



2026 BIP Thessaloniki

GEMA Geometric Experimentation of Morphology in Architecture

This Blended Intensive Programme is an international design course exploring the intersection between digital geometry, architectural morphology, and formal experimentation.

Through physical models, computational processes, and geometric analysis, the course invites students to develop a deep understanding of form as a generative, material, and intelligent system. The program operates across three urban contexts — Barcelona, Bucharest, and Thessaloniki — fostering transnational collaboration and a diversity of cultural approaches to geometry within contemporary architectural practice.

OBJECTIVES

- To investigate the principles and potential of digital geometry as a design language.
- To explore form-finding, morphogenesis, through parametric tools and experimental processes.
- To develop a critical understanding of form as a dynamic system articulating matter, structure, and context.

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES

Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona - UPC, Spain (organiser)
UAUIM – Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, Romania
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

ETSAB PROFESSORS

Lluís Giménez Mateu (coordinator)
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DATES & PLACE

June 8 to June 12, 2026 at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
+ 3 online sessions March-June 2026 before the on-site workshop (dates to be decided)

COSTS

Travel, food, and accommodation expenses covered by the student. (Possibility of Erasmus+ BIP financial aid according to next UPC call).

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

3 ECTS elective subject

SPOTS

10-15 spots for ETSAB students enrolled at:

GArq (Degree in Architecture Studies)
MARq (Master Degree in Architecture)
MBDesign

APPLICATION

deadline: 16th February, 2026
send email to: relint.etsab@upc.edu
with subject: BIP Thessaloniki_Name Surname
with your: name | DNI | email | phone | current studies
attach: CV + Motivation letter

What is a BIP?

blended intensive programme

BIPs are a type of Erasmus Programme that combines a short-term face-to-face activity with a virtual learning component.

They are short, intensive programmes co-organised by several universities, which use innovative forms of learning and teaching, and encourage the use of online cooperation by forming transnational teams of students and academic staff.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT

It is offered as an elective subject of the studies the student is currently doing at ETSAB, and therefore the activity is enrolled in and assessed with a grade and will form an integral part of their academic record.

MOBILITY STAY

When the BIP's in-person activity takes place outside the student's home university, it is carried out as a short-term Erasmus mobility stay (between 5 and 30 days).

GRANT

This mobility modality is supported by specific financial grants, subject to UPC call, until funds are exhausted (approximately 70 euros/day).

Those selected will enroll on the 3 ECTS BIP elective and will take a short-term Erasmus mobility.

