

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Academic Regulations

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Please note: This is a translation of the German *Studienordnung* and is not legally ratified. It is offered to aid understanding only. The German *Studienordnung* serves as a legal basis.

In accordance with § 3 par. 1, together with § 33 par. 1 Nr. 1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz ThürHG) from 21 December 2006 (GVBl. page 601ff.), last amended by Art. 16 of the Act from 21 December 2011 (GVBl. page 531) and on the basis of the examination regulations for the Master's Programme Advanced Urbanism leading to a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) which were confirmed by the President (Rector), the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar enacts the following study regulations; the council of the Faculty of Architecture adopted the study regulations on 11 December 2013.

By means of the decree from 27 January 2014, the President (Rector) of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar authorised these regulations.

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Appendix 1: Curriculum and Examination Schedule for the Master's Programme Advanced Urbanism

§ 1 Validity

(1) The study regulations govern the aim, content and structure of the postgraduate degree programme Advanced Urbanism.

(2) The degree programme is completed by a Master's examination. On the basis of the agreement between the two universities, the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar will award a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) provided the Master's examination is successfully completed, the Tongji University Shanghai/China will award the title Master of Engineering (M.Eng.).

§ 2 Duration and Scope of Studies

(1) The postgraduate degree programme Advanced Urbanism begins in the winter semester.

(2) The courses, both compulsory and compulsory elective, correspond to 120 credits (ECTS), including the 27 credits for the Master's thesis.

(3) The degree is scheduled to take four semesters. The students complete a joint study, which takes four semesters. Two of those semesters are spent in Weimar and the other two semesters are spent in Shanghai. The last semester is devoted primarily to writing and presenting the final paper. The time spent studying at the partner university will be accredited reciprocally.

(4) Part-time studies are possible upon application to the examination board.

§ 3 Admission Requirements

(1) The admission requirements include a professional qualification earned at a German university, a comparable qualification from a public or state university or a university recognized by the state in one of the following courses of study and/or subjects: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Urban and Regional Planning, Civil Engineering, Geography, Urban and Architectural Sociology, Environmental Science, Interior Architecture or a comparable spatially-oriented science. The examination board decides on the equivalence of these courses should any doubt arise.

(2) In addition, candidates are required to achieve at least 6 points in the entrance examination with a minimum of two assessors. The points for this interview are assigned as follows:

a) the level of the previous university qualification	1 - 3 points
b) professional competence/experience	0 - 4 points
c) English language skills	0 - 4 points

A minimum of 2 points each in professional competence/experience and language skills has to be obtained.

(3) The level of previous academic qualifications is calculated as described in paragraph 2 letter a):

- very good	3 points
- good	2 points
- satisfactory	1 point

If these academic qualifications are based on marking schemes incomparable with the one in use at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, the examination board will determine the appropriate points to be awarded.

(4) Required English language skills, competence level B2 GER (*Gemeinsamer Europäischer Referenzrahmen*, Common European Framework), can be attested by:

- a) Proof of native speaker level (permission to study at a university or professional qualification earned in an English speaking country) or
- b) Proof of English language skills, competence level B2 GER by means of one of the following internationally accepted certificates
 - TOEFL (Internet: 79; Computer: 213)
 - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, Grade C
 - IELTS, Band 6.0
 - or similar. (The decision is made by the examination committee.)

(5) The degree of competence as given in paragraph 2 letter b) and c) is determined in an interview lasting a maximum of 30 minutes. It serves to establish:

- a) professional competence/experience by means of the following criteria:
 - the applicant's knowledge of the history and theory of cities
 - knowledge of urban design and urban planning
- b) language skills by means of the following criteria:
 - ability to express oneself clearly and fluently
 - active and spontaneous language production.

(6) For foreign students living in areas not covered by the German framework of legislation governing higher education (*Hochschulrahmengesetz*) and who cannot be reasonably expected to attend the entrance examination, their competence according to paragraph 5 will be evaluated according to the documentation submitted in their application.

(7) A successful entrance examination is valid for the two subsequent enrolment dates.

§ 4 Aims of the Programme

(1) The programme has an international orientation. Courses and examinations are held in English.

