

## Nomad City - Improving Ger settlements in Ulaan-Baatar, Mongolia

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# NOMAD CITY

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**NOMADIC LIFE IN TRANSITION:  
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Course Modul:  
MA Arch: M E.03-Städtebau I  
Arch M E.04-Städtebau II  
MA UD: PU 1-3; MA SRP Studienprojekt 15 ECTS

Info Meeting:  
July 15, Habitat Unit, A 624, 12am

Application:  
Send relevant portfolio and motivation letter in print by July 17 to Habitat Unit, Sekr. A 53, Room A 625

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The Mongolian University of Science and Technology

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## Course Information

Design Studio, 12 ECTS  
MA UD: PJ 1-3 EP

Teaching day  
Thursdays 10 am - 4 pm, Studio A 202

First Meeting  
July 15, 2014, 12 am, Sekr. A 624

Application  
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