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# LANGUAGE AND SHORT COURSES

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# Language course/short course



## [Re]design Urban Habitats with Nature

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar • Weimar

### Overview

Course location	Weimar
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English: B1, B2, C1, C2</li></ul>
Date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>17 August - 31 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 1 May 2024)</li></ul>
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire course)	Yes, compulsory
Pace of course	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	The course price includes lunch on course days, a welcome package, an online phase, excursions and a social programme as well as the farewell and welcome events.
Target group	Students (Bachelor's from fourth semester, Master's) from disciplines related to architecture, urban studies, engineering, landscape, geography, sociology, biology, ethnography, cultural studies, environmental economics and others
Description/content	<p><b>Discover how to design multifunctional green infrastructures to help cities and citizens face climate change challenges.</b></p> <p>In this three-week intensive course (one week online, 10 days face-to-face in Weimar), you will learn more about the biological complexity of urban habitats as well as how to design multiform networks that operate ecosystematically and engage social, cultural and environmental systems. You will collaborate with your peers to plan sets of nature-based solutions that can transform our cities and reduce the impact of climate change.</p> <p>During the online week, you will connect with your professors and guest lecturers. You will have the opportunity to attend online lectures from international professionals (architects, urban planners, landscape architects, researchers in urban studies) presenting their approaches to contemporary urban challenges, and you will engage in rich debates with those experts. Bibliography and case studies will be shared and then commented upon collectively in short meetings. This will offer a clear understanding of the ecological infrastructures and the challenges faced in their implementation in different urban contexts worldwide. Key concepts like “One Health”, carbon cycle, urban ecology, nature-based solutions, and ecosystem services will be discussed in the group to share a common ground of understanding.</p>

During the 10-day workshop in Weimar, you will engage in a collaborative process that leads to a set of analyses and interventions at different scales to improve the ecological performance of a selected site. This site can be found in the neighbourhood where the workshop takes place (Thuringia), in your home town, in contexts you are familiar with, or in places the teachers are experts in (Latin America, especially Mexico).

You will learn to apply approaches of landscape urbanism to design a multiform network where forces interact and accumulate in the long term to help cities become more resilient to environmental changes. This will lead your team to consider different scales, from the power of action of each citizen to the building of performances, to public space management and maintenance, to the planning of the city and more extensive regions.

In addition to the active participation of the students, an exhibition and public presentation of the final projects will be organised.

Each team will elaborate a vision board – or any other visual support – to present the identified problems of the site, the designed ecological network and some specific elements that compose the green infrastructure. You will be able to explain your design process and argument to your proposal to your peers, professors and invited experts, and you will receive constructive feedback on your work.

## Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	No
Other degrees / qualifications awarded	Certificate of participation
Types of online learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online sessions</li></ul>
ECTS points (max.)	4
Average number of hours per week	40
Average number of participants per group/course	18

## Costs / Funding

Dates and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17 August - 31 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 1 May 2024), costs: EUR 790</li></ul>
This price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course fees</li><li>• Accompanying programme</li></ul>
Information on dates, prices	The course price includes lunch on course days, a welcome package, an online phase, excursions

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## Requirements / Registration

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Teaching language

- English

Language level of course

- English: B1, B2, C1, C2

Language requirements

English: B1, B2, C1, C2

Submit application to

<https://www.uni-weimar.de/summerschool/en/>

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## Services

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Is accommodation organised?

The organiser helps participants look for accommodation.

Meals

The course fee includes lunch in the canteen on course days. In addition, with your Bauhaus Summer School ID card, you can purchase breakfast at a reduced rate. Cafeterias serve a wide variety of meals (including vegetarian dishes, snacks, and beverages). If you prefer to cook your own meals, you can buy fresh ingredients at a number of shops in town. There are also many quaint cafés and inexpensive restaurants in Weimar. For a taste of Thuringia, we recommend buying a Thuringian bratwurst hot off the grill at the Rathausmarkt.

Is a social and leisure programme offered?

Yes

Description of social and leisure programme

The Bauhaus Summer School has organised an exciting and extensive accompanying programme for its participants. The programme offers excursions, guided tours of Weimar and its surroundings, visits to Weimar's classical sites and museums, game nights, film screenings, sports, parties, etc. Weimar itself also offers a large selection of cultural events, concerts, and theatre performances. You can plan your leisure activities as you like and experience an exciting summer with your fellow students.

Free internet access

Yes

Support in visa matters

No

Pick-up service from train station/airport

Yes

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