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MSA FB Architektur
Münster School of Architecture

Hudson Yards, Manhattan, New York

Bachelor

Summer 23

ba.m2.4 Design II

course

MArch B.M.C. (Dikkie) Scipio

lecturer

VeloCity

title

Velocity refers to the speed and rapidity of motion we find in the city. Velo is also a bicycle in French. But to start from the beginning... What is a city? A place where we find urban life? Then what is urban?

This studio will teach you about the different origins of cities. We will take New York as one of the examples and research it from a historical, infrastructural, social, cultural and economic perspective. Through a series of short assignments, we will experiment with landscape, skyline and view lines. After the warm-up, we will concentrate on designing and shaping the master plan for the Hudson Yards. This will result in a board game where we divide and design the blocks. Let's remember, though, that designing a city is not about aesthetics alone. Among others, infrastructure and economics play a vital role. During our classes, we will address the complexity of constructing cities and get inspired by exploring the topic of VeloCity - is it fast like the Latin "velocitas" or slow like the French "velo" (bicycle)?

topic

Rem Koolhaas, (1997), Delirious New York
Ric Burns, (1999), New York: A Documentary Film

recommended reading