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Master's degree



European Urban Studies (EUS)

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar • Weimar



Overview

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| Degree | Master of Science |
| In cooperation with | Different partner universities, among others: Universitatea de Arhitectură și Urbanism Ion Mincu, Bucharest, Romania / University of Lisbon, Portugal / Ecole d'Urbanisme de Paris, France / Centre Marc Bloch Berlin, Germany / Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain / IRS Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner-Berlin, Germany |
| Teaching language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">English |
| Languages | Courses are held in English. |
| Mode of study | Less than 50% online |
| Programme duration | 4 semesters |
| Beginning | Winter semester |
| Application deadline | <p>Non-EU applicants must apply by 15 May. Non-EU applicants submit their applications to: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/.</p> <p>Applicants from EU countries must apply by 25 June. Applicants from EU countries submit their applications to: https://weimar.gomovein.com.</p> |
| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Combined Master's degree / PhD programme | No |
| Joint degree / double degree programme | No |
| Description/content | The "European Urban Studies" Master's programme (EUS) addresses current challenges of cities in the context of a globalised world. The EUS programme pays special attention to questions of social cohesion, urban housing, cultural diversity, sustainable planning and mobility. The programme works with an understanding of urban studies that combines competences from the disciplines of |

urban planning, urban sociology, urban design, landscape and spatial planning. It provides a transdisciplinary and comprehensive approach for studying the development of cities in Europe and worldwide.

The Master's programme is aiming at educating researchers in the field of urban studies. It will provide knowledge and academic skills to analyse, research and plan, particularly for students who want to start a professional career in urban planning, research and academic institutions and the wider field of civil society. The teaching programme intends to prepare for self-organised research projects and thereby for further studies (PhD) as well.

The interaction of the different subject areas outlined below allows for a differentiated examination of various issues:

- European Cities
- Urban and Landscape Planning
- Urban Sociology
- Research Methods and Research Design

Study brochure: <https://www.uni-weimar.de/de/architektur-und-urbanistik/institute/ifeu/studium/european-urban-studies-msc/>

Course Details

Course organisation

The two-year Master's programme in European Urban Studies offers an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective on urban research. The academic education is focused on research on urban problems in contemporary cities in Europe, research strategies and methods, an intellectual framing on the international discourses in urban studies and the development of a European perspective on urban issues.

The programme consists of:

- compulsory courses on European cities (12 ECTS)
- compulsory courses in Urban and Landscape Planning (12 ECTS)
- compulsory courses in Urban Sociology (6 ECTS)
- two compulsory research methodology courses (6 ECTS)
- a comparative study project with an integrated research training in cooperation with a European partner university (12 ECTS)
- a language course in a European Language (not English) (3 ECTS)
- elective courses (9 ECTS)
- a research project abroad or in Germany supported by project supervision (30 ECTS)
- the thesis (30 ECTS)

The main instructional forms are seminars, lectures, a study project and a research project. Central to the study programme is the research project in Europe. The topic of the project is developed by the student himself/herself during the first two semesters. It will be carried out under the guidance of the professors in the appropriate area of studies during the third semester at a partner university or research institute abroad. The research project will be accompanied by a virtual project supervision seminar. The semester abroad offers very good opportunities to conduct research in a new environment and to build international networks. The result of the research project will be presented in a colloquium and in the form of a research article. Furthermore, the results of the case study can contribute to the Master's thesis and later on also serve as a preparation for a PhD.

The curriculum of the first two semesters is a combination of thematic and theoretically oriented seminars and lectures, a language course, a research training and a study project, which altogether will prepare students gradually for the research project in the third semester and the writing of the Master's thesis in the fourth semester. Modules such as European Cities, Urban Sociology and Urban and Landscape Planning will make students familiar with different theoretical and thematic points of view and enable them to develop their individual interests in the field of urban studies. In two seminars, special attention will be paid to research methodology, strategies and design culminating in an individual research exposé with a time schedule. The preparation of the research proposal will be also supported by the study project in the second semester. This comparative project with an integrated research training will be conducted in cooperation with a European

partner university. Within the study project, an exemplary research process will be carried out. Students will learn how to plan, organise and carry out a research project, ranging from the development of a research question to the documentation and presentation of a research project. Possible exchange formats with the partner university are block seminars, online courses, guest lectures or excursions.

