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Master's degree



Integrated Urban Development and Design

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar • Weimar

Overview

Degree	Master of Science
In cooperation with	IUDD study programme in "Reflective Urban Practice": international practice partners IUDD study programme in "Advanced Urbanism": international partner universities
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	Non-EU applicants apply online by 15 May via uni-assist: https://www.uni-assist.de/online/?lang=en Applicants from EU countries apply by 25 June via weimar.gomovein.com
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>With the Integrated Urban Development and Design (IUDD) Master's programme, we train students to develop abilities that will encourage them to react to transformation processes that are typical for the beginning of the 21st century. Urban landscapes of dispersed character, global markets, global challenges in environment and society, and virtual spaces are powerful actors in the construction business and postmodern lifestyles, raising new challenges for the spatial competences of planners and designers who are dedicated to larger scales and nonetheless who have a sense for detail. Our programme is committed to defining, analysing, including, and streamlining these diverse factors in the sense of Integrated Urban Development as a holistic approach and its linkages to Urban Design as physical and social quality of the built environment, covering scales between metropolitan and rural-urban contexts.</p> <p>Main objectives of the study programme</p>

Become an urban curator, a competent and reflective expert for the urban realm. Learn how to conduct research-based analysis of urban design and urban planning, and explore their impact on society through the following perspectives:

- Sustainable urban development strategies and transdisciplinary solutions
- Project development
- Parametric urban design and analysis
- Urban sociology
- Stakeholder mediation and process-oriented development
- Contextual planning
- Global interrelations and interdependencies of urban solutions

The Master's thesis is accompanied through a preparatory seminar and a Master's colloquium.

Students who successfully complete the Advanced Urbanism IUDD programme are conferred a double degree of Master of Science (MSc) from Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany) and from a partner university (until most recently: Tongji University Shanghai: the programme is currently being restructured).

Students who successfully complete the Reflective Urban Practice IUDD programme are conferred a degree of Master of Science (MSc).

Course Details

Course organisation

We have been offering our international Master's programmes since 1999. We attract an international league of dedicated students with different cultural backgrounds and multiple perspectives on cities. We expect our applicants to be committed to further development and exchange their knowledge while bringing a strong personal and professional interest into the field of urban studies in practice and theory and also applying new techniques like parametric urban design.

Applicants can apply for two different study programmes:

a) "Reflective Urban Practice" with the "Model Projects" practical module in the third semester

or

b) "Advanced Urbanism" with an academic exchange at a partner university and a double degree (currently restructured).

With its **Praxis Module** of the "Model Projects" in IUDD Master's programme in "Reflective Urban Practice", the IUDD Master's programme has been fostering the knowledge transfer to and out of the praxis at its long-standing international Model Project Partners since 1999. The practical semester (third semester) ends with the programme of the international "Model Project Forum", a yearly highlight, in which students and practice partners present and reflect the urban practice in a joint event.

With the **Study Project** (second semester), students become prepared for the praxis to cope with the complexity of urban development and design: a research-based design studio targets interdisciplinary work in an intercultural realm of urban planning and design, covering appropriate methods to cope with the comprehensiveness of integrated urban development.

The Master's programme in "Advanced Urbanism" (MSc) has been offered as a joint dual degree programme as a cooperation between Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Faculty for Architecture and Urbanism with the College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) at Tongji University in Shanghai since the year 2004. As a programme of the Master's study course in "Integrated Urban Development and Design" (IUDD), it focuses on the history, transformation, dissolution, restructuring, and reinvention of the city. With this programme, both universities rise to the functional and aesthetic challenges urban spaces face due to the global transformation processes affecting cities everywhere. The year you will spend at a selected partner university will provide you with unique experiences. As this is a dual degree programme, both the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar and the partner university will award successful graduates an independent Master's degree.

Both four-semester programmes aim to train locally and internationally active experts for the urban realm. Developing spatial competences and skills required by today's planning and design professions, comprehensive and interdisciplinary analyses of major issues in contemporary urban development are at the heart of this programme.

The Advanced Urbanism programme offers an excellent education. Students of our programme stand out.

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • Study trips • Courses are led with foreign partners • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • Content-related regional focus
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	For the Advanced Urbanism programme: During the third and fourth semesters, courses are held at a partner university (currently in phase of restructuring). Each university adapts the courses on offer according to local or nation-specific study contents.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Online learning

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"> • Discussion forums and / or groups • Online sessions • Other

Costs / Funding

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

Information about applications:
<https://www.uni-weimar.de/en/architecture-and-urbanism/institutes/bauhaus-ifex-english/iudd-programme/application-iudd/>

Language requirements

Proof of good English language skills is required (e.g., TOEFL test minimum of 79 points [Internet-based] or similar). Details will be provided upon request. Acquisition of German language skills is recommended in order to orientate oneself in the host country. However, this is not an application requirement. Proof of Chinese language skills is not obligatory upon application. Participation in a Chinese language course is obligatory during the stay at the partner university in China.

Application deadline

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Applicants from EU countries apply by 25 June via [weimar.gomovein.com](https://www.weimar.gomovein.com)

Submit application to

Applicants with high school diploma or first university degree from outside the EU apply via:
www.uni-assist.de.

Applicants with a degree from within the EU and Switzerland apply via: [weimar.gomovein.com](https://www.weimar.gomovein.com).

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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/>.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Supervision of internship and coaching in third semester

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



Main building of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

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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/>



University location

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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