BUILDING ON TOP OF BUILDINGS



MSA-BARCELONA KURZENTWURF

Barcelona Kurzentwurf is a short design workshop involving urban, sustainable and architectural strategies. The workshop will focus on the need of densification in Barcelona and other cities; a current urban planning topic aimed at making better use of existing land and creating more housing without consuming additional territory.

Experts are debating the need to increase density in metropolitan and underutilized areas to address demographic shifts. Proposed measures include developing vacant lots, renovating buildings, converting office space into housing, adjusting minimum floor-area regulations or building vertical extensions on top of existing buildings, taking advantage of applicable air rights.

Students will be asked to propose ideas for the vertical extension of existing buildings in different locations across the city. According to its construction characteristics, environmental surrounding and urban conditions different requirements will be raised for each location.

Kurzentwurf/short design workshops are integrated short design modules held in the first semester of the Munster School of Architecture (MSA) Master study programme, in cooperation with international lecturers, via a network of renowned European schools of Architecture. ETSAB and MSA students will work in groups combining students from both universities.

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES:

ETSAB Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona

MSA FB Architektur Münster School of Architecture

COORDINATION & TEACHING STAFF

Münster School of Architecture: Prof. Dipl. Ing. Kirsten Schemel (Dean)
ETSAB-UPC: Prof. Anna Ramos (Adjunct professor)

DATES & PLACE

23rd to 27th November, 2026 at ETSAB, Barcelona

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

1 ECTS elective (for GArq)

PLACES

4 spots for ETSAB students currently enrolled at:
Degree in Architecture Studies
Master Degrees in Architecture

The workshop will be held in English

APPLICATION

deadline:	**15th November, 2025**
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