

Notices from Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Academic rules

*Please note that the following is a translation from German and is thus not legally binding

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Pursuant to Section 3 Para. 1 in conjunction with Section 34 Para. 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act in the version published on 13 September 2016 (GVBl. Page 437), Bauhaus-Universität Weimar issues the following study regulations for the degree programme European Urban Studies with the degree Master of Science (M. Sc.) on the basis of the examination regulations approved by the president.

The council of the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism passed the study regulations on 14 February 2018. The president of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar has approved the regulations with the decree dated XXX.

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Appendix 1: Study plan

Section 1 - Scope

Based on the examination regulations, the study regulations regulate the objectives, content and structure of the consecutive English-language Master's degree programme European Urban Studies with the degree Master of Science (M. Sc.).

Section 2 - Admission requirements

The admission requirement is an undergraduate technically appropriate degree from a German university that enables the graduate to enter the profession with a minimum grade of "good", a degree from a civil service technical university or a degree from a state or state-recognised academy or equivalent degree from an international university. The following degrees or specialist areas are considered to be technically appropriate: Architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, town and regional planning, geography, social, cultural and political sciences or other science degrees with content relevant to the course.

The examination committee will take decisions on the ability to compare degrees and exceptions and it may impose additional performances to be provided by the applicant.

(1) It is a requirement for admission to study that the applicant provides evidence of English language skills at the B2 competence level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

- a) Evidence of mother tongue (acquisition of right to study or an initial degree enabling the applicant to work in the profession in an English-speaking country) or
- b) Evidence using one of the following certificates
 - IELTS band 6.0 or better,
 - TOEFL Internet-based score 80 or better,
 - Cambridge Certificate (FCE)
 - or equivalent evidence.

(2) Another special permission requirement under Section 44 Para. 3 ThürHG is the successful completion of the selection process described below. The selection of applicants for the European Urban Studies Master's degree programme is via a selection commission comprising a university lecturer and academic employee from the European Urban Studies degree. If an applicant fulfils the formal requirements in Para. 1 and 2, the selection commission will assess the technical suitability. An applicant fulfils the special access requirements if they achieve at least 80 out of 100 points to be assigned in the selection process.

(3) To assess the special technical suitability, the overall grade of the first university degree is converted into points using the classifications stated below. In the event of applicants who have not yet completed their initial degree at the time of application but can demonstrate at least 150 ECTS in a key degree programme, the assessment of the special technical suitability is made using the average grade achieved from the examination performances to date. The maximum number of points to be achieved is 60.

1.0: 60 Pt.	1.1: 59 Pt.	1.2: 58 Pt.	1.3: 57 Pt.
1.4: 56 Pt.	1.5: 55 Pt.	1.6: 54 Pt.	1.7: 53 Pt.
1.8: 52 Pt.	1.9: 51 Pt.	2.0: 50 Pt.	2.1: 49 Pt.
2.2: 48 Pt.	2.3: 47 Pt.	2.4: 46 Pt.	2.5: 45 Pt. etc.

(4) The motivation to study must be shown plausibly in a motivation letter written in English (covering three to four sides of A4), possibly supported by existing publications or written work from the previous course. An assessment is made using the following criteria, which are each assigned up to ten points. The maximum number of points achieved is 40.

- a. Technical knowledge through the academic training provided to date with reference to the focus areas of the European Urban Studies Master's degree programme (knowledge about the theory and history of cities, knowledge relating to urban design and planning);
- b. Practical technical experience for example from internships, projects (outside the university) or business activities as well as international experience;
- c. Justified interest in the European Urban Studies field and personal future research perspectives relating to the degree's focus areas;
- d. Spatial academic reflection ability, analytical thinking and care

All activities must be evidenced with appropriate documents.

Section 3 - Start, duration and scope of degree

(1) The degree starts in the 1st semester, which is the winter semester.

(2) The normal study period including the Master's thesis is four semesters. The total scope of the student's work for the Master's degree is 120 credits. 30 credits are to be completed per semester. A credit represents around 30 hours of work by the student in lectures and self-study.

Section 4 - Degree structure, content, teaching and learning forms

(1) The European Urban Studies Master's degree programme is international. The teaching and exam language is English.

(2) The degree is divided into compulsory and optional subjects that are completed in particular in the 1st and 2nd semesters at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. The 3rd semester is a self-organised project - supported technically by a lecturer involved in the degree programme - at a research institution ideally in Europe. The 4th semester is used to produce the final academic project. The degree programme's study programme is enclosed as Appendix 1.

(3) The degree's 1st and 2nd semesters can be completed part-time. An application for part-time studies must be submitted to the examination committee.

(4) The degree programme is an academic degree with an integrated research element. The course content is conveyed in modules comprising seminars, exercises, lectures, a study and an academic research project. Across a variety of subjects, the 1st and 2nd semesters form an introduction to the actual research project in the 3rd semester.

