

Study Regulations for the European Urban Studies Degree Programme

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Pursuant to section 3, paragraph 1, in conjunction with section 38 paragraph 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (ThürHG) of 10 May 2018 (GVBl. p. 149), last amended by Article 31 of the Act dated 2 July 2024 (GVBl. p. 277), Bauhaus-Universität Weimar issues the following study regulations for the European Urban Studies degree programme leading to a Master of Science (M.Sc.) qualification.

The Faculty Board of Architecture and Urbanism agreed the examination regulations on April 9th 2025.

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Section 1 – Scope of Application

These study regulations regulate the objectives, content and structure of the consecutive English-language Master's degree programme European Urban Studies leading to a Master of Science (M.Sc.) qualification, including the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) programme (double degree programme) in accordance with the associated examination regulations. The regulations for the organisation of the European Urban and Planning Studies

(EUPS) degree programme (double degree programme) with Blekinge Tekniska Högskola (Sweden), insofar as they differ from those of the European Urban Studies degree programme, can be found in Annex 2.

Section 2 – Admission Requirements

- (1) To be admitted to the Master's programme, students must have successfully completed a first relevant university degree (Bachelor of Science) with at least "good" from a German university, from a university of applied sciences or from a state or state-recognised vocational academy or an equivalent degree from a foreign university with at least 180 ECTS credit points. The following degree programmes or subject areas are considered relevant: architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, urban and regional planning, geography, social, cultural and political sciences or other sciences related to the content of the degree programme.
- (2) The examination committee decides on the comparability of degrees and exceptions, which may stipulate additional work to be completed by the applicant.
- (3) A further requirement for admission to the degree programme is proof of English language proficiency at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- (4) A further special admission requirement in accordance with section 68 paragraph 3 ThürHG is the successful completion of the selection procedure described below. Applicants for the Master's degree programme in European Urban Studies are selected by a selection committee consisting of at least one member of the group of professors and junior professors (Hochschullehrer*innen) and one academic staff member who are involved in the European Urban Studies degree programme. If an applicant fulfils the formal requirements according to paragraphs 1 and 2, the selection committee assesses the special subject-specific aptitude. An applicant fulfils the special admission requirements if a total score of at least 80 of the 100 points to be awarded is achieved in the selection procedure.
- (5) To assess the special subject-specific aptitude, the overall grade of the first university degree is converted into points according to the scale below. In the case of applicants who have not yet completed their first university degree at the time of application, but who proof at least 150 credit points in a relevant degree programme, the assessment of the special subject-specific aptitude is based on the average grade determined from the previous examination results. The maximum number of points to be achieved is 60.

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

- (6) The motivation for the desired degree programme must be plausibly presented in a letter of motivation formulated in English and an essay of 3,000 characters (without spaces) with a reflection on an urban topic, a book or an author must be submitted. It will be judged on the basis of the following criteria, each of which can be awarded up to ten points. The maximum number of points to be achieved is 40.
 - a. Subject-specific knowledge from previous academic training in relation to the focus areas of the Master's degree programme in European Urban Studies (knowledge of the theory and history of the city, knowledge of urban development and urban planning);

- b. practical subject-specific experience through, for example, internships, (non-university) projects or professional activities as well as international experience;
- c. a well-founded interest in the subject area of European Urban Studies and personal future research perspectives with reference to the focus of the degree programme;
- d. ability to reflect on spatial science, analytical thinking and diligence.

All activities must be evidenced by appropriate documentation.

Section 3 – Start, Duration and Scope of Studies

- (1) The first semester may only be started at the beginning of the winter semester.
- (2) The standard study period, including the Master's thesis, is four semesters. The total student workload for the Master's degree programme is 120 credit points (CP). 30 CP must be completed per semester. One credit point corresponds to a student workload of approx. 30 hours of attendance and self-study.

Section 4 – Aims of the Degree Programme

- (1) The aim of the consecutive degree programme is the academic qualification in the field of urban research. This is achieved through the development of an individual research profile during the course of study. Students acquire or deepen key skills in the following areas:
 - a. in-depth specialist knowledge in the fields of urban planning, urban sociology, urban design, urban architecture, landscape planning and spatial planning
 - b. scientific analysis and reflection of current problems in contemporary urban development
 - c. spatial, regional and urban development policy in Germany and Europe
 - d. understanding of methods and science in urban research
 - e. interdisciplinary cooperation
 - f. intercultural communication skills
- (2) The skills mentioned in paragraph 1 should open up various professional development perspectives for graduates. These include:
 - a. scientific activities that require a high degree of complex understanding in the context of urban development, political decision-making processes, demanding urban planning processes and social problems
 - b. practice-oriented activities in social areas in which creative, social, scientific, interdisciplinary and intercultural qualifications are required, such as the private sector, state and local sector, public institutions, media, social organisations
 - c. professional activities with a European orientation in city-related fields of activity
 - d. Participation in, initiation and implementation of research projects

Section 5 – Structure, Content, Teaching and Learning methods of the Degree Programme

- (1) The degree programme is internationally oriented. The language of instruction and examination is English.
- (2) The course is divided into compulsory and elective areas, which are taken in particular in the 1st and 2nd semester at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. The 3rd semester is dedicated to a self-organised project at a research institution, preferably in Europe, under the supervision of one of the members of the group of professors and junior professors (Hochschullehrer*innen) involved in the degree programme. The 4th semester is dedicated to the preparation of an academic final thesis and its presentation as part of the Master's module. The curricula of the degree programme are attached as Annexes 1a.

