

# Programme-specific part of the Education and Examination Regulations 2023-2024

## Graduate School of Geosciences: Master's degree programme in Global Urban Transformations

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

### 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 programme
  - d) the following additional selection criteria with proven relevance for the opinion on the suitability of the candidate:
    - motivation
    - average grade

This 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 *Global Urban Transformations* is able to:

1. Evaluate how global transformations impact on local dynamics in terms of social, spatial, economic and ecological implications;
2. use theories on global urban transformations to analyse and critically reflect on contemporary issues and controversies in specific geographical contexts;
3. independently design and conduct empirical research in the interdisciplinary field of global urban transformations;
4. select and apply appropriate advanced qualitative and quantitative research methods in data collection and processing;
5. interpret data in the context of the scientific field;
6. translate scientific insights into societally relevant outcomes;
7. write a publishable academic article for an international peer reviewed journal based on their own research project;
8. communicate research findings in different formats to scientific and non-scientific audiences;
9. apply, and are aware of, scientific integrity and research ethics in projects;
10. work collaboratively and demonstrate intellectual autonomy.

### **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 may select two elective courses of 7,5 EC from other UU programmes or from other universities, but these need to be approved by the Board of Examiners (see EER Art. 3.7).
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	65 EC
Electives	15 EC
MSc research/thesis	40 EC

### Compulsory components

GEO4-3648	Introduction tot Global Urban Transformations	7,5 EC
GEO4-3640	Quantitative Methods	7.5 EC
GEO4-3641	Qualitative Methods	7.5 EC
GEO4-3633	Urban Social Dynamics	7.5 EC
GEO4-3634	Urban Resilience	7.5 EC
GEO4-3642	Politics and Governances of Global Urban Transformations	7,5 EC
GEO4-3643	Key Thinkers in in Geography and Planning	7.5 EC
GEO4-3631	Developing a Master Thesis Proposal	7.5 EC
GEO4-3644	Career Orientation	5 EC
GEO4-3639	Master's Thesis: Guided Research Abroad and Scientific Publication < cohort 2022	45 EC
GEO4-3647	Master's Thesis: Guided Research Abroad and Scientific Publication	40 EC

## Appendix 2: Transitional arrangement Urban & Economic Geography

Courses Research master Urban and Economic Geography < 2022-2023		Course Research master Global Urban Transformations> 2023-2024	
GEO4-3632	The New Science of Cities	GEO4-3642	Politics and Governances of Global Urban Transformations
GEO4-3636	Quantitative Urban & Economic Analytics	GEO4-3640	Quantitative Methods
GEO4-3637	Qualitative Research in Dynamic Urban Settings	GEO3-3641	Qualitative Methods
GEO4-3638	Writing Competences	GEO4-3645	Writing Competences - tailor made course (individual assignment)
GEO4-3635	Key Thinkers in Urban and Economic Geography	GEO4-3643	Key Thinkers in Geography and Planning
GEO4-3625	Communication Competences	GEO4-3644	Career Orientation + extra assignment of 2,5 EC
GEO4-3624	Scientific Research Proposal	GEO4-3646	Scientific Research Proposal- tailor made course (individual assignment)

