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# Master's degree

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## Spatial Planning for Regions in Growing Economies (SPRING)

TU Dortmund University • Dortmund



## Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Regional Development Planning and Management
In cooperation with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana</li><li>• Ardhi University (ARU), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</li><li>• University of the Philippines (UP), Manila, Philippines</li><li>• Universidad Austral de Chile (UACH), Valdivia, Chile</li><li>• Universidade Federal do ABC (UFABC), São Paulo, Brazil</li></ul>
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	<p>All courses are taught in English (100%). Participants have to write all assignments, reports and their Master's theses in English.</p> <p>(At UACH [Chile], the language of instruction is Spanish.)</p>
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1 October</b> including the DAAD scholarship application for intake in the following year</li><li>• <b>1 May</b> for intake in the same year for<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ students with their own funds or confirmed scholarships</li><li>◦ German or European applicants</li></ul></li></ul>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TU Dortmund: no tuition fees, but charges a service fee of 550 EUR</li><li>• Universidade Federal do ABC: no tuition fees</li><li>• Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology: 3,355 EUR</li><li>• Ardhi University: 3,150 USD</li><li>• University of the Philippines: 1,622 EUR</li><li>• Universidad Austral de Chile: no tuition fees, but charges a service fee of 2,105 EUR</li></ul>

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>SPRING combines intensive training in development theories and strategies, planning concepts and methods, and implementation and monitoring tools with practice-oriented field studies aimed at elaborating regional development plans and programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The programme focuses on the specific cultural and socio-economic contexts in the developing world. SPRING places its emphasis on development management at the level between macro-regional and community-based planning.</p> <p>Development planning is seen as a problem-oriented management tool with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to identify development problems, trends, resources, constraints and potentials</li> <li>• to formulate development objectives, policies and strategies</li> <li>• to design plans and programmes</li> <li>• to assess environmental impacts of plans and programmes</li> <li>• to organise target group participation and decision making processes</li> <li>• to apply instruments for programme implementation and management</li> <li>• to evaluate and monitor plans and programmes</li> </ul>

## Course Details

Course organisation	<p>The SPRING programme is composed of 10 modules (see below) that comprise lectures, seminars, exercises, workshops, and field trips. The course structure of the first year, which is offered at TU Dortmund University, follows three phases (analysis, planning, implementation), simulating an ideal planning cycle. Each phase converges into a one-week workshop which integrates the various subjects. The second year, which takes place at the partnering universities, offers applied field research, project and thesis work. The submission of a Master's thesis is a compulsory component of the final examination.</p> <p>First year</p> <p>Module 1 Planning Approaches and Key Skills for Planning (8 CP)  Module 2 Workshop - Planning Practice (12 CP)  Module 3 Planning in Developing Countries and Physical Infrastructure (20 CP)  Module 4 Planning Tools (6 CP)  Module 5 Concepts and Theories for Planning (7 CP)  Module 6 Socio-Economic Development Planning (7 CP)</p> <p>Second year</p> <p>Module 7 Planning and Research Methods (8 CP)  Module 8a) Policy Planning and Implementation in Ghana (9 CP)  Module 8b) Policy Planning and Implementation in the Philippines (9 CP)  Module 8c) Urban Planning and Management in Tanzania (9 CP)  Module 8d) Planning, governance and public policies for sustainability in Brazil (9 CP)  Module 8e) Policy Planning and Implementation in Chile (9 CP)  Module 9 Development Planning Workshop (18 CP)  Module 10 Master's thesis (24 CP)</p> <p><a href="#">» PDF Download</a></p>
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes

### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners

- Content-related regional focus

<b>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</b>	SPRING is a two-year programme. The first year is offered at the TU Dortmund University. Students have the option to study at one of the five partnering universities either in Ghana, Tanzania, the Philippines, Chile or Brazil during the second year of their studies.
<b>Special promotion / funding of the programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAAD development-related postgraduate course</li> </ul>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