- (3) The degree programme can be studied part-time in the 1st and 2nd semester. An application for part-time study must be submitted to the examination committee.
- (4) It is not possible to study the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) programme part-time.

The degree programme is a scientific programme with an integrated research component. The programme content is taught in modules consisting of seminars, lectures, a study project and a scientific research project. In the 1st and 2nd semesters, students are introduced to their own research project in the 3rd semester.

- a. The lectures present a subject area in context in a concentrated form. They provide in-depth knowledge of the individual subject areas.
- b. The seminars serve to deepen subject knowledge and inductively explore interdisciplinarity, to reflect critically on subject knowledge and to acquire oral communication and written communication skills.
- c. The module "European Cities" aims to provide in-depth knowledge about different cities in Europe in one lecture and three seminars.
- d. The seminars on teaching methods and acquiring skills serve to find an individual research topic in the 1st semester and to develop a research project for the 3rd semester in the 2nd semester and to discuss the abstract in advance.
- e. The study project is interdisciplinary in nature and is completed in the 2nd semester. It focuses on a research topic and is carried out using a scientific approach. The study project should be carried out with a European partner and thus enable a comparative perspective. The study project serves to practise and develop a research design.
- f. The research project in the 3rd semester is carried out in consultation with one of the members of the group of professors and junior professors (Hochschullehrer*innen) involved in the degree programme. The project is implemented on the basis of an abstract with a work plan and schedule submitted in advance and approved by the examination committee.

Section 6 – Study and Examination Achievements

- (1) Students must register for the courses at the beginning of each semester. This enrolment also constitutes registration for the associated examination in accordance with section 6 paragraph 3 of the examination regulations. Withdrawal from course enrolment is generally possible within two weeks of the start of enrolment.
- (2) Coursework and examinations are completed in modules.
- (3) The types of examinations are specified in the examination regulations. The examination for the research project in the 3rd semester consists of a written research report and an oral examination.

Section 7 – Academic Advising

- (1) The general advising of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is available to advise students on their studies.
- (2) At the beginning of the first semester, an introductory event will take place in which an overview of the individual subject areas and the course of the Master's degree programme will be given.
- (3) Individual academic advising is provided by the academic advising.
- (4) Individual academic advising for students is provided by members from the group of professors and junior professors (Hochschullehrer*innen) and academic staff at the Institute of European Urban Studies.

Section 8 – Compensation for Disadvantages for Students with a Disability or Chronic illness and Special Regulations for Students on Maternity Leave and Caring for Relatives

- (1) If a student can credibly demonstrate that, due to a chronic illness or a disability, they are unable to perform unrestrictedly in coursework and examinations in whole or in part in the intended form or within the published examination deadlines, compensation for disadvantages shall be granted.
- (2) If a student announces an expected date of childbirth or the day of childbirth, the Maternity Protection Act applies to her, i. e. maternity protection must be granted. For this purpose, a risk analysis must be drawn up with the student regarding her studies during maternity protection. If the student on maternity leave is unable to complete all or part of the coursework and examinations in the prescribed form or within the published examination deadlines, compensation for disadvantages must be granted.
- (3) On the recommendation of the Representative for the Needs of Students with Chronic Illnesses and Disabilities, the examination committee may, in particular, extend the time for examinations or the deadlines for taking examinations or allow equivalent examinations to be taken in a form appropriate to the student's needs. The same applies to coursework.
- (4) Students must not suffer any disadvantages as a result of taking maternity or parental leave or caring leave. Advice on this is provided by the general advising, the Studierendenwerk and the academic advising.
- (5) An application for compensation for disadvantages must be submitted individually for each examination and must be reapplied for each semester. The application for compensation for disadvantages should be submitted to the examination committee at least four weeks before the respective examination date. Applications for compensation for disadvantages for coursework must be submitted four weeks before the coursework is completed. The disadvantage must be substantiated; a doctor's certificate or, in justified individual cases, the submission of a doctor's certificate from a public health officer may be requested. Students can propose a specific form of compensation. The application is made in writing, the decision is communicated in writing and, in the event of rejection, reasons are given in writing.
- (6) The specific needs of students who are restricted in their ability to organise their studies due to special circumstances (for example disabled or chronically ill students) shall also be considered when designing the course of study, including the forms of teaching and learning.

Section 9 – Equal Opportunity Clause

The statuses and functions described in these regulations apply equally to all genders.

