

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

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

Art. 2.1 - Admission requirements

1. Admission to the *Urban and Economic Geography* programme is granted to students with a Dutch or a foreign diploma confirming that they have acquired the knowledge, insight and skills at 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 nominal time period. The admission requirements have been formulated clearly and transparently so that candidates know in advance which requirements must be met in order to qualify for selection.

Art. 3.1 – Aim of the degree 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 are specified in the prospectus.

Art. 3.6 - Components of the programme

1. Appendix 1 describes the required courses of the programme, including their course load

2. Students may select an elective course of 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). The elective components within the programme are listed in Appendix 2.
3. The prospectus gives a detailed description of the content and the 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.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Structure of the programme

Starting from 1 September 2023		Starting date before 1 September 2021	
Required/theoretical	22.5 EC	Required/theoretical	23.5 EC
Methods of research	7.5 EC	Methods of research	6.5 EC
Elective course	5 EC	Elective course	5 EC
MSc research/thesis	25 EC	MSc research/thesis	25 EC

Compulsory components (55 EC)

GEO4-3901	Urban Futures	1.5 EC
GEO4-3902	Advanced Methods & Techniques	6 EC
GEO4-3930	International Field Trip	3.5 EC
GEO4-3921	M&T Specialisations	1.5 EC
GEO4-3922	Thesis & Research Internship	25 EC

	<u>Specialization Urban Geography:</u>	
GEO4-3903	Advanced Urban Geography	7.5 EC
GEO4-3906	Diverse Cities and Urban Inequality	5 EC
GEO4-3907	Mobilities, Travel & Networks	5 EC
GEO4-3908	Public Space & Consumption	5 EC
	<u>Specialization Economic Geography</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
GEO4-3923	Geography of Innovation	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
GEO4-3316 Neighbourhoods and Crime	5 EC
GEO4-3924 Cultures of Sustainability in Global Perspective	5 EC