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<b>Semester contribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TU Dortmund: 345 EUR per semester, incl. a semester ticket for public transport in North Rhine-Westphalia</li> <li>• Universidade Federal do ABC: no semester contribution</li> <li>• Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology: 1,263 EUR (admission charges)</li> <li>• Ardhi University: 95 USD (registration/examination)</li> <li>• University of the Philippines: 1,010 EUR (registration/examination)</li> <li>• Universidad Austral de Chile: 184 EUR (matriculation)</li> </ul>
<b>Costs of living</b>	<p>Germany: approx. 950 EUR per month          Brazil: approx. 1,135 EUR per month          Ghana: approx. 650 EUR per month          Tanzania: approx. 790 EUR per month          Philippines: approx. 935 EUR per month          Chile: approx. 730 EUR per month</p>
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree or its equivalent with significantly above-average grades in either spatial planning, regional planning, urban planning, or a discipline with a planning-relevant focus</li> </ul>
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- professional experience in a planning-related field
- a strong commitment to further work in regional development planning is desirable

<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>High proficiency in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL (TOEFL iBT: minimum score of 95): Please have your TOEFL certificate sent to the following institutional code: 8523.</li> <li>• IELTS (6.5)</li> </ul>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 October</b> including the DAAD scholarship application for intake in the following year</li> <li>• <b>1 May</b> for intake in the same year for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ students with their own funds or confirmed scholarships</li> <li>◦ German or European applicants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Submit application to</b>	<p>TU Dortmund University  Department of Spatial Planning - SPRING  August-Schmidt-Straße 6  44227 Dortmund  Germany</p> <p>Further information about the application can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	Part-time employment is not possible because the SPRING programme is a full-time study programme.
<b>Accommodation</b>	At all SPRING universities (except for Brazil and Chile), accommodation in student hostels on campus is organised by SPRING for all participants who have formally expressed their desire to stay in these facilities. This is organised well in advance in order to provide students with an affordable place to stay the very moment they arrive in Dortmund, Kumasi, Dar es Salaam, and Manila. Rent for a single room in a student residence is approx. 50–340 EUR per month, depending on the country. The universities in São Paulo and Valdivia provide special support to find accommodation via the private housing market.
<b>Support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome event</li> <li>• Tutors</li> <li>• Accompanying programme</li> <li>• Cultural and linguistic preparation</li> <li>• Visa matters</li> </ul>
<b>General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	Additional extra-curricular trainings, seminars, online seminars, and events are organised on a regular basis.



## Master SPRING at TU Dortmund University

The video highlights the structure, content and the particularities of the Master's Programme SPRING. Voices from lecturers and students underscore the learning objectives as well as the multi-national and interdisciplinary context of SPRING.

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# TU Dortmund University

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View of the Math Tower

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A university with a unique profile: Since its founding in 1968, TU Dortmund University has developed a special profile encompassing 17 departments ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and cultural studies. The university has more than 32,000 students and 6,800 employees, including 300 professors.

TU Dortmund University has a strong focus on research. The university's departments, e.g. mechanical engineering (with its emphasis on production and logistics), physics, biochemical and chemical engineering, statistics and computer science, and education research, are well known for their outstanding research achievements both nationally and internationally.

Students at TU Dortmund University can choose from classical subjects and innovative courses of study such as medical physics or degree programmes in spatial planning, statistics, and journalism. A particular focus is on teacher training. TU Dortmund University is one of only a few universities in Germany that offers professional teaching qualifications for all types of schools.

## University location

With around 6,800 employees, TU Dortmund University is one of Dortmund's largest employers and has helped drive the transformation of the city and the Ruhr region from Europe's largest coal mining and steel production area into a high-tech and service location as well as a cultural metropolis.

Dortmund is located in the heart of Europe. It is the largest city in the Ruhr region and is home to the Borussia Dortmund (BVB) soccer club. All of this contributes to the many advantages that will make studying in Dortmund an unforgettable experience. Apart from destinations for football fans, there are many other places of interest to discover in Dortmund and the Ruhr region.

Of particular importance for the development of the region is the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr), in which TU Dortmund University, the University of Duisburg-Essen, and Ruhr University Bochum joined forces more than a decade ago. Since the founding of the UA Ruhr, the Ruhr area has developed into one of the strongest science regions in Germany.

## Contact

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 [https://www.instagram.com/spring\\_tu.dortmund/](https://www.instagram.com/spring_tu.dortmund/)

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