The course deals with different aspects of urban development in Europe. Students are introduced to the epistemology of the city, based on ideas of urbanity in ancient, medieval, and modern times. The focus is on different international urban planning paradigms in the twentieth century as well as current challenges of urban development in a European perspective.

Students gain specific knowledge in the epistemology of the city, urban history, urban planning paradigms and practice.

Students are able to distinguish material expressions of general ideas on urban planning and design and relate them to broader ideas on the city and urban life.

Students are able to actively participate in current debates on urban development in their city of residence and relate them to theoretical ideas on the city.