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# Master's degree



## Urban Agglomerations (MSc)

Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences • Frankfurt am Main

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc)
In cooperation with	International partner universities in Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, India, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Poland, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey More cooperation agreements are currently under negotiation.
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	100% English
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 April for applicants with degrees from foreign countries 15 September for applicants with German degrees
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	3,000 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	The study programme is subject to tuition fees. Application fee: 100 EUR for each application Tuition fee: 12,000 EUR tuition fee for the whole study programme (payment in two or four instalments is possible) + administration fee for each semester  For more details, see: <a href="http://www.frankfurt-university.de/urban-agglo">www.frankfurt-university.de/urban-agglo</a>
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Master's programme in "Urban Agglomerations", focusing on relevant practices of sustainable urban development in Germany in an international perspective, leads to the international academic degree Master of Science (MSc). The overall concept of the programme aims to approach and solve complex urban problems

through work in interdisciplinary teams and to prepare decision-makers for their future tasks in both developed and developing countries.

Students spend the first two semesters in Frankfurt. The third semester is an international exchange semester at one of the more than 20 cooperating partner universities. In the fourth semester, students return to Frankfurt to write their Master's theses.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

Students spend the first and second semesters at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences in Germany. The third semester is an international exchange course at one of the more than 20 international partner universities. In the fourth semester, students return to Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences to write their Master's theses.

"Urban Agglomerations" is a two-year, full-time course, with twelve modules plus a final module for the Master's thesis. The credits range from 5 to 30 credits per module, with 30 credits for the Master's thesis. The programme has a total of 120 ECTS credits.

First semester in Frankfurt:

Module M1: Urban Development and Sustainable Cities

Module M2: Mobility in Cities

Module M3: Social and Cultural Challenges of Cities

Module M4: Land Management and Land Use Planning

Module M5: Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

First and second semester in Frankfurt:

Module M6: Scientific Methods and Academic Skills

Module M7.1: Deutsche Sprache und Kommunikation (A1 level)

Module M7.2: Deutsche Sprache und Kommunikation (A2-B1 level)

Second semester in Frankfurt:

Module M8: Urban Infrastructure: Water and Sewage

Module M9: Urban Infrastructure: Waste and Energy

Module M10: Green and Public Spaces

Module M11: Interdisciplinary Project

Third semester at an international partner university:

Module M12: International Exchange Course

Fourth semester in Frankfurt:

Module M13: Master's thesis with colloquium

**A Diploma supplement will be issued**

Yes

### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Study trips
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

**Integrated study abroad unit(s)**

Mandatory stay at one of the more than 20 international partner universities during the third semester

**Course-specific, integrated German language courses**

Yes

**Course-specific, integrated English language courses**

No

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## Costs / Funding

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**Semester contribution** Administration fees are currently approx. 385 EUR per semester. They also cover public transportation in the greater Frankfurt area.

**Costs of living** Approx. 1,000 EUR, depending on accommodation costs and lifestyle

**Funding opportunities within the university** No

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## Requirements / Registration

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**Academic admission requirements** The programme is geared towards graduates holding a German Diploma ("Diplom"), Bachelor's, Master's or equivalent first or second academic degree in architecture, civil engineering, urban, regional, landscape or environmental planning, environmental engineering, facility management, surveying, real estate, geoinformatics, urban geography or other planning-related disciplines. Professional experience of at least one year is required, which can only be waived in the case of excellent final results in the first degree.  
The application must include:

- application form with personal data and passport-size photo
- detailed CV
- statement of personal objectives explaining the reasons for applying
- letter of recommendation written by a university professor or member of the teaching staff
- certificate of English language ability (details below)
- certificate of first degree (Bachelor's, Master's or "Diplom")
- secondary school leaving certificate
- portfolio (max. 10 pages) showing projects and experiences that are relevant for the Master's programme
- documented evidence of professional experience of at least one year
- copy of ID/passport
- statement on how the studies will be financed

**Language requirements** English competency can be proven by results from one of the following: TOEFL computer-based 213, paper-based 550, Internet-based 79, IELTS 6, Cambridge First Certificate (A). Applicants with English as their mother tongue as well as graduates from English-language study programmes are exempt.

**Application deadline** 15 April for applicants with degrees from foreign countries  
15 September for applicants with German degrees

Submit application to

Via the online form: [www.kompetenzcampus.de/en/application-urban-agglomerations](http://www.kompetenzcampus.de/en/application-urban-agglomerations)

## Services

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**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

International students are allowed to work up to 120 full days a year.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is available at state-run as well as privately run residence halls. The university website provides useful addresses.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
  - Tutors
  - Accompanying programme
  - Cultural and linguistic preparation
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MSc

The Master's programme was really challenging for me. I had the opportunity to be exposed to different professional backgrounds and to a variety of teaching approaches that concern planning sustainable cities. The unique thing about this programme is the small number of students, which allowed me to receive more personalised supervision and thus to learn more. Moreover, it is different from other courses in which all students focus on a specific city during the Master's degree programme.



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Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences offers practice-oriented study programmes of a high academic standard, opening the way to a broad range of attractive professions. Our international orientation paves the way to the global job market. We not only offer a wide range of language courses and language learning levels, but we also maintain partnerships with about 200 universities worldwide. Our students graduate with an accredited Bachelor's or Master's degree, in conformity with international standards.



## University location

With just 760,000 inhabitants, Frankfurt am Main calls itself a "small metropolis". As one of the main financial, trade and logistics centres in Europe, the city is the hub of a flourishing region in the heart of Germany, the Rhine-Main area. It has a strong multinational and multicultural character and attracts businesspeople, students and tourists alike.

It is a city of striking contrasts – historical and modern, commerce and culture, dynamism and tranquillity. Pubs and restaurants, museums and parks, an opera house and many theatres provide a rich social and cultural life.

Frankfurt has an excellent public transport system, extending to the whole urban region and even to the beautiful landscape of the nearby Taunus Hills. A large number of fascinating natural and cultural heritage sites are well worth visiting.

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