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Since 1863 Politecnico di Milano is Italy's largest science-technology University, between scientific rigor and creativity.

Politecnico History

1863



SCHOOL OF
ENGINEERING

1926



SCHOOL OF
ARCHITECTURE

2000



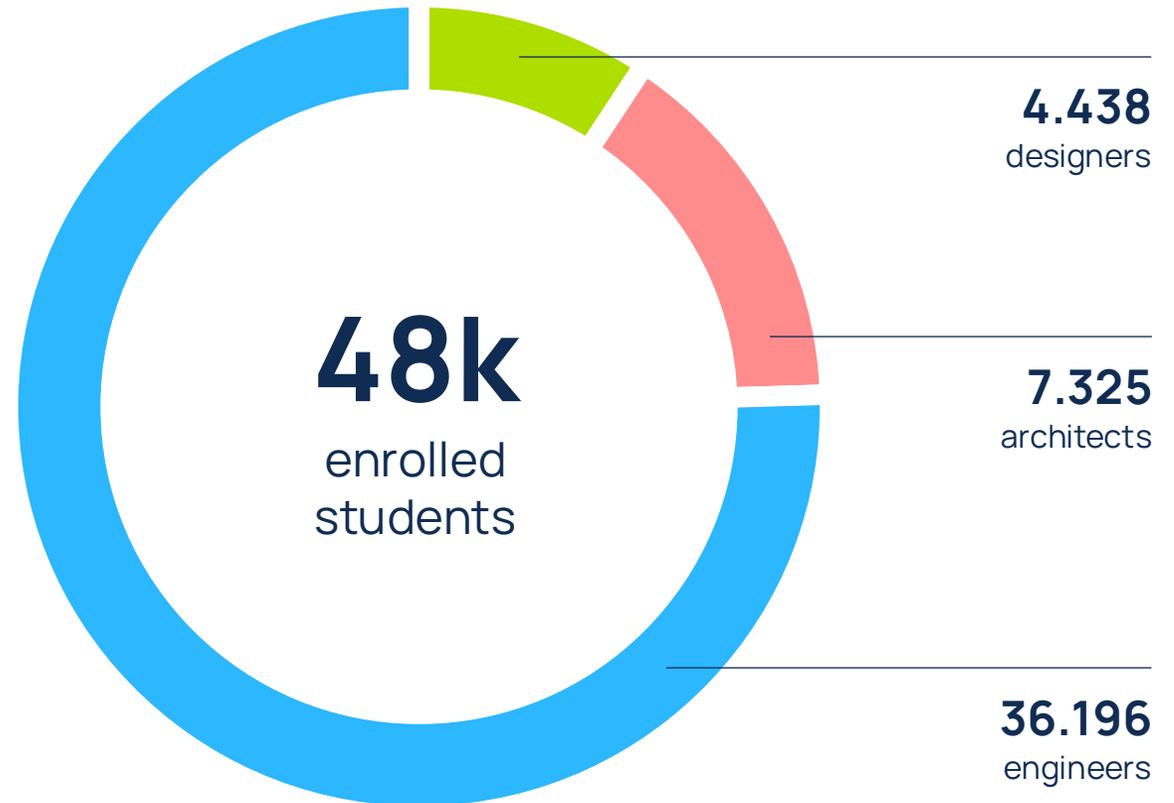
**SCHOOL
OF DESIGN**



Students Community

Politecnico di Milano is a large community of 47.959 enrolled students and 1.893 PhD students. **International enrolled students are more than 8.000.**

