

Programme-specific part of the Education and Examination Regulations 2019-2020

Master's degree programme in Human Geography

Graduate School of Geoscience

art. 2.1 - admission requirements of the degree programme

1. Admission to the programme Human Geography is given to a student holding a Dutch or foreign diploma confirming that he has gained the knowledge, insights and skills at university Bachelor's level. Furthermore, the student needs to prove that he has gained the following specific knowledge, understanding and skills:
 - a) knowledge in the field of Urban Geography or Economic Geography at advanced level of the major Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University, or equivalent to that level.
 - b) insight in Urban Geography or Economic Geography at advanced level of the major Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University, or equivalent to that level.
 - c) academic and research skills of the major Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University, or equivalent to that level.
 - d) control of the language or languages used in the programme.
2. Students will be selected on the basis of objective standards concerning:
 - a) previous academic performance in a relevant subject area or areas;
 - b) relevant skills;
 - c) command of the language(s) used in the programme.This information is used to consider whether the student concerned is able to complete the Master's Programme successfully within the nominal time period.
The admission requirements have been formulated clearly and transparently so that candidates are aware beforehand of the requirements they must meet in order to qualify for selection.

art. 3.1 – aim of the degree programme¹

Aim of the programme:

The mission is to foster an advanced understanding of important urban and economic issues, structures, behaviour, and the representations of these. The programme also emphasizes the application of scientific/academic knowledge (substantive, theoretical, methodological) and understanding of current socio-spatial challenges by means of individual research projects and internships. The master's programme prepares students for positions as independent, critically thinking human geographers in various fields of work.

The intended learning outcomes:

- **KNOWLEDGE**; to assist students in developing an advanced academic knowledge and understanding that provides a basis or opportunity for originality in developing and/or applying ideas, often within a research context
- **METHODOLOGY**; to teach students how to apply their knowledge and understanding, and problem solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their field of study;
- **SOCIETAL APPLICATION**; to teach students the ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, and formulate judgments with incomplete or limited information, including reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments;
- **COMMUNICATION**; to teach students how to communicate their conclusions to specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously;
- **CRITICAL ACADEMIC ATTITUDE**; to provide students with learning skills to allow them to continue to study in a manner that may be largely self-directed or autonomous.

The intended learning outcomes of the programme have been specified in the prospectus.

art. 3.6 - components of the programme

1. The required courses of the programme including the course load per course have been specified in appendix 1.
2. Upon approval of the Board of Examiners students have the possibility to select an elective course of 5 EC from other UU programmes or from other universities, see EER Art. 3.7. The elective components within the programme are listed in appendix 2.
3. In the prospectus, the contents and form of instruction of the components of the programme are described in detail, stating the prior knowledge desirable to pass the relevant component.

¹ The specific content of the re-enrollment programmes is described in E.E.R. 2018-2019.

art. 4.2 - course admission requirements

The Executive Board will decide the order in which the required components of a Master's degree programme must be completed. This will be announced in the prospectus.

art. 4.7 - evaluation of the quality of education

1. The Director of Education is responsible for monitoring the quality of education. To this end, the Director ensures that courses are evaluated as well as the curriculum. The Director takes the advice and suggestions given by the Education Committee on improving and ensuring the quality of the programme into consideration.
2. Students who have participated in the course will be informed of the results of the course evaluation.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Structure of the programme

Starting from 1 September 2018		Starting data before 1 September 2018	
Required / theoretical	23,5 EC	Required / theoretical	27,5 EC
Methods of research	6,5 EC	Methods of research	7,5 EC
Elective course	5 EC	Elective course	5 EC
MSc research/thesis	25 EC	MSc research/thesis	20 EC

Structure re-enrolment programme:

Economische Geografie

Required / theoretical	22.5 EC
Methods of research	7.5 EC
MSc research/thesis	30 EC

Geo-communicatie

Required / theoretical	30 EC
Individual project/ internship	7.5- 15 EC
MSc research/thesis	15-22,5 EC

Urban Geography

Required / theoretical	22.5 EC
Methods of research	7.5 EC
MSc research/thesis	30 EC

Compulsory components (55 EC)

GEO4-3901	Urban Futures	2,5 EC
GEO4-3902	Advanced Methods & Technics	5 EC
GEO4-3930	International Field Trip	3,5 EC
GEO4-3921	M&T Specializations	1,5 EC
GEO4-3922	Thesis & Research Internship	25 EC

	<u>Track courses Urban Geography: Neighbourhoods & Residential Dynamics</u>	
GEO4-3903	Advanced Urban Geography	7,5 EC
GEO4-3905	Residential Mobility & Segregation	5 EC
GEO4-3906	Diverse cities and Urban Inequality	5 EC
	<u>Track courses Urban Geography: Daily Life & Public Spaces</u>	
GEO4-3903	Advanced Urban Geography	7,5 EC
GEO4-3907	T3 Mobilities, Travel & Networks	5 EC
GEO4-3908	T4 Public Space & Consumption	5 EC
	<u>Track courses Economic Geography: Business & Location</u>	
GEO4-3904	Advanced Economic Geography	7,5 EC
GEO4-3909	Spatial Entrepreneurial Strategies	5 EC
GEO4-3910	Geographies of Multinationals and the City	5 EC
	<u>Track courses Economic Geography: Regional Development & Policy</u>	
GEO4-3904	Advanced Economic Geography	7,5 EC
GEO4-3911	Regions in European Policy	5 EC
GEO4-3912	Cities as Complex System	5 EC

Appendix 2: Elective courses (5 EC)

GEO4-3917 Real Estate	5 EC
GEO4-3519 Migration, Mobilities & Sustainable Futures	5 EC
GEO4-5501 Techniques of Futuring	5 EC
GEO4-3121 Urban Infrastructures	5 EC
GEO4-3919 Urban Heritage	5 EC