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# Master's degree



## Urban Cultures (URC)

University of Augsburg • Augsburg

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Urban Cultures
In cooperation with	University of Coimbra (UC), University of Santiago de Compostela (USC), University of El Salvador (USAL, Buenos Aires), University of São Paulo (USP)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Spanish</li><li>• Other teaching language</li></ul>
Languages	English, Spanish and Portuguese
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The application deadline (worldwide) is 1 May for the following winter semester.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The international research-based Master of Arts in Urban Cultures (URC) is addressed to students with an interest in urban cultural studies, striving to acquire transdisciplinary competencies regarding European and Latin American cities and urban regions. In addition to the study of respective urban theories and practices, the Master's curriculum concentrates on the importance of culture, creativity, and the arts for sustainable and inclusive urban planning and management, taking into consideration not only urban governance and policy measures but also the constituent role of urban imaginaries and aesthetics for urban identities and creation processes.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Aesthetics &amp; Discourses</li><li>• Urban Spaces &amp; Governance</li><li>• Urban Transformation &amp; Diversity</li></ul>

- Transatlantic Urban Cultures & Practices

For further information on compulsory and optional modules, see the course website.

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>All students start in October their first URC semester in Augsburg/Germany (Humanities), then continue in the second semester in Santiago de Compostela/Spain (Geography), and in the third semester in Coimbra/Portugal (Sociology), which is their Urban Cultural Studies.</p> <p>For the last semester there are several options, where students can decide whether they want to accomplish their Master's thesis with placement in Augsburg, Santiago de Compostela, or Coimbra (tracks one through three); or combine their thesis with a Latin American study activity in Buenos Aires or São Paulo between the third and fourth semesters (tracks four through nine).</p>
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</li> <li>• Courses are led with foreign partners</li> <li>• Content-related regional focus</li> </ul>
<b>Description of other international elements</b>	Projects with partners in Europe and Latin America, international co-teaching, translocal transfer
<b>Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</b>	Three European semesters in three historic UNESCO cities (Augsburg–Santiago de Compostela–Coimbra) with optional Latin American study activity in Buenos Aires or São Paulo
<b>Integrated internships</b>	There is an optional practical module for internships in the fourth semester (depending on track choice).
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Approx. 150 EUR per semester (including a ticket for public transport and general student services)
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

# Requirements / Registration

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## Academic admission requirements

BA Degree or higher in Geography, Literary/Cultural Studies, Sociology, Applied Linguistics, Ethnology, History, Political Science, Urbanism, Space & Urban Planning, Architecture, Design or similar

## Language requirements

English C1 and Spanish C1 or Portuguese C1 (CEFR)

## Application deadline

The application deadline (worldwide) is 1 May for the following winter semester.

## Submit application to

Please apply via the VIBS Online Application Portal: <https://vibs.uni-augsburg.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces>.

# Services

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## Accommodation

Application possibility for accommodation @Studierendenwerk Augsburg (via Online Application: <https://studierendenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/>)

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

# Contact

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.uni-augsburg.de/urban-cultures-master>

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