals:

• the concept of Habitat by studying architectural problems at various scales and the programs that allow their insertion in complex urban contexts.

• the formulation, analysis, and development of urban plans, which include proposals for the urban intervention and renewal in a sector of the city.

From the selection of the case study between professors and local actors; and the identification of the problems to be solved by the students; the PBL model allowed to strengthen the previous experience of the USB careers of urban planning and architecture as a multidisciplinary experience and team work, intensifying the educational process with participation of urban planners and architects, teachers of others carreers/departments; public officials guests; and inhabitants of the case study areas. Such experience promoted the debate, facilitated understanding of local stakeholders needs and guided formulation of both specific and overall intervention proposals. In this way, students responded to the collective criteria as well as recognized their individual contribution, after identifying their strengths and weaknesses. It was also a consequence of their previous learning experience from other courses and they were empowered by the process of building their own knowledge.

PROGRAM(S) Urbanism, Architecture
LEVEL Undergraduate STUDENTS 76
MODALITY Regular workshop ECTS 4
TIMING Jan-Mar, Sept-Dec '17 SDGs 11.1, 11.3, 11.7, 11.a
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