

## Course guide

### 290286 - UTOECO - Ecological Utopias

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**Unit in charge:** Vallès School of Architecture  
**Teaching unit:** 735 - PA - Department of Architectural Design.

**Degree:** DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE STUDIES (Syllabus 2014). (Optional subject).

**Academic year:** 2025    **ECTS Credits:** 4.0    **Languages:** Spanish, English

#### LECTURER

**Coordinating lecturer:** Núria Salvadó Aragonès

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#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

We will explore ecological utopias through diverse narratives, focusing specifically on the "greening" of the planet. By imagining better futures, we will investigate ways to expand green spaces and design improved habitats for both humans and non-humans in Barcelona and Paris.

The course is divided into two periods. The first session will be held at ETSAV over four weeks. Classes take place on Wednesdays from 15:00 to 18:00, with the exception of the first week (which meets on Tuesday, February 17th). This period runs from February 17th to March 12th.

The second part will take place in Paris at ENSA Val de Seine from June 16th to 19th. Please note that students are responsible for their own travel expenses, as no grants are currently available.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Capacity for architectural criticism.

To propose interventions in the urban environment to improve its sustainability.

To propose new research topics autonomously and creatively in order to solve more complex problems, to develop new ways of designing, and to reflect critically on one's own architectural approach as well as that of others within the field of architecture.

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##### Description:

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**Full-or-part-time:** 100h

Laboratory classes: 36h

Guided activities: 4h

Self study : 60h

#### GRADING SYSTEM

60% first submission, 40% second one