- a. The lectures present a specialist area in context in concentrated form. They convey in-depth knowledge on the individual specialist areas.
- b. The seminars provide in-depth knowledge of the subjects and inductively open up the inter-disciplinary nature, critical reflection on specialist knowledge and the acquisition of oral communication and written notification competencies.
- c. With the "European Cities" module, in-depth knowledge is provided on various European cities in one lecture and three seminars.
- d. The exercises on conveying methods and training are used to find an individual research subject in the first semester and in the second semester to develop a separate research project for the third semester and to discuss the exposé in advance.
- e. The study project is interdisciplinary in nature and is created in the 2nd semester. It relates to the research object and is handled by an academic approach. The study project should be conducted with a European partner and thus provide a comparison perspective. The study project is used to practise and develop a research design.
- f. The research project in the 3rd semester is conducted in agreement with a lecturer involved in the degree programme. The project is implemented using a previously submitted exposé with a work plan and schedule approved by the examination committee.

Section 5 - Objective of the course

(1) The objective of the consecutive degree programme is academic training relating to European Urban Studies. This takes place using an individual research profile introduced, supported and developed during the degree. Students of European Urban Studies acquire or deepen key competences in the following areas:

- a. In-depth expertise in urban planning, urban sociology, urban design, urban architecture, landscape planning and spatial planning
- b. Academic analysis and reflection on current problems in modern urban development
- c. Spatial, regional and urban development policy in Germany and Europe
- d. Understanding of methods and science relating to urban research
- e. Interdisciplinary cooperation
- f. Intercultural communication skills
- g. Preparing for a doctoral degree

(2) The competencies stated in Para. 1 should open up various professional development perspectives to the graduates. These include:

- a. Academic activities that require a high level of complex understanding relating to urban development, political decision-making processes, demanding urban planning processes, social problems

- b. Practical activities in society requiring creative, social, academic, interdisciplinary and intercultural qualifications such a free economy, state and local sector, public institutions, media, social organisations
- c. Professional activities in the European environment relating to urban planning
- d. Involvement in, initiating and implementing research projects

Section 6 - Study and examination performances

(1) The students register for the teaching events in a binding manner at the start of each semester. This registration is also the registration for the associated examination under Section 6 Para. 3 of the examination regulations. Withdrawal from registration for the teaching event is usually possible within 2 weeks of the registration's start.

(2) Study performances are checked in modules.

(3) Examination performances can be provided in line with the examination regulations via written or oral examinations or written and drawn work accompanying the course. The examination performance for the research project in the 3rd semester is provided by a research report and the presentation of the research results in a colloquium.

Section 7 - Academic advising

(1) The academic advising of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is available for general advice on the degree.

(2) At the start of the first semester there is an introductory event that provides an overview of the individual teaching areas and the course of the Master's degree.

(3) Individual student advising is provided by academic advising.

(4) Individual technical advising for students is provided by university lecturers and academic employees of the Institute for European Urban Studies.

Section 8 - Reconciling disadvantage

(1) Students can apply for reconciling disadvantage during the course. The disadvantage must be credible. Therefore a medical certificate or in justified individual cases the presentation of an official medical certificate can be requested.

(2) The information and advice for chronically sick and disadvantaged students on questions relating to reconciling disadvantage is provided by the general advising.

(3) When designing the degree, the specific requirements of chronically sick and disadvantaged students are taken into account. Academic advising will provide advice on this.

(4) Via the disadvantage reconciliation the responsible examination committee will take a decision at the student's request. The student can propose a particular form of reconciliation. The request is to be made in writing, the decision notified in writing and any refusal is to be justified in writing.

Section 9 - Equal opportunity clause

The status and functional names under these regulations apply equally to males and females.

Section 10 - Entry into force

(1) These regulations come into force on the 1st date of the month following their notification by Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

(2) They are first applied to the students registered for the WS 2018/19.

Faculty council resolution dated 14 February 2018

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Dean

The rules must be approved.

Dipl.-Jur. Rainer Junghanß
Lawyer

Approved on 4 April 2018

President
Prof. Dr. Winfried Speitkamp

Programme Study Plan: Master's Degree programme for European Urban Studies

	1 st semester	2 nd semester	3 rd semester	4 th semester
compulsory modules	European Cities L: European Cities I S: Introduction to European Cities 6	European Cities S: European Cities II S: Spatial Planning 6	Guided Research Project in Europe RP: Research Project S: Project Supervision 30	Master thesis 30
	Academic Development E: Research Methods 3	Academic Development E: Research Design 3		
	Urban and Landscape Planning L: Research in Urban Design & Planning S: Urban Design S: Urban Planning S: Urban Landscapes 12	Study Project 12		
	Urban Sociology L: Urban Sociology S: Urban Sociology 6	Language Course² 3		
elective module	lecture / seminar / exercise ¹		9	

L - lecture S - seminar E - exercise RP - research project

¹ All Master level courses offered by the Bauhaus-University Weimar and other Universities in Thuringia.

² Language course in a european language (except English)