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| A Diploma supplement will be issued | Yes |
| International elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study trips • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages • Language training provided • Courses are led with foreign partners • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • Content-related regional focus |
| Course-specific, integrated German language courses | No |
| Course-specific, integrated English language courses | No |

Online learning

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| Pace of course | Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams) |
| Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme) | Yes, compulsory |
| Types of online learning elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online sessions • Online study material provided by institution • Other |

Costs / Funding

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| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Semester contribution | Enrolment fees amount to approx. 200 EUR per semester. This is a contribution to student services and the student council. It includes free regional transport by buses in Weimar, Erfurt, Jena and Gera as well as by regional trains in Thuringia, student discounts for meals at the university cafeteria and for theatre and museum tickets, access to the university sports complex and buildings. The additional fee for the "Thoska" student ID is 20 EUR (a one-time only fee). |
| Costs of living | In Weimar, living expenses tend to be lower than in larger German cities. We recommend for students to budget about 861 EUR per month: |

- Health insurance approx. 100 EUR
- Books and stationery approx. 70 EUR
- Rent approx. 291 EUR
- Meals approx. 200 EUR
- Other expenses approx. 200 EUR

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

There are scholarships granted by the university as an institution. Additionally, the International Office grants scholarships that support international students and students going abroad for studies or internships.
<https://www.uni-weimar.de/en/university/studies/financing-your-studies/financing-opportunities/>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Students must have obtained a university degree (or similar) from a German or an international university with at least 180 CP in the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning / regional planning, urban design, geography, urban sociology, political, social and cultural sciences, European studies and all related disciplines. Additionally, students must pass a selection procedure.
 Official certified copies and a certified English translation of all degree certificates must be submitted with the application.

Language requirements

Applicants for the "European Urban Studies" Master's degree programme must have an advanced level of English language skills.
 Proof of very good English language skills (minimum level B2 according to CEFR) is compulsory, e.g. TOEFL (Internet-based minimum 80 points), IELTS (minimum score 6.0), Cambridge Certificate (First Certificate FCE, grade C). Exceptions are possible.

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Submit application to

Application only online:
 For EU applicants (incl. Switzerland):
<https://weimar.gomovein.com>

For non-EU applicants:
<https://www.uni-assist.de/en/>

For the application via uni-assist an application fee applies.

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

A part-time job can be a good way to finance your studies. There are opportunities for students who are looking for teaching and research assistantships at the university or part-time jobs with local companies. Be sure to check the [job openings](#). Jobs are offered on the "Pinnwand" message board,

on the job portal operated by the [Career Service](#) and by the "Studierendenwerk Thüringen" Student Service.

Weimar is a small town with few jobs for students. Although basic English is spoken nearly everywhere, as the historic city of Weimar attracts many visitors from all over the world, you have to speak German very well to have a chance to find a job.

International students are only permitted to work in Germany with a work permit.

Accommodation

You can find accommodation in Weimar through Thuringia's student services ("Studierendenwerk Thüringen"). More than 1,000 apartments in the city are administered by Thuringia's student services. These residences are at various locations, and they cater to different needs and preferences. Costs for accommodation range between 250 and 350 EUR per month depending on size and location. The university itself does not provide accommodation.

Further information: <https://www.stw-thueringen.de/en/housing/residential-homes.html>
Online application: <https://www.stw-thueringen.de/en/housing/application/online-application.html>

Typically, between two and up to five students share an apartment. Students have their own bedrooms and share a kitchen and a bathroom. Most rooms are furnished (bed, desk, chair, cupboard, shelf), but kitchenware and appliances are not included. Mentors for international students provide assistance in settling in during the first couple of days and also organise events.

Students advertise private and shared flats on the message board ("Pinnwand") on the university website: <https://www.uni-weimar.de/de/universitaet/aktuell/pinnwaende/bereich/wohnen/>.

