Study programmes

Bachelor's and Master's in Architecture (Architecture)

The core programme content covers urban planning, spatial planning and research, urban studies and social research, conservation and archetypes of architecture, urban design, architectural theory and landscape architecture and planning.

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Bachelor's in Urbanistik (Urban Planning)

The four-semester master’s degree programme includes five subject modules: design, urban planning, spatial planning and research, urban studies and social research, landscape architecture and planning, architectural theory, and urban design. The programme is interdisciplinary in nature, combining theoretical and practical skills acquired in the course of study.

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Master's in Integrated Urban Development and Design (Master of Science)...

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Master's in ›Architektur‹ degree programmes

The Bachelor's degree in Architektur covers a variety of specialist areas split into core modules: design, construction, technical, theoretical, urban design, historical, sociological, and methodological aspects integrated into complex design in a project-oriented approach. A strong focus on design is a particular feature of architectural studies in Weimar: practical tasks and interdisciplinary experiments form the foundation for challenging and innovative ideas that students develop with the help of close supervision from professors and research staff. Excursions enhance the study programme and encourage students to examine constructed architecture. The third year of study includes a stay abroad at a partner university or an internship at a foreign company. Work on research-related topics within design work also provides preparation for our academic and research-based Master's degree programme.

In the final project (Master's thesis), students independently complete a project stemming from a design or from a theoretical and historical treatment of a particular topic. After a standard duration of six semesters, successful graduates are awarded the academic title of ‘Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.).’

Master's in ›Urbanistik‹ degree programmes

The Bachelor's and Master's in Architektur (Architecture) programmes also provide access to further academic qualifications such as a Ph.D. or doctoral degree.

Interdisciplinary degree programmes

Master MediaArchitecture, Master of Science with the international MediaArchitecture Master Studies+ programme

The four-semester consecutive Master’s degree programme provides sound advanced qualification for media-related architecture-related professions by combining both disciplines. It also serves as a base for a Ph.D. in experimental, a form of laboratory creating a platform for joint fields of research to come together and for new working areas with new research fields of expertise to emerge. The focus of the programme is the project module, which enables exemplary work on open issues across different disciplines, ideas, and forms of experimentation. Specialisations come into the form of digital planning and presentation techniques, computer graphics and architectural visualisation, architecture and media, architectural and urban theory, cultural technologies in architecture, scenography, computer-aided interdisciplinary projects, and interface design.

Joint work in interdisciplinary project groups enables learning beyond the subject areas themselves and thus promotes interdisciplinary teamwork skills. After completion and defense of the final project (Master's thesis), the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic title of ‘Master of Science (M.Sc.).’

You can also choose the integrated International MediaArchitecture Master Studies+ programme of study with a dual degree in cooperation with the University of Bath (UK).

Master's in European Urban Studies

Master of Science

In the English-language Master’s degree programme in European Urban Studies, students think in an academic context of space and cities and learn how to plan, design, and develop them. The aim of the degree programme is to train internationally focused urban researchers.

The ‘Guided Research Project in Europe’ is the programme’s unique selling point. In this project, research excursions across the world enable students to complete independent academic research in an international context.

The Master’s degree programme is typically completed in four semesters and concludes with a final academic project (Master’s thesis) and oral examination. Successful graduates are awarded the title of ‘Master of Science (M.Sc.).’

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Bachelor's in ›Urbanistik‹ (Urban Planning)

The Bachelor's degree in ›Urbanistik‹ degree programmes are designed to determine the applicant’s aptitude for the subject. It is designed to ensure that all future students have the skills and abilities required for the programme.

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Welcome to the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism

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University Town of Weimar

Despite its small size and story book charm, Weimar is not just a sleepy provincial town. Whether you are looking for art and culture, a thriving food scene, or exciting nightlife – Weimar has more to offer than just Goethe, Schiller, and the Bauhaus. All this and more can be found in Weimar's city centre, where nothing is more than a ten-minute walk away. The more than 20 museums, four cinemas, the German National Theatre, numerous concert venues, and in addition to students clubs and concert venues speak for themselves.

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Early March and early April

Bauhaus Festival (Bauhaus Days) for Bachelor and Master study programmes
The Bauhaus Festival (Bauhaus Days) offers a comprehensive programme that covers all fields of study at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. It is a great opportunity to meet current students of all study programmes on campus.

Second weekend in July

Summer Student Exhibition – Show your studies!
This is the annual exhibition at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. Our annual exhibition shows off student projects and transforms the city of Weimar into a living stage for four days. Students and their tutors present their study projects, as well as their workshops.

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In-Sight Master

Try out the Master’s programme, experience our in-sight Master-study programme and see what student and campus life are really like. Discover the topics hidden behind course titles.

Bauhaus Botschafter

Students from various disciplines provide answers to questions about their own study programmes, offer guided tours, workshops, and publish news about studying in Weimar via Facebook and blogspot.

Doctoral studies at the faculty

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar’s Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism and its three institutes have become a key location for research in architecture and urbanism. Current and past PhD projects reflect the complex and comprehensive spectrum of academic areas within the faculty of Architecture and Urbanism.

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar’s Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic titles of Doktor-Ingenieur (Dr.-Ing.), Doctor philos-opher (Dr. phil.), and Doctor philos-opher honoris causa (Dr. phil. h. c.) and Doctor philos-opher honoris causa (Dr. phil. h. c.).

In addition to its traditional doctoral degrees, students can also pursue research internships and academic qualification via the international PhD programmes in Euro- pean philos-opher (DPhil). This programme specialises in urban studies relating to urban design, urban planning, urban sociology, and landscape planning. The programme is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as part of the Graduate School Scholarship Programme, and awards scholarships.

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Institutes at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism

The faculty of Architecture and Urbanism is made up of three institutes: the Institute for European Urban Studies (IfEU), the Bauhaus Institute of History and Theory of Architecture and Planning (Bauhaus Institute), and the Bauhaus Institute for Experimental Architecture (Bauhaus-Ifex). These three represent the teaching and research specialities in the faculty. The institutes in Urbanscapes and European Urban Studies courses are based at the IfEU whilst the Integrated Urban Development and Design programme is based at Bauhaus-Ifex.

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Besides, there is an ongoing collaboration with the Ellipses Institute for Architecture, Building Construction and City Development at the Aachen University. Addis-Ababa is a collaboration funded by the German Academic Exchange Service that has been running for several years, which is devoted to researching the context of dynamic processes of change in the African continent.

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