A way of the large urban centers, I was born and grew up in a small village of the Segarra region, with a great link with the agriculture and the livestock farming.

I have always been a very curious person who enjoyed to observe and analyze everything that was going in my round, and I tried to understand everything I didn’t. All this, this has made that me interested by the work of my father, constructor of concrete in a small company. Constantly, I used to ask him details about his job, begging that he took me to the factory in order to see and touch all what towards.

Over the years, my interest for technologic aspects increased even more, so I, undoubtedly, decided to study this brand of studies on the high school. In the last year, unsure about my future profession, and by fear to wrongly choose a career, I decided to perform a training course on construction. A degree that my sister finalized years before. There was where I completely understood that I wanted to become and architect.

Small college, close relationship

The small size of the University was one of the main reasons when choosing ETSAV to perform my architecture studies. This characteristic of the school allows a very satisfactory student-teacher relationship, which has allowed me to go into different subjects in depth. So this system allows the teaching staff to further guide those students who are really interested. In other words, a personalized studies are possible in our faculty.

But, this small school don't allow to work with different type to architectures and different cultures. From the beginning, the university focus to teach see the architecture to european type. The only opportunity is go to erasmus and see the other cultures, always to be able to pay.

I am absolutely proud of my decision when choosing our campus and I would strongly recommend to everyone interested in architecture.

My concept of Architecture

In my point of view, the architecture is a tool that allows to cover the human’s needs. People need areas with different characteristics without which is not possible to develop their activities, from spaces for work or interact to spaces for sleep. Obviously, due to the constant change in our needs, architecture has evolved with us. By this, I understand the architecture as a potential mechanism to generate amazing designs that fit exactly each environment and person, our main element.

Another aspect to reflect about, is to evolve towards a more sustainable and ecological world, allowing our future generations a better world. Therefore, we must rethink on the current architecture generating new forms and more sustainable paths. This aspect is one of the main axis of our University, and it’s transmitted by most of the subjects to all the students.

-Personals Skills— From the beginning this career has allowed me to work on inherent aspects to our profession such as working on a team, the effort for a common goal, the sacrifice, the patience and the communicating skills among others. All these characteristic may seem apparent, but when you are starting way also have to work them. To me, this all has helped to become the more efficient and organized person I consider I am now, not only on the architecture but also in other aspects of life.

-Academics Skills— Regarding the academic aspects, these years have allowed me to work the architecture from many ways and different fields. Specifically, I have great interest in urbanism and technology. These are areas of different magnitude that generate me an attraction and interest maybe because the great references we have in these campus.

I have also had the opportunity to work other aspects of the architecture which have allowed me to understand the different aspects and the relationship between them. For this reason, I will explore a personal description of my interest in the different subjects.
Construction / structures

These subjects are the main axis of this faculty, and I am very fulfilled to have studied these subjects there. I have had the chance to learn in all the areas of the construction from rehabilitation of small scale to the execution of projects of huge size.

For instance, there has always been a great link between the construction and the calculation of structures. Performing these two subjects I have understood their application when projecting.

Subjects such as building systems, building what projected, also known as Construction IX, and Light enclosures, are subjects which I have enjoyed a lot and I have learned concepts that will last.

Urbanism

Without doubt, the subjects of urbanism have played a major role in my learning in these years of career. With the years, I have been able to understand the importance of urbanism in our day by day. This area of study was completely unknown for me, but during the degree I have been attracted to it.

From an urbanistic point of view, we must rethink the cities, reoccupy and reprogram the dead spaces generated by the large infrastructure constructed during the latest decades.

All these concepts, are undertaken on the subjects of urbanism such as Urbanism 4 and Theory of projects (Puc), both given by the Dr. Carles Llop.

Projects Workshop

These subjects allow to apply all the concepts learned during the degree all together. Those workshops are arranged continuously to work in all fields of architecture. The main aim of the projects is that the students can find their place in the different branches of architecture.

In these subjects the self-study and the dedication, have been fundamental. In my point of view, it would have been better to have had more support by the teachers.

Failing TAP 4 subject represented a before and an after in my passage through the University. I felt frustration but reflecting I was aware of the mistaken I had been. On that moment, I understood what was the architecture and I started to enjoy my degree during the following subjects since today.

Representation

With these subjects I have understood the importance of communicating with drawings and plans your ideas. This allows to differentiate ourselves among others.

Personally, I have the feeling that I have not been able to take as much profit of this subjects as I would have liked. On the one hand, there are not many credits of Architectural Representation on ETSAV, on the other hand, my dedication could have been higher.
From the beginning …

I have tried to take advantage of each subject because I want to learn as much as possible. Unfortunately, sometimes the accumulation of work and the tight deadlines, made that sometimes it was not possible for me to squeeze all the knowledge from all of them.

Hence, If I could repeat certain subjects, I would try to keep more calm when taking the subjects, so I could have deepen and learn much more in some sectors. Thus, I will try to apply this during this last semester as well as my Master degree or my future studies.

Another important point has been my lack of oral communicating skills. This aspect is fundamental in our profession to expose our ideas and proposals. The oral communication has been my own scarcity, in which I have had to make a huge effort and work a lot but I still have to improve. Of course I have improved if comparing to the first year of the University. The necessity to explain my projects and a lot of presentation in front of class, allowed me to improve my oral communication.

The importance of the labor contract

Due to the current economic situation, It has been not easy to introduce myself in the labor world as an intern. But, The University has given us the introduction into the world of work in a very fast way.

For instance, I am currently performing an internship in a architecture studio, I'm designing from basic and executive projects until writing a memories. In these practices I can demonstrate and apply the resources learned in the University in the construction Workshops. What I like most of the internship is that I can learn from my colleges practical aspects not seen at the faculty such as economical aspects or the organization of work.

This opportunity represents my first contact to the labor world, to make useful contacts and to learn as much as possible. Furthermore, it helps me to think about what kind of job I would like to do in the architecture field.

What now… After this reflection of my step in this University, considering it very positive and helpful, it is time to a look to the future and start thinking towards where I want to adress my professional live.

In a next future, I'm going to Masters in architecture in this University to conclude my studies of architecture. This Master will give me the possibility of exercising independently my ideals and I will be able to project architecture.

In addition, combining the Master studies with the Internship or small collaborations in a companies will be the key which will allow me to grow as an Architect and it will be another a rank of experience.

So what does with my future employment, I do not get goals. My aim is to be able to continue my formation by both working in various offices and with my studies, reading books and articles, etc. There will be a moment which I will consider my training finish and I will be able to work by my own and to apply the concept of Architecture that defines myself.

An architecture that allows you to evolve a world greener and more sensitive with the public spaces. Generating a sensitivity to the society for a world more green and tolerant

I'd adress to direct my future employment towards urban or technological aspects that allow me to continue learning and working for the style of architecture that I think it’s the correct one.

“Progress consists in renewing itself”
Philosopher and writer, Miguel de Unamuno.

As a conclusion to my reflection of these years of career, I consider going to this campus a great choice. There is not a better place to introduce myself in the world of architecture, thanks to the great professionals and the learning methodology. During the degree I have learned a bit of each areas related to the architecture. As a result, you can easily know in which sector of this world you would like to develop your professional future.

I still don’t consider my training finished, because these jobs requires a constant renewal. You cannot ever consider your training finished because of the constant evolution of the architecture and the technologies surround it. Once finished the degree, I want to course the Master in order to habilitate myself as an architect.Moreover, in the future, i want to specialize my career on a construction or urbanism field.

I hope to enjoy the laboral world on the same way that I enjoyed of these years of career, as the same time I continue growing.