



Course guide

290293 - CARTCU - Cartographies of Care: Architecture as Ecological Diplomacy

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Unit in charge: Vallès School of Architecture
Teaching unit: 290 - ETSAV - Vallès School of Architecture.

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

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 3.0 **Languages:** Spanish

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Pere Fuentes Perez

Others: Pere Fuentes Perez
Gianluca Burgio (UniKORE)

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This intensive course takes students outside the comfort zone of traditional design and into those territories where space lives, changes, repairs itself and resists. No blank slate, no iconic forms: we will work on the infraordinary, on fragile ecologies and on the micro-plots that sustain urban life.

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STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	45,0	60.00
Hours small group	30,0	40.00

Total learning time: 75 h



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Full-or-part-time: 75h

Laboratory classes: 30h

Self study : 45h

GRADING SYSTEM

The assessment will be continuous during the 8 days of teaching the subject. The following will be rated:

- Participation in class debates: 20%
- Progress of the work developed: 40%
- The work delivered and the final presentation: 40%

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

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