

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Academic Regulations

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In accordance with § 3 par. 1, together with § 33 par. 1 Nr. 1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz ThürHG) from 21 December 2006 (GVBl. page 601ff.), last amended by Art. 16 of the Act from 21 December 2011 (GVBl. page 531) and on the basis of the examination regulations for the Master's Programme Advanced Urbanism leading to a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) which were confirmed by the President (Rector), the Bauhaus-Universität University Weimar enacts the following study regulations; the council of the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism adopted the study regulations on 11 December 2013.

By means of the decree from 27 January 2014, the President (Rector) of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar authorised these regulations.

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Appendix 1: Degree Programme and Examination Schedule for the postgraduate Master Programme European Urban Studies

§ 1 Validity

(1) The study regulations govern the aim, content and structure of the postgraduate degree programme European Urban Studies.

(2) The degree programme is completed by a Master's examination. On successful completion of this examination, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism will award the degree Master of Science (MSc) on behalf of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

§ 2 Duration and Scope of Studies

(1) The degree programme in European Urban Studies begins in the winter semester.

(2) The courses, both compulsory and compulsory elective, correspond to 120 credits (ECTS), including the 27 credits for the Master's thesis.

(3) The degree is scheduled to take four semesters. The fourth semester is primarily devoted to writing a final paper; the theme and content of which can serve as preparation for an envisaged PhD.

(4) Part-time studies are possible upon application to the examination board.

§ 3 Admission Requirements

(1) The admission requirements are a professional qualification earned at a German university, a degree from a public or federally recognized technical college or a comparable qualification from a foreign university in one of the following courses of study or subjects: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Urban and Regional Planning, Civil Engineering, Geography, Urban and Architectural Sociology, Environmental Science, Interior Architecture or a comparable spatially-oriented science. The examination board decides on the equivalence of these courses should any doubt arise.

(2) In addition, candidates are required to achieve at least 6 points in the entrance examination with a minimum of two assessors. The points for this interview are assigned as follows:

a) the level of the previous university qualification	1 - 3 points
b) professional competence/experience	0 - 4 points
c) English language skills	0 - 4 points

A minimum of 2 points each in professional competence/experience and language skills has to be obtained.

(3) The level of previous academic qualifications is calculated as described in par. 2 letter a):

- very good	3 points
- good	2 points
- satisfactory	1 point

If these academic qualifications are based on marking schemes incomparable with the one in use at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, the examination board will determine the appropriate points to be awarded.

(4) Required English language skills, competence level B 2 GER (*Gemeinsamer Europäischer Referenzrahmen*, Common European Framework), can be attested by:

- a) Proof of native-speaker ability (admission to a university or a 1. vocational qualification earned in an English speaking country) or
- b) Proof of English language skills, competence level B 2 GER by means of one of the following internationally accepted certificates
 - TOEFL (Internet: 79; Computer: 213)
 - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, Grade C
 - IELTS, Band 6.0
 - or similar. (The decision is made by the examination committee.)

(5) The degree of competence as given in par. 2 letter b) and c) is determined in an interview lasting a maximum of 30 minutes. It serves to establish:

- a) professional competence/experience by means of the following criteria:
 - the applicant's knowledge of the history and theory of cities
 - knowledge of urban design and urban planning,
- b) language skills by means of the following criteria:
 - ability to express oneself clearly and fluently
 - active and spontaneous language production.

(6) For foreign students living in areas not covered by the German framework of legislation governing higher education (*Hochschulrahmengesetz*) and who cannot be reasonably expected to attend the entrance examination, their competence according to paragraph 5 will be evaluated according to the documentation submitted in their application.

(7) A successful entrance examination is valid for the two subsequent enrolment dates.

§ 4 Aims of the Programme

(1) The European Urban Studies programme has an international orientation. Courses and examinations are held in English.

(2) The graduate programme in European Urban Studies has the goals of educating local and international acting "curators for the urban space". This takes place through connecting spatial-scientific analysis and urban-development design educations as well as through the integrated practical component. Students of European Urban Studies acquire and/or deepen key competencies in the following areas:

- a) urban design,
- b) scientific analysis and reflection of current problems in today's urban development,
- c) management of urban design and development projects,
- d) spatial, regional and urban-development policies in Germany and Europe,
- e) basic knowledge of urban research in related disciplines,
- f) general understanding of science and scientific methods,
- g) social skills like teamwork and process-orientated work,

