



THE SECOND SESSION OF COMAU'S 2017 PROJECT AND PEOPLE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL STARTED IN DETROIT

Detroit, July 24, 2017 – Today the fifth edition of Comau's Project & People Management School started its academic activities in Detroit. The second session of the 2017 summer school will have university students participating in the project work for 10 days with teachers and Comau managers. During their visit to Detroit, the students will tour the Ford Rouge Plant to see real assembly lines in operation and also take a tour of downtown Detroit.

The P&PM School is a high-level training activity that Comau develops with the support of a network of international partners, including the Politecnico di Torino, the Catholic University of Milan, the Tongji University of Shanghai, the Finsa (Association for Financing Of Business Administration Studies) and the SAA - School of Management in Turin. Complete English-language training allows students to take part in a work-study experience conducted in a multinational business and in close contact with a team of industry professionals. During the educational activities, participants have the opportunity to closely learn the operational and productive reality of Comau's partner companies, personally visiting the plants and the lines of work.

The P&PM School lessons are led by the best Comau managers and selected teachers within the academic network of Comau Academy. Lessons are taught in two areas: project management and people management. The first is focused on learning the key methodologies and tools needed to effectively manage a business project; the second involves understanding and using methods and best practices to guide people through teamwork to achieve effective business results. The academic path includes, in both cases, the alternation of classroom training (25% of the total duration) and work experience in





the company (25% of the time) with the operational support of multinational managers. At the end of the training course, each student, within specific working groups, manages a project (for the remaining 50% of the expected hours). At the end of the course, individual feedback is provided by the Comau assessor. This allows participants to better understand their professional attributes, strengths, and possible areas of improvement.

Over the course of five years, the P&PM School's 10 sessions have so far hosted around 300 students from all over the world. Some of them have had the opportunity to join the Comau team or other FCA Group companies.

The next session of the 2017 "Project & People Management School" will take place in Shanghai (August 21 - September 1). Applications are already closed for this session, however it's not too early to start thinking about applying for the 2018 program!

Applicants should be university students who are attending the last two years of their degree program in Engineering, Economics and Humanities. To learn more, write to ppm.school@comau.com or visit the [dedicated page](#).





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Comau is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced industrial automation solutions that integrate products, technologies and services to help companies of all sizes increase plant efficiency while lowering operating costs and optimizing returns. Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has over 40 years of factory-proven experience, and an international network of 35 locations, 15 manufacturing plants and 5 Innovation centers that span 17 countries and employ more than 9,000 people. With a strong focus on innovation, Comau is committed to developing competency through the formation of individuals and groups as part of its open automation approach.

Comau is driving the future of production automation by engineering lean and sustainable solutions and products. Its competencies range from joining, assembly and machining to complete, robotized manufacturing systems and asset management services, which includes the application of advanced technologies that are fully connected for real-time **monitoring and control**. Comau's development of modular, flexible and highly-configurable products that can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual customer allow it to cost-effectively support evolving manufacturing environments. The company also helps its customers optimize and protect their investments through a full service offering that includes project management and consultancy, IoT services, maintenance and training for a wide range of industrial segments. In this way, Comau is able to lead the automation industry in every phase of a project - from design, implementation and installation, to production start-up and maintenance services.

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