

Study Plan for the Master of Arts in Critical Urbanisms

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Basel

This is a non-binding translation of the “Studienplan für den spezialisierten Masterstudiengang Critical Urbanisms” of 20 October 2016, approved by the Rectorate on 14 December 2016.

Start of Study Program

The start of the study program is possible in the fall semester only.

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the specialized master in Critical Urbanisms requires proof of one of the following four:

1.

a) A Bachelor degree in one of the following subjects:

- Anthropology
- Geography
- History
- Gender Studies
- Social Sciences
- Cultural Anthropology
- Art History
- Political Science
- Sociology

1. Or proof of equivalent studies at higher education institution approved by the University of Basel, or

b) Equivalent studies in a degree subject, which are equivalent in size and requirements to a subject of the University of Basel, completed at an institution of higher education approved by the University of Basel in one of the following subjects

- African Studies
- Theory of Science and History of Science

2.

A Bachelor in Architecture from an institution of a higher learning with a grade average of at least 5.0 (figure not rounded, and according to the Swiss grading system of 1-6, 6-max/4-pass) in architectural design, and completion of at least one urban design or urban planning project. In the case of a degree from a polytechnic or institution of higher learning other than a university, we require in any case an overall average of at least 5.0.

3.

a) A Bachelor degree of the University of Basel in the following subject, provided that 15 credit points were attained in the field of urban studies:

- Classics and Studies of the ancient world (and BA)
- East European Studies (and BA)
- German Studies
- English
- French
- Spanish
- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
- Italian
- Jewish Studies
- Media Studies
- Musicology
- Scandinavian Studies
- East European Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Law
- Theology
- or proof of equivalent studies in a degree subject, which are equivalent in size and requirements to a subject of the of the University of Basel, completed at an institution of higher learning approved by the University of Basel, with 15 credit points attained in urban studies

b) Proof of equivalent studies in a degree subject, which are equivalent in size and requirements to a subject of the of the University of Basel, completed at an institution of higher learning approved by the University of Basel in one of the following subjects, provided that 15 credit points were attained in the field of urban studies:

- Ancient Middle Eastern Studies
- Educational Sciences
- South Asian Studies
- Modern Greek
- East Asian Studies
- Theatre, Dance and Film Studies
- Comparative Literature
- Central Asian Studies

4.

A Bachelor degree in Urban Planning/Urbanism from an institution of higher learning approved by the University of Basel.

Language Skills

Teaching will be primarily in English

Program Structure:

Completing the study program, CP	Modules	Eligible Course Formats ¹
3 CP	Critical Urbanisms: Introduction	All
25 CP 20 CP from two studios 5 CP seminar paper	Interdisciplinary Research Practice	Studio Seminar Paper
15 CP , including 5 CP seminar paper, if not submitted for the module „Projects and Processes of Urbanization“	Urbanisms from the South	All
17 CP , including 5 CP seminar paper, if not submitted for the module „Urbanisms from the South“	Projects and Processes of Urbanization	All
20 CP	Elective courses	
10 CP	Master's exams	
30 CP	Master's thesis	
120 CP	Master of Arts Critical Urbanisms	

1) According to §11 of the Ordnung der Philosophisch-Historischen Fakultät der Universität Basel für das Masterstudium

Semester Abroad

The second semester is meant to take place at the University of Cape Town (South Africa) in cooperation with the African Centre for Cities. See Study Guidelines for more information.

Master's Thesis

The Master's thesis should engage with an independently developed theme from the two modules "Interdisciplinary Research Practice" and "Urbanisms from the South" and should address interdisciplinary aspects. The Master's thesis is written in English, German, or French in agreement with the advisors.

Master's Exams

Two exams with two different examiners will be held. The first exam covers the Master's thesis as well as one specialized field agreed upon with the examiner. For the second exam two further specialized fields are agreed upon with the examiner. The exams take place in English, German, or French.

Appropriate Teaching Commission

Department of Social Sciences

Effect

The Study Plan will go into effect from 1 August 2017