

Bauhaus University Weimar

Faculty of Architecture

**Study Regulations
for the postgraduate Master Programme in European Urban Studies
leading to a Master of Science degree (MSc)**

Please note: This is a translation of the German *Studienordnung* and is not legally ratified. It is offered to aid understanding only. The German *Studienordnung* serves as a legal basis.

In accordance with § 3 par. 1, together with § 34 par. 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (*Thüringer Hochschulgesetz ThürHG*) from December 21, 2006 (GVBl. page 601ff.), last amended by section 15 of the Act from March 20, 2009, and on the basis of the examination regulations for the Master Programme in European Urban Studies leading to a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) which were confirmed by the vice-chancellor, the Bauhaus University Weimar enacts the following study regulations; the faculty board of the department of architecture has adopted the study regulations on May 11, 2011. By means of the decree from July 20, 2011, the vice-chancellor of the Bauhaus University Weimar authorised these regulations.

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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 awards the degree Master of Science (MSc) on behalf of the Bauhaus University 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 optional, correspond to 120 credits (ECTS), including the 26 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 vocational qualification gained at a German university or a comparable qualification from a foreign university in one of the following courses of study or subjects: Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Town and Regional Planning, Civil Engineering, Geography, Urban and Architectural Sociology, Environmental Science or a comparable space-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 University, the examination board will determine the appropriate points to be awarded.

(4) Required English language skills, competence level B 2 GER, can be attested by:

- a) Proof of native speaker level (permission to study at a university or vocational qualification gained in an English speaking country) or
- b) Proof of English language skills, competence level B 2 GER (*Gemeinsamer Europäischer Referenzrahmen*, Common European Framework) by means of one of the following internationally accepted certificates
 - TOEFL (Internet: 79; Computer: 213)
 - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, Grade C
 - IELTS, Band 6.0or similar.

(5) The degree of competence as given in par. 2 letter b) 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 town 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 postgraduate European Urban Studies programme aims to qualify professional urbanists, i.e. experts in the field of urban development. Students of European Urban Studies acquire or improve key competencies in the following areas:

- a) urban design,
- b) management of urban building and development projects,
- c) in-depth knowledge in spatial planning, regional and urban development policy in Germany and Europe,
- d) scientific reflexion of current difficulties arising in urban development,
- e) basic knowledge of urban research in related disciplines,
- f) general understanding of science and its methods,
- g) social skills like teamwork, process-orientated working, trans-disciplinary empathy,
- 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 operating in the context of urban development like architecture/town planning, 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 skills are transferred inductively in the individual disciplines.

§ 6

Structure of the Programme

(1) The postgraduate degree programme in European Urban Studies is an academic 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, lasting at least three months, is an opportunity to gain practical experience with selected domestic and foreign project partners in academic institutions, local authorities, local authority planning departments, as well as in the offices of developers/real-estate 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 subject of the study project is the interdisciplinary solution of a specific problem, 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) Tutorials 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.

§ 7

Academic Achievement and Examination Results

(1) Credits and examination results for the compulsory and compulsory optional 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 continuous assessment of written or design coursework.

§ 8

Completion of the Programme without the Master's Thesis

If a student finishes the programme without a final paper, 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-University Weimar.

(2) They come into effect for the first time for students who enrol for this degree programme in winter semester 2011/2012.

Weimar, July 19, 2011

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

The regulations are suitable for authorisation.

Dipl.-Jur. Rainer Junghanß
Legal Adviser

Authorised on July 21, 2011

Vice-chancellor
Dr.-Ing. Karl Beucke

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

	1st Year		2nd Year				
	1st or 3rd Semester	2nd Semester	1st or 3rd Semester	4th Semester			
COMPULSORY MODULES Σ 117 CP	Urban Design/Urban Planning S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Urban Sociology S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Project Development S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Spatial Planning S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Moderation Ü 3 CP Study Project Pro 24 CP Preparation Model Project S 3 CP	Model Project Pra 30 CP	Model Project S 3 CP Urban Design/Urban Planning S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Urban Sociology S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Project Development S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Spatial Planning S + V 3 + 3 = 6 CP Moderation Ü 3 CP Study Project Pro 24 CP	Master's Colloquium K 4 CP Master's Thesis Pro 26 CP			
	Compulsory Optional Modules						
COMPULSORY OPTIONAL MODULES Σ 3 CP	Expertise Mediation Ü 3 CP		Expertise Mediation Ü 3 CP				
	V ... Lecture	S ... Seminar	Ü ... Tutorial	Pro ... Project	Pra ... Practice	K ... Colloquium	CP ... Credit Points

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Students are free to choose the order (1st or 3rd semester) and quantity (credits per semester) of lectures, seminars and tutorials, including the study project, they take. Only the model project (3 credits preparation seminar model-project in the 1st semester, 30 credits practical training in the 2nd semester, 3 credits model-project seminar in the 3rd semester) and the Master's colloquium (4 credits in the 4th semester) are fixed items in the degree programme.