EUROPEAN CULTURAL ACADEMY
YOUR EDUCATIONAL PARTNER IN VENICE
Come to Venice to gain new skills and perspectives

The European Cultural Academy was created by the European Cultural Centre with the wish to share 15 years of experience in art, architecture and design. Here you and your peers from around the world are immersed in a collaborative, creative and inspiring environment.

Students experience the reality behind exhibitions, the Venice Biennale and curatorial practices with support from our international faculty of experts. Our courses are designed to enable students develop their own personal and professional practice in the world of arts and culture.
Gain practical skills in the heart of the art world.

Courses take place in historic palazzos located in the centre of Venice. The city itself offers an extraordinary concentration of facilities and organizations dedicated to culture. Beyond the classroom immerse yourself in creative and cultural activities. For anybody who wishes to explore Italy, Florence, Siena and Milan are within proximity.

**OUR ACADEMIC MODEL**

We partner with universities that would like to have an additional quality program in Venice. The program makes extensive use of project-based learning methods and gives experience that as close to reality as possible. As an educational partner, we give students opportunity to build skills through classes, visits and practical assignments.

**VENICE BIENNALE**

Our programs are built to share our experience in organizing exhibitions as well as representing countries during Venice Art and Architecture Biennale. We introduce students to our network and share insights on these extraordinary industry events.

**OUR FACULTY**

Every group is led by very qualified and internationally acknowledged professionals. Students learn from curators, commissioners, press-managers, and artists. Prominent professors in History of Art, Architecture and Curatorial Management are invited to complete the curriculum and ensure a solid academic component.

**FLEXIBILITY**

Courses run from April until November. You can join any Monday. Courses are in English but we offer a translation services for specific groups.
Building on university partnerships

In 2016 the University of Arkansas was selected to be represented in the collateral events through the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design and the school’s alignment with the University of Arkansas Community Design Center and Marlon Blackwell Architects, a design practice led by Blackwell and based in Fayetteville. A collection of design work representing contemporary design culture and design thinking in Arkansas is part of the Venice Biennale, the 15th International Architecture Exhibition. University alumnae and students created and visited the exhibition together with the school dean. It is a demonstration of the place-based education of the Fay Jones School and the University of Arkansas, in support of the authentic and contemporary culture of Arkansas.

“The opportunity to promote the state and the university at this world architectural venue, through the design work being done by our distinguished faculty in the Fay Jones School, is an opportunity to advance the U of A identity to a significant international audience. I was happy to lend my support to such an ambitious project”

Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz.

The University of Arkansas exhibition was set up in the Palazzo Bembo, one of the European Cultural Academy venues and a space for the collateral events. An estimated 200,000+ patrons visited the school’s exhibition. “We’re thrilled to present the school and university on this world architecture stage – alongside such American luminaries as Denise Scott Brown and Peter Eisenman, and among a diverse range of international practices – as one of a very few university-based demonstrations of contemporary architecture and design,” said Peter MacKeith, dean of the Fay Jones School.
THREE WEEKS IN VENICE

Week A: Contemporary Art
*Exhibition planning from financing to design and setup *Working in art today: issues and realities *Contemporary curatorial practices *Communication in art * Venice today

Week B: Venice Biennale
*Organization of national pavilions and collateral events: from the first thought until the actual making of an exhibition *Challenges that participants and curators face *Relevance and impact of participation in Biennale * Extensive visit to Venice Biennale facilities * Official Biennale College session

Week C: Practice
Being it an exhibition project, a publication or another cultural event, you realize a project with the support of our team and have a possibility to present it to a wider audience.

TUITION FEE
The fee covers classes, course materials, accommodation (single or double), visa support, access to archives and library, passes to cultural institutions. Although limited, partial scholarships are available. For 2017 the tuition fee for one week is 1.400,- Euro. Three week course is 4.200,- Euro.

OUR PROGRAMS
European Cultural Academy offers custom programs for universities and sponsoring organizations around the world. These programs are carefully designed in close collaboration with the organization to meet the specific training needs and professional development goals.

We offer 3 week programs. Each single week has a specific focus. Classes are five days per week (10 am – 6 pm) and combine morning auditorium sessions with research visits/practical workshops in the afternoon.
FOR INSTITUTIONS
If you represent an institution wishing to send a group of students, please contact us to choose the best dates and see how we can tailor the program to your needs.

FOR SCHOLARS
If you are a scholar wishing to come over with the group of students, please contact us to discuss the course subject. Please inform us about approximate number of students, their education level and study subject. In such cases we can also hire you as a guest lecturer for one of the weeks.

FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS
Individual students and professionals can join the course at selected dates. Please apply by filling in the form on our website.

CONTACT US
We hope you will consider partnering with us and share the information with friends, students or colleagues who may also benefit from this experience. For further assistance, contact us at edu@europeanculturalcentre.eu or call our representative at +31.624.802.199.