

Programme-specific part of the Education and Examination Regulations 2020-2021

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

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

Art. 2.1 - Admission requirements

1. Admission to the research programme *Human Geography and Planning* is granted to students with a Dutch or foreign diploma confirming that they have acquired knowledge, insight and skills at the university Bachelor's level. Furthermore, students need to prove that they have gained the following specific knowledge, insight and skills:
 - a) knowledge in the field of *Human Geography* or *Spatial Planning* at the advanced level of the major *Human Geography and Planning* at Utrecht University (or equivalent to that level)
 - b) insight into *Human Geography* or *Spatial Planning* at the advanced level of the major *Human Geography and Planning* at Utrecht University (or equivalent to that level)
 - c) academic and research skills at the advanced level of the major *Human Geography and Planning* at Utrecht University (or equivalent to that level)
 - d) good command of the language or languages used in the programme
2. Students will be selected based on objective standards regarding:
 - a) their previous academic performance in a relevant subject area
 - b) relevant skills
 - c) their command of the language or languages used in the programmeThis information is used to consider whether the student concerned will be able to complete the Master's programme successfully within the set time period.

The admission requirements have been formulated clearly and transparently so that candidates know in advance what requirements must be met in order to qualify for selection.

Art. 3.1 – Aim of the degree 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 can be found in Appendix 1.
2. Students are to choose 15 EC elective components, which need to be approved by the Board of Examiners.
3. The prospectus describes in detail the content and form of instruction of the components of the programme, including prior knowledge that is required to participate successfully.

Art. 4.2 - Course admission requirements

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

Art. 4.7 - Evaluation of the quality of education

1. The Director of Education monitors the quality of education, and ensures that both the courses and the curriculum are evaluated. The Director takes into consideration the advice and suggestions given by the Education Committee regarding improving and ensuring the quality of the programme.
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	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's Thesis: Guided Research Abroad and Scientific Publication	45 EC