Students numbers upd. march 2023



4 Schools

School of Civil, Environmental and Land Management Engineering



3 Bachelor & 4 Master
ingcat.polimi.it

School of Industrial and Information Engineering



17 Bachelor & 19 Master
ingindinf.polimi.it

School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction Engineering



3 Bachelor & 13 Master
auic.polimi.it

School of Design



5 Bachelor & 7 Master
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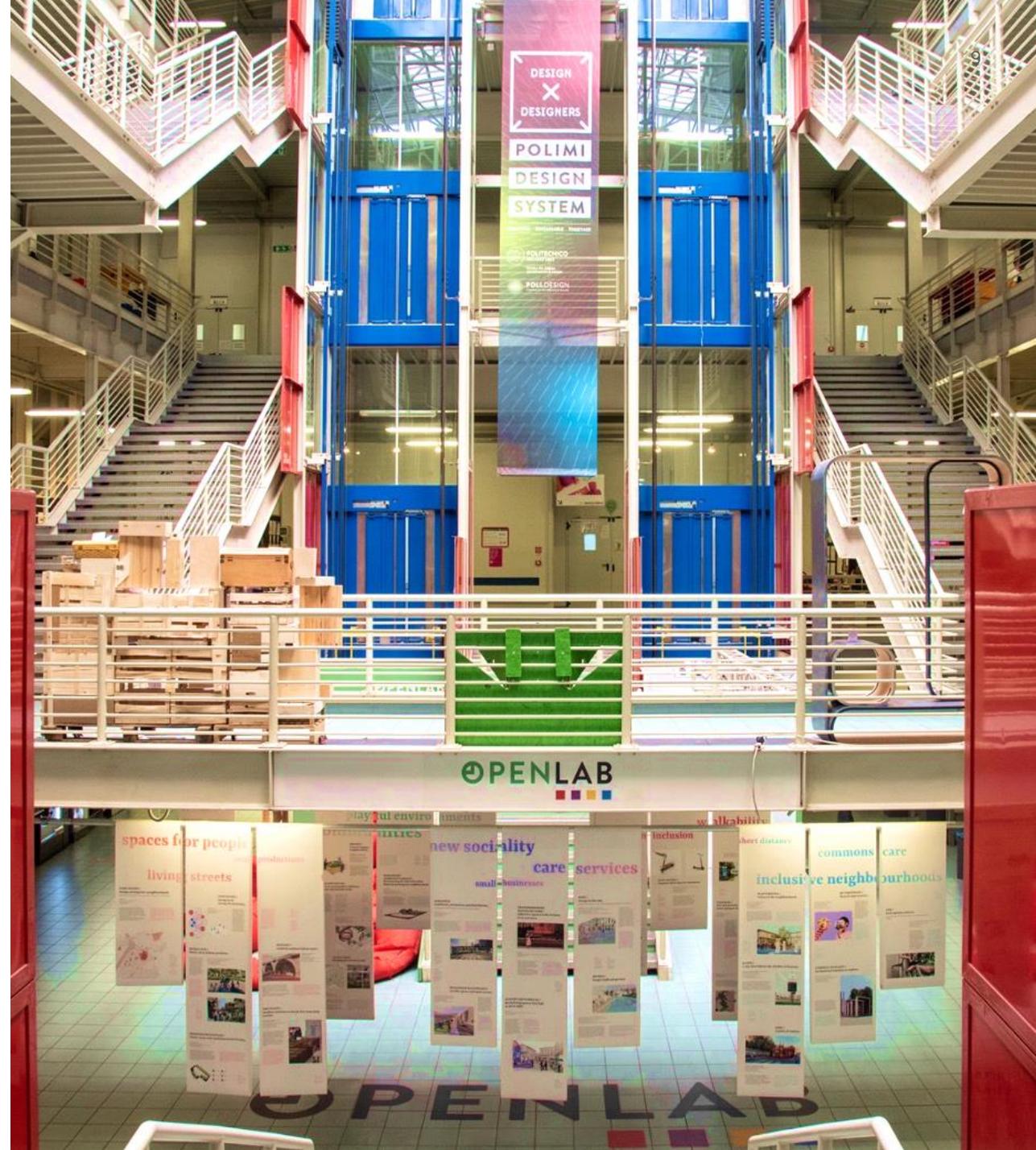
12 Departments



School of Design

An integrated approach combining creativity, technology and sustainability for education.

design.polimi.it



An international school

250

international students
enrolled per year

250

exchange and double degree
students

30

visiting professors for
research and teaching

215

partner universities
around the world

An international excellence

According to the **QS World University Rankings 2025**, based on academic reputation, employer reputation and research impact, Politecnico di Milano is confirmed as a global excellence in the **Art & Design** category.