Section 10 – Entry into Effect/ Expiry

- (1) These regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the notices of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. At the same time, MdU 12/2025 expires.
- (2) These regulations shall first apply for the students beginning their studies in the winter semester 2025/26.

Annex 1a: Standard Study Plan

Standard Study Plan for the European Urban Studies, Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree Programme					
WiSe		SoSe		WiSe	
1 st Semester		2 nd Semester		3 rd Semester	
European Cities	3	S: European Cities II	3	Guided Research Project	30
S: Introduction to European Cities	3	S: Spatial Planning	3	Research Project	Master Module
Academic Development				Project Supervision	Master's thesis
S: Research Design	3	S: Research Methods	3		Presentation
Urban and Landscape Planning and Design		Study Project	12		
S: Urban and Regional Design	3				
S: Urban Planning	3				
S: Urban Landscapes	3				
Urban Sociology		Sprachkurs²	3		
L: Urban Sociology	3				
S: Urban Sociology	3				
Lecture/ Seminar¹	6	Lecture / Seminar¹	6		
Compulsory Modules					
Elective Modules					

Annex 1b: Standard Study Plan for the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) Programme in the European Urban Studies (M.Sc.) Degree Programme

Standard Study Plan for the European Urban Studies, Abschluss Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree Programme within the Study Programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS)		Studies at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany)		Studies at the Blekinge Tekniska Högskola (Sweden)			
WiSe	SoSe	WiSe	SoSe	4 th Semester	4 th Semester		
1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	3 rd Semester	3 rd Semester	3 rd Semester		
Compulsory Modules							
L: European Cities I	3	S: European Cities II	3	Introduction to Strategic Spatial Planning	15		
S: Introduction to European Cities	3	S: Spatial Planning	3	Master Module	30		
Academic Development		Frontiers in Planning Research	7,5	Master's thesis (supervised by both universities)			
S: Research Design	3	S: Research Methods	3	Presentation			
Urban and Landscape Planning and Design		Study Project	12	Master's thesis (supervised by both universities)			
S: Urban and Regional Design	3			Presentation			
S: Urban Planning	3			Presentation			
S: Urban Landscapes	3			Presentation			
Urban Sociology		Sprachkurs ²	3	Presentation			
L: Urban Sociology	3			Presentation			
S: Urban Sociology	3			Presentation			
Vorlesung / Seminar¹		Vorlesung / Seminar ¹	6	Presentation			
Compulsory	24		24	Presentation			
Elective	6		6	Presentation			
Elective Modules							
Compulsory							
Elective							

L - Lecture S - Seminar
¹ Courses offered by all faculties of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar or other universities.
² Language course in a European language (except English and mother tongue).

Annex 2: Regulations for the Examinations in the Annex 2: Organisation of the Study Programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) (Double Degree Programme)

1. Admission requirements for the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies

Students who wish to complete the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) with Blekinge Tekniska Högskola (Sweden) must fulfil the following admission requirements for the degree programme 'Main field of study: Spatial Planning Specialisation: Strategic Spatial Planning' at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola (Sweden) in addition to the admission requirements for the degree programme European Urban Studies at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar,

- Proof of a Bachelor's degree in spatial planning, urban planning, human geography or related fields with a focus on urban planning. In this case, at least 30 credit points in the field of planning must have been acquired during the Bachelor's degree programme or following the Bachelor's degree programme and
- enrolment in the European Urban Studies (M.Sc.) degree programme at the Bauhaus University Weimar.

2. Application for a Spot in the Double Degree Programme

Application for the double degree programme takes place in October of the first semester. Successful applicants will be informed of their place on the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) programme in November of the first semester. Places are allocated on the condition that 24 credit points are earned by the end of the first semester. If this criterion is met, you will be accepted onto the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) programme in April of the second semester.

3. Structure, Content, Teaching and Learning Methods of the Programme

- (1) The double degree in the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) programme with the School of Planning at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola Karlskrona (Sweden) is intended to strengthen a European focus in the respective education.
- (2) As part of the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS), a mobility semester is completed in the 3rd semester. The study plan is attached as Annex 1b.
- (3) It is not possible to study the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) on a part-time basis.
- (4) Students in the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) provide equivalent research work to the scientific research project in the degree programme European Urban Studies (M.Sc.) at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola.
- (5) Students on the double degree programme European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) use the seminars in the first and second semesters to strengthen their skills in preparation for the third semester at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola.
- (6) In the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) study programme, competences in spatial and strategic planning are deepened together with urban research. The modules in the 3rd semester at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola must be completed in accordance with the curriculum in Annex 1b.

4. Study and Examination achievements

The examination achievements for students in the European Urban and Planning Studies (EUPS) study programme must be completed in accordance with the requirements of the

modules to be completed in the 'Main field of study: Spatial Planning Specialisation: Strategic Spatial Planning' study programme at Blekinge Tekniska Högskola.