

# Study Plan for the Master of Arts in Critical Urbanisms

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BASEL

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This is a legally non-binding translation of the “Studienplan für den spezialisierten Masterstudiengang Critical Urbanisms”. The German version was approved by the Rectorate on 14 January 2020.

## *Start of Study Program (§ 5)*

It is possible to start the study program in the spring or fall semester. A start in the spring semester may lead to a longer period of study.

## *Admissions Criteria (§3)*

Students holding a Bachelor diploma in one of the following fields from an institution of higher learning approved by the University of Basel will be admitted to the Master in Critical Urbanisms without additional requirements:

- Architecture, Interior Architecture
- Humanities
- Art and Design
- Law
- Social Sciences
- Urbanism, Urban Planning, Spatial Planning
- Economics

provided that they obtained 15 Credit Points in the field of Urban Studies and have submitted a written paper, approved by said institution of higher learning in compliance with the standards regarding substance and methodology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Basel.

## *Language requirements (§ 8)*

Teaching will be primarily in English.

Program Structure:

<b>Completion of the study program, CP</b>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>Eligible Course Formats</b>
3 CP	Introduction to Critical Urbanisms	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
12 CP	Ways of Knowing the City	All according to Master-Ordnung § 7Abs.4 and 5
15 CP of one of the three modules, including -5 CP seminar paper	Urbanism from the South	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
	Urbanism across Geographies	
	Anthropological Fieldwork	
15 CP, including -10 CP studio -5 CP seminar paper	Interdisciplinary Urban Research	Studio Seminar Paper
15 CP including -5 CP seminar paper	The Urban across Disciplines	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
10 CP	Master's examination	
30 CP	Master's thesis	
20 CP	Free Electives	
120 CP	Master of Arts	

*Master's Thesis*

The Master's thesis should engage with an independently developed theme from one of the following modules: "Interdisciplinary Research Practice", "Urbanism from the South", "Urbanism across Geographies" or "Anthropological Fieldwork" and should address interdisciplinary aspects. The Master's thesis will be written in English, German, or French in agreement with the advisors.

*Master's Exams*

The student will take two exams with two different examiners. For each exam, the student develops two different specialized topics in consultation with the examiner, derived from the

modules “Interdisciplinary Research Practice”, “Urbanisms from the South”, “Urbanism across Geographies” or “Anthropological Fieldwork”, “Ways of Knowing the City” and the “Urban across Disciplines.” In agreement with the examiner, the exam will take place in either English, German, or French.

The teaching committee responsible for overseeing the exams is the Department of Social Sciences.

#### *Transitional Provision*

This study plan is valid for students beginning their studies on 1 August 2020 or later. Students who have started the master’s program prior to that date can complete their studies according to the old study plan for the master’s program Critical Urbanisms of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Basel dated 28 February 2019 until 31 July 2022. Students planning to complete their studies later will change into the new master’s program.

#### *Validity*

The Study Plan will go into effect on 1 August 2020. On the same date the study plan of 28 February 2019 will be suspended.