

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

Master's degree programme in Urban and Economic Geography Graduate School of Geoscience

The master's degree programme Human Geography and Planning offers the programme Urban and Economic Geography.

art. 2.1 - admission requirements of the degree programme

1. Admission to the research programme Human Geography and Planning 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, insights and skills:
 - a) knowledge in the field of Human Geography or Spatial Planning, at advanced level of the major Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University, or equivalent to that level.
 - b) insight in Human Geography or Spatial Planning 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 programme

Aim of the programme:

This unique master programme combines urban and economic dynamics adopting a research oriented approach at precisely the complex but intriguing crossroads of Urban and Economic Geography focused on cities and networks as facilitators of economic growth, health and social cohesion. The master programme provides students with theoretical and empirical knowledge, research and academic skills with respect to three main pillars:

- Inequality and Diversity in Urban Areas
- Economic Evolution Towards Sustainable Cities and Regions
- Healthy Urban Living

The graduate in Urban and Economic Geography is:

1. familiar with leading theories and methodologies to study urban and economic dynamics;
2. able to apply these theories and methodologies in empirical research;
3. able to report and communicate research findings according to scientific standards, resulting in scientific articles, professional publications/policy recommendations;
4. able to assess the societal relevance of scientific research findings and translate them into policy recommendations;
5. aware of academic ethics, specifically with respect to scientific research.

art. 3.6 - components of the master's programme

1. The core components of the programme and their study load are described in appendix 1.
2. Upon approval of the Board of Examiners, the student will choose 15 EC elective components.
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 or required to pass the relevant component.

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.

Appendix 1 : structure of the programme

Required / theoretical	60 EC
Elective	15 EC
MSc research/thesis	45 EC

Compulsory components

GEO4-3632	The New Science of Cities	7,5 EC
GEO4-3636	Quantitative Urban & Economic Analytics	7,5 EC
GEO4-3637	Doing Qualitative Research in Dynamic Urban Settings	7,5 EC
GEO4-3633	Urban Social Dynamics	7,5 EC
GEO4-3634	Urban Resilience	7,5 EC
GEO4-3638	Writing Competences	7,5 EC
GEO4-3635	Key Thinkers in Urban and Economic Geography	7,5 EC
GEO4-3631	Developing a Master Thesis Proposal	7,5 EC
GEO4-3625	Communication Competences	7,5 EC
GEO4-3624	Scientific Research Proposal	7,5 EC
GEO4-3639	Master Thesis: Guided Research Abroad and Scientific Publication	45 EC