Career advisory service

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Career Service supports students both during and after their studies. The Career Service offers individual [career consultation](#), [workshops](#) and [seminars](#) on entering the workforce or starting a new career.

<https://www.uni-weimar.de/en/university/studies/careers-service/>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Visa matters
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

More support programmes of "Studierendenwerk Thüringen":

- student services
- counselling students and offering advice on studying
- psychosocial care and legal counselling service
- service for students with special needs
- service for students with children

<https://www.stw-thueringen.de/en/counselling/>

Our Partners



———— Bauhaus-Universität Weimar ————



Institute for European Urban Studies (IfEU)

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Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is a small and very international university with a highly distinctive spectrum of subjects. Situated in the historic city of Weimar, Germany, it originated from two progressive institutions: The "Weimar Saxon-Grand Ducal Art School" and the "Staatliches Bauhaus".

Different personalities from various countries have shaped the institution and developed ideas known and respected worldwide. At Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, we continue to follow a unique path that offers unparalleled opportunities by combining science and technology with art and design.

We see our university as a "Bauhaus of the 21st century" – open, experimental, innovative in the technical as well as in the aesthetic sense, and free from any imitation of the past. The university's main fields of study and research are architecture, civil engineering, art and design as well as media.

We offer an ideal space for creative academic and artistic work, supported by laboratories, workshops, studios, libraries, online teaching facilities and a favourable student-teacher ratio. Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is connected worldwide due to a large network of partners, which our students benefit from through programmes such as study abroad periods as well as international projects and excursions. Among more than 200 international partners are universities and schools in Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Romania, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, and the USA.

Here are some important facts from the history of the university: In 1919, Walter Gropius created the "Staatliches Bauhaus" in Weimar. Four years later, he called for the search for the "new unity of art and engineering". That meant combining the vanguard of art and design with modern industry. With this approach, the Bauhaus became the most famous school of architecture, art, and design in the 20th century.

Our university flourishes through its experimental environment, familiar atmosphere and especially through the people, who study, research and work here at the university. The best way is to experience this special atmosphere yourself. Join our "Welcome to Weimar" online crash course or visit us, for example, at the annual Bauhaus Summer School and learn about what lies behind the following numbers:

Four faculties – Architecture and Urbanism, Civil Engineering, Art and Design, Media
 47 degree programmes
 Approx. 4,100 students including doctoral students
 Approx. 27% international students
 84 professors
 More than 200 partner universities and more than 500 student exchanges

<https://www.uni-weimar.de/en/university/international/to-weimar/fulltime-students/preparing-your-studies/>



The historic city of Weimar is a cosy town that has had a profound influence on Europe. This becomes most evident in architecture, art and design, music, and literature.

Weimar is situated right in the middle of Thuringia, the "green heart of Germany", and it is about 300 km from both the German capital, Berlin, and the German financial centre, Frankfurt am Main. Today, Weimar is a lively town with about 65,000 inhabitants and a town centre where you can reach everything within 15 minutes. The green areas of the town, such as the park on the river Ilm, include many sights, e.g. Goethe's summer house and the palaces of Tiefurt, Ettersburg, and Belvedere. Among many others, the famous German writers Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Friedrich Schiller walked in the park along the River Ilm. The famous pianist and composer Franz Liszt stimulated modern music, and the architects Walter Gropius and Henry van de Velde initiated modernism.

Weimar has much to offer for art lovers and culture lovers, revellers, lovers of nature, and gourmets. There are more than 20 museums, three cinemas, a national theatre and various cabaret theatres, student clubs, concerts, and multifaceted cultural events such as the traditional folk event and the "Zwiebelmarkt", not to mention Thuringian delicacies like "Rostbratwurst" (sausage), "Rostbrätel" (marinated grilled meat), and "Thüringer Klöße" (dumplings). During the summer, Weimar hosts the annual Bauhaus Summer School, Yiddish Summer Weimar (featuring klezmer music), and several art festivals. Other highlights include the "backup" film festival and Master classes at the "Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt". In the "International Student Barometer" survey, 95.4 percent of international students commend the exceptional quality of life in the city of Weimar. We hope to welcome you to Weimar soon!

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