(2) The graduate programme Advanced Urbanism aims to qualify professional urbanists, i.e. experts in the field of urban development. Students acquire or improve key competencies in the following areas:

- a) basic knowledge of urban research in the participating discipline
- b) general understanding of methods and science
- c) scientific reflection_of current difficulties arising in urban development,
- d) deeper knowledge of Chinese urban planning and Chinese urban development_
- e) deeper knowledge of Chinese culture, society and history (geography)
- f) social skills, such as teamwork, process-orientated work, transdisciplinary empathy
- g) professional techniques like text production, moderation, presentation
- h) interdisciplinary teamwork

- i) intercultural communication through courses held in English and the international student body
- j) ability to discuss current controversial issues surrounding urban development by means of the active cultivation of discussions in the courses.

(3) The competencies listed under §4 par. 2 are expected to open the door for urbanists to various alternatives for future professional development:

- a) professional activities operating in the context of urban development like architecture/urban design, project management, and urban planning in the wider sense;
- b) professional activity in areas of society in which creative, social, scientific, interdisciplinary and intercultural qualifications are necessary, such as private enterprise, national and local departments of government, public institutions, the media and social organisations;
- c) professional activity with an international orientation in areas concerned with cities in Europe and worldwide;
- d) professional activity in scientific institutes or in further educational facilities in which teaching and research focuses on interdisciplinary and internationally orientated urban studies.
- e) doctoral degree

§ 5 Content of the Programme

(1) Advanced Urbanism concentrates on five principal subject areas: urban design/urban planning, urban sociology, project development, spatial planning and Chinese geography.

(2) Interdisciplinary methods- and competence training.

§ 6 Structure of the Programme

(1) The degree programme Advanced Urbanism is research-focused course of studies. It consists of seminars, tutorials, lectures, one study project, a design project, a language course, and a Master's colloquium. Students of the Bauhaus-Universität must take a Chinese language course at the Tongji University during their third semester, Chinese students have to take a German language intensive course (see appendix 1).

(2) The study project is interdisciplinary and is scheduled for the first or second semester. The project does not require the solution of a concrete problem. In addition, the project is interdisciplinary, employing scientific and art/design methods.

(3) The design project is concept that reflects urban development/analysis; the criteria are variable. It is scheduled for the third semester at Tongji University.

(4) Lectures present a concentrated version of a subject in context. They provide students with introductory and basic information of the subject as well as an overview of the context.

(5) Seminars serve to deepen knowledge and the inductive opening up of interdisciplinarity. In addition, they serve the critical reflection of expertise and the acquisition of oral and written communication. The country- and discipline-specific preparation for the stay in China takes place in an obligatory seminar and a geography lecture.

(6) The exercises for the methods- and competence training serve to deepen the important techniques for the professional practice of future urbanists.

(7) The language course aims to impart basic knowledge of the host country's language and intends to support the students navigate their stay abroad.

(8) The Master's colloquium provides the platform for presenting and discussing the Master's thesis and/or project.

§ 7 Academic Achievement and Examination Results

(1) Credits and examination results for the compulsory and compulsory elective modules are governed by the examination regulations.

(2) In accordance with the examination regulations, credits can be attained by means of oral and written examinations or assessment of written or design work during the courses.

§ 8 Completion of the Programme without the Master's Thesis

If a student finishes the programme without completing a final thesis, then he/she will receive a certificate detailing the credits achieved in the modules, upon request.

§ 9 Accreditation of Courses and Examination Results

Relevant coursework and examinations already taken at other universities in- or outside of Germany can be accredited in accordance with the requirements of the examination regulations. The accreditation of courses and examinations taken abroad will be dealt with as open-mindedly as possible within the bounds of comparability.

§ 10 Equality Clause

Titles used in these regulations referring to status and functions are equally valid irrespective of the use of the feminine or masculine form.

§ 11 Coming into Effect

(1) These regulations come into effect on the first day of the month following their publication in the communications of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

(2) They first come into effect for students who enrol for this degree programme in winter semester 2014/2015.

Decision of the Faculty Board of 11 December 2013

Dean
Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dipl.-Des. Bernd Rudolf

The regulations are suitable for authