

When we navigate cities or buildings, we often overlook how design shapes our experience and reflects historical, cultural, and functional contexts. The 2025 summer school will explore this dynamic, focusing on designing a membrane foil pavilion within a historical setting.

Through lectures, tours, and workshops, participants will examine how modern techniques like tension-based designs can harmonize with historical environments. Membrane structures will highlight how innovative materials can enhance traditional settings. Participants will experiment with elasticity, load-bearing, and aesthetics by designing smaller-scale models, guided by experts.

In the second phase, they will build a 1:1 modular membrane pavilion, evaluating its structural and aesthetic compatibility with its context. Visits to significant sites, including DOX's Airship installation and Dolní Vítkovice, will inspire and showcase how contemporary designs can enrich historical settings.

Set against Prague's historic backdrop, the program offers a unique educational journey led by Jerry Koza, Jakub Kopecký, and the ARCHIP team.

Day-by-day Calender

21 July, Mon Introductory lecture: Site visits + lecture:

Introduction to the Prague glass artworks in public space

workshop and Prague history, guided tour

22 July, Tue Studio work Site visits:

Discussion on the topic, CTU material and membrane lab

forming groups, getting

started

23 July, Wed Lecture: Studio work

Use of constructions and Inspiration, sketching and testing materials in architecture

24 July, Thu Site Visit: Studio work

Museum of civil First concept and model presentation engeneering

25 July, Fri Site Visit: Site Visit:

Ostrava – Dolní Vítkovice Ostrava – Dolní Vítkovice

26 July, Sat Free Day Trip
27 July, Sun Free Day Trip

28 July, Mon Studio work Studio work

Individual / team work and Concept and model presentation

consultations on model

1:10

tour

29 July, Tue Studio work Studio work

Individual/team consultations consultations

30 July, Wed Studio work Studio work

Individual/team Individual/team consultations

31 July, Thu Studio work Studio work

Finalizing the projects Project Final Presentation with invited quests

Space cleaning

Exhibition installation

Farwell evening party

1 August, Fri Sleeping Morning Sum up and Farewell Afternoon

Special guest lecture or