- h) professional techniques like text production, moderation, presentation
 - i) interdisciplinary teamwork and
 - j) intercultural communication through work and studies abroad, courses held in English, the international student body etc.
 - k) ability to discuss current controversial issues surrounding European cities by means of the active cultivation of discussions in the courses.
- (3) The competencies listed under §4 par. 2 are expected to open the door for urbanists to various alternatives for future professional development:
- a) professional activities within the context of urban development like architecture/urban design, project management, and urban planning in the wider sense;
 - b) professional activity in areas of society in which creative, social, scientific, interdisciplinary and intercultural qualifications are necessary, such as private enterprise, national and local departments of government, public institutions, the media and social organisations;
 - c) professional activity with an international orientation in areas concerned with cities in Europe and worldwide;
 - d) professional activity in scientific institutes or in further educational facilities in which teaching and research focuses on interdisciplinary and internationally orientated urban studies.

§ 5 Content of the Programme

- (1) European Urban Studies concentrates on four principal subject areas: urban design/urban planning, urban sociology, project development and spatial planning.
- (2) Interdisciplinary methods- and competence training.

§ 6 Structure of the Programme

- (1) The graduate degree programme in European Urban Studies is a research-focused course of studies integrated with practical elements. It consists of seminars, tutorials, lectures, a study project, a model project and a Master's colloquium. The study projects are interdisciplinary in nature.
- (2) The model project in the 3rd semester, which lasts at least three months, is an opportunity to gain practical experience with selected domestic and foreign project partners in academic institutions, local authorities, local planning organisations, project developers/investors, large-scale-project managers, architects and urban planners. The research results and practical experience gained are presented and discussed in the model-project forum, which takes place once a year.
- (3) The study project has an interdisciplinary orientation and is conducted in the first or second semester. It focuses on the concrete solution for a problem and is conducted interdisciplinarily, using scientific and/or planning/design approaches.
- (4) Lectures deal with one subject area in a concentrated form, providing a basic introduction, basic knowledge and an overview.

(5) Seminars serve to deepen knowledge in a particular subject area and the inductive development of interdisciplinary skills. In addition to that, they help critical reflection of specialist knowledge and to acquire verbal and written communication skills.

(6) The methods- and training exercises serve to deepen knowledge in important techniques needed in the professional life of an urbanist.

(7) The Master's colloquium provides the platform for presenting and discussing the Master's thesis/project.

§ 7 Academic Achievement and Examination Results

(1) Credits and examination results for the compulsory and compulsory elective modules are governed by the examination regulations.

(2) In accordance with the examination regulations, credits can be attained by means of oral and written examinations or assessment of written or design work during the courses.

§ 8 Completion of the Programme without the Master's Thesis

If a student finishes the programme without a final thesis, then he/she will receive a certificate detailing the credits achieved in the modules, upon request.

§ 9 Accreditation of Courses and Examination Results

Relevant coursework and examinations already taken at other universities in- or outside of Germany can be accredited in accordance with the requirements of the examination regulations. The accreditation of courses and examinations taken abroad will be dealt with as open-mindedly as possible within the bounds of comparability.

§ 10 Equality Clause

Titles used in these regulations referring to status and functions are equally valid irrespective of the use of the feminine or masculine form.

§ 11 Coming into Effect

(1) These regulations come into effect on the first day of the month following their publication in the communications of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

(2) They come into effect for the first time for students who enrol for this degree programme in winter semester 2014/2015.

Decision of the Faculty Board of 11 December 2013

Dean
Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dipl.-Des. Bernd Rudolf

The regulations are suitable for authorisation.

Dipl.-Jur. Rainer Junghanß
Legal Adviser

Authorised on 27 January 2014

President (Rector)
Dr.-Ing. Karl Beucke

Appendix 1: Degree Programme (Programme Structure) and Examination Schedule for the Master's Programme European Urban Studies

	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
Compulsory Modules 117 ECTS (CP)	<p>Urban Design/ Urban Planning S + L 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Urban Sociology S + L 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Project Development S + L 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Transfer of Methods and Expertise E + E 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Introduction to Model Projects S 3 ECTS (CP)</p>	<p>Spatial Planning S + L 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Study Project SP 21 ECTS (CP)</p>	<p>Model Project (Practical Training) MP 27 ECTS (CP)</p> <p>Model Project Forum S 6 ECTS (CP)</p>	<p>Master's Thesis: Master's Colloquium 3 ECTS (CP) Master's Thesis 27 ECTS (CP)</p>
Compulsory Elective Modules 3 ECTS (CP)	Seminar/ Lecture S/L 3 ECTS (CP)			

S - Seminar L - Lecture E - Exercise SP - Project MP – Practical Training