1st
in Italy

6th
in the world

Milano design culture



ADI Design Museum



Triennale Milano



MEET – Digital Cultural Centre

Milano design culture



Salone del Mobile



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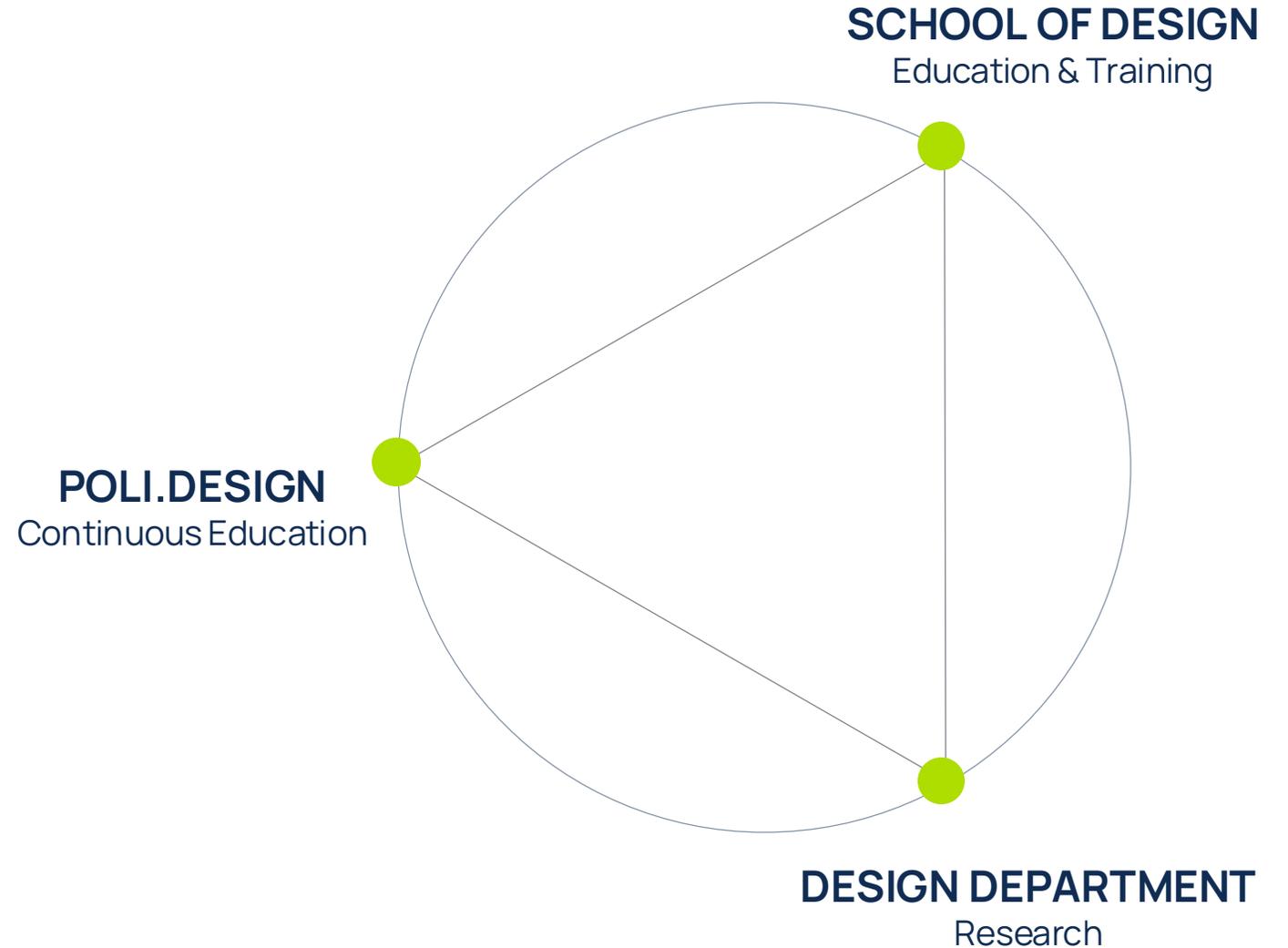
Milano Fashion Week

The Design System at Polimi

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The Design System

There are **3 entities** which intend to carry out excellence about design and satisfy requests from a **technological, productive** and **professional context** in continuous evolution.



The Education Path



Design Programs

Bachelor Degrees – BSc

PROGRAM	LANGUAGE	CAMPUS
<u>Product Design</u>	ITA	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Communication Design</u>	ITA	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Interior Design</u>	ITA	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Fashion Design</u>	ITA	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Interaction Design *</u>	ENG	<u>Lecco</u>

**We can accept exchange students in this program only if included specifically in the agreement.*

Master Degrees – MSc

PROGRAM	LANGUAGE	CAMPUS
<u>Integrated Product Design</u>	ITA/ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Communication Design</u>	ITA/ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Interior and Spatial Design</u>	ITA/ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Design for the Fashion System</u>	ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Product Service System Design</u>	ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Design & Engineering</u>	ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>
<u>Digital and Interaction Design</u>	ENG	<u>Milano, Bovisa</u>

Collaborations

The School of Design collaborates with **companies** for **research** and **education**: workshops, internships, studio activities, sponsorships for materials...



FERRERO

**CAMPARI
GROUP**

Cassina

ALESSI

BRAUN



LUXOTTICA

MOLESKINE®



HUGO BOSS

VANS
"OFF THE WALL"



D&G
DOLCE & GABBANA

And more...

Important to consider

Application Requirements

Exchange students can apply to our programs based on the level and program of their home institution.

ECTS Credits

minimum **6 ECTS** and a maximum of **30 ECTS** per semester

Course Availability

- Most of the courses in our academic offer are open to exchange students; however, they have a **limited number of places**.
- We recommend that students **select reserve courses** in case their first choices are not available.

Important to consider

Bachelor-Level Courses

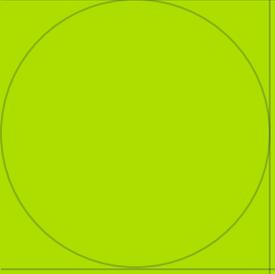
Our Bachelor-level courses are primarily taught in Italian, although some courses offer academic support in English. We strongly recommend students to have at least a **B1 level of Italian** before arriving, as this is crucial for successfully completing course assignments.

Bachelor-level students will find a **greater availability of courses in English during the second semester**. For this reason, we highly recommend that they plan their exchange for that semester.

Master-Level Courses

Master-level courses are open **exclusively to Master-level students** or Bachelor-level students in their **fourth year** of university.

Priority for Master-level courses will be given to Master-level students.



Courses & Credits

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Course Types

DESIGN STUDIOS (LABORATORI)

12, 15 or 18 ECTS
120 hours

Project courses;
students usually work in teams

MONODISCIPLINARY & INTEGRATED COURSES

5 or 6 ECTS
60 hours

Theory and project courses

WORKSHOPS*

6 ECTS

Design studios held in one full week
(February and June)

*some workshops are not graded

ELECTIVE COURSES

5 or 6 CFU
60 hours

Interdisciplinary courses

Workshops

One full week of intensive studio with the assistance of Companies and/or Visiting Professors.

First Semester Workshops in February

Master Communication Design

Master Interior and Spatial Design

Master Integrated Product Design

Master Digital and Interaction Design

Second Semester Workshops in June

Bachelor Communication Design

Bachelor Interior Design

Bachelor Product Design

Master Digital and Interaction Design

Master Product Service System

Master Fashion Design

Master Design & Engineering



≥ 80%

Most of the courses are held in presence.

mandatory attendance
required

Main dates

First Semester

Lessons	From mid September to end of December
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Exams Session	From January to mid February
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Workshop Week	In the 2nd and 3rd week of February
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Second Semester

Lessons	From mid February to end of May
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Milan Design Week	One week in April
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Exams Session	From June to end of July
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Workshop Week	In the 2nd or 3rd week of June
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Credit System

CFU are the Italian equivalent of **ECTS**
(European Credit Transfer System):
1 CFU = 1 ECTS

1 CFU = 25 hours of workload

- lectures and other forms of instruction
- assignments and independent work

~30 CFU

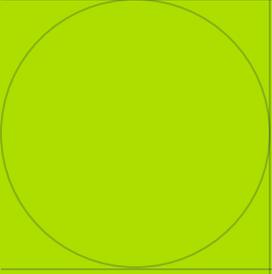
usually achieved in 1 semester
(60 CFU per year)

Grading System

Exams in Italy are graded using a **scale of 30**, where 18 is the minimum passing grade.

18 minimum
passing grade

30 the highest
you can get
cum laude



Didactic Labs

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Polimi Design Labs

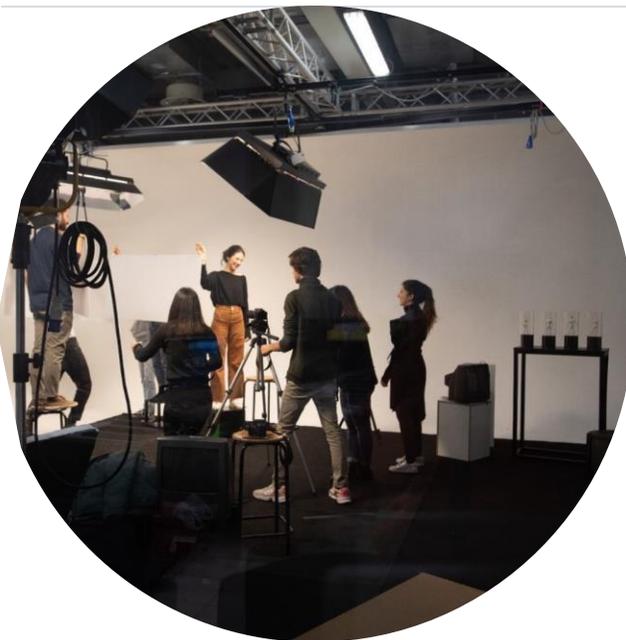
The **Department Laboratory System**, covering 6,000 square metres, is the largest international centre of technological infrastructure supporting design research and teaching.

Constantly expanding and updating, the historic **Prototypes and Exhibit Lab**, **Fashion Lab**, and **Image Lab** are joined by new spaces such as **Open Lab** and **Open Tech**, which provide equipment and expertise for research, design, and prototyping.

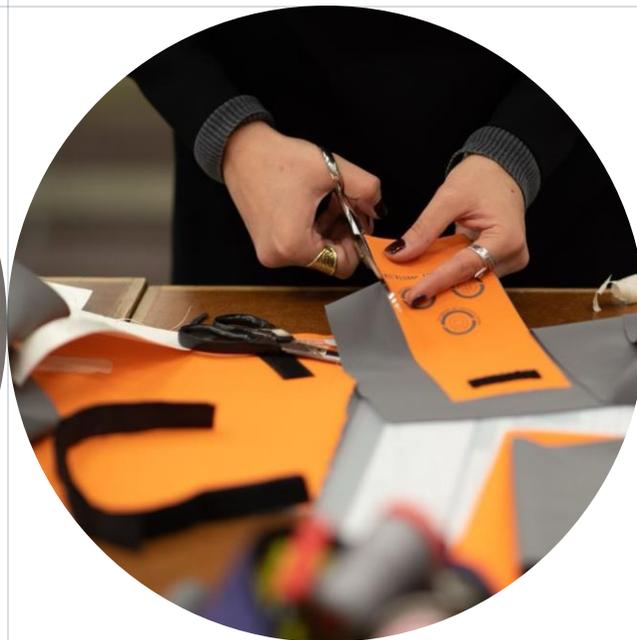
The Department is reorganising to create a **Centre of Competence** by 2026, starting with a **Pilot Lab** to explore new design-technology interactions, enhancing research, and responding to advanced training needs in digital transformation and sustainability.



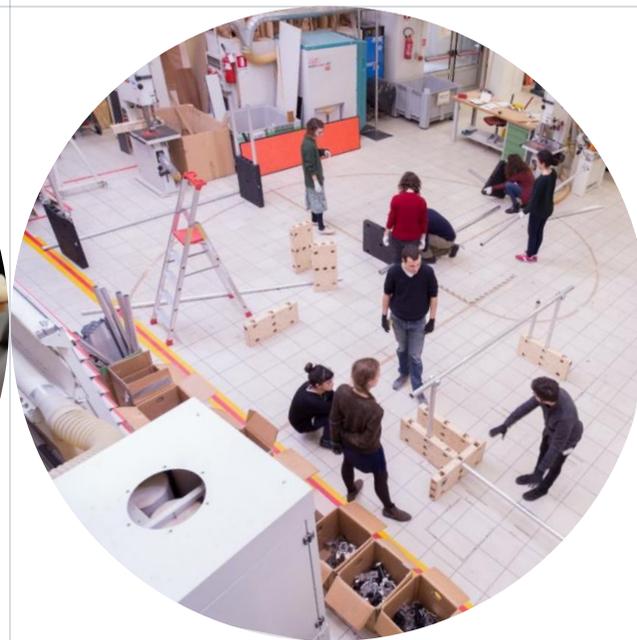
Polimi Design Labs



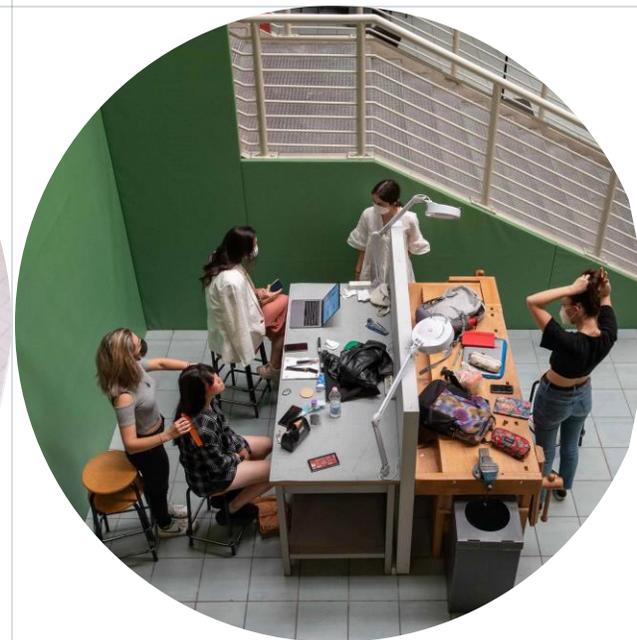
Lab Immagine
Photo & Video



Lab Moda
Fashion



**Lab Prototipi
& Allestimenti**
Prototypes & Exhibit



Open Lab
Free Access Workspace

Lab Immagine · image

The Image Lab supports teaching and research in **audiovisual** and **photographic communication**, covering all phases from concept to post-production.

It features 1,000 m² of modular studio space equipped for professional photography and video in various sizes.

[labs-image](#)



Lab Moda · fashion

The Fashion Lab specializes in **knitwear** and **tailoring**, equipped with various industrial sewing and cutting machines, knitting machines and other tools.

It enables students to work with diverse materials and techniques, supporting learning and industry research.

[labs-fashion](#)



Lab Prototipi & Allestimenti

• prototypes & exhibit

The Prototype & Exhibit Lab combines expertise in designing and experimenting with interior spaces, furniture and prototypes.

It supports the creation of **models** and **structures** for **exhibitions**, **events**, and **industry** for design, architecture and art installations, and promotes innovation in materials and processes by blending traditional craftsmanship with advanced technology.

[labs-prototypes-exhibit](#)



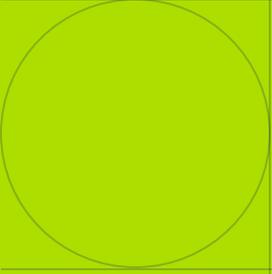
Open Lab

Open Lab is a **free-access workspace** fostering student autonomy and collaboration, ideal for creating lightweight prototypes without technician support. Open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Monday to Saturday, it operates on a no-reservation basis.

Equipped with workbenches, photo/video setups, mannequins and a woodworking bench, it supports diverse creative projects across disciplines.

[open-lab](https://open-lab.polimi.it)





Campus Map

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Bovisa Campus Durando-Candiani

The Bovisa Campus is located just north of central Milan, in the former district of Bovisa, which historically hosted factories and workshops and has now been transformed into a university and research area.

- **Bovisa Campus
(School of Design)**

Via Durando, 10
Milano



Bovisa Campus Durando-Candiani

- E** Entrance
- B1** Library- 1st floor
School of Design Offices – 3rd floor
- B2** Classrooms and Design Labs
- B3** Polifactory
- B4** Polishop and Poliprint
- B5** Poli.Design
- B6** Classrooms and Crash Test Lab
- B7** Design Department
- B8** Classrooms
- B9** Aula “Carlo De Carli”



Bovisa Campus Durando-Candiani

Bovisa Campus is a green, open-air environment where students can relax between classes, study outdoors, or meet friends in the campus square and small green pockets around the buildings. It offers plenty of informal meeting spots, making it easy to chat, work in groups, or just unwind after lectures.





We're happy to welcome you
in our campus!

Find more information on our websites:

[Studenti incoming - Design](#)

[International Mobility Exchange students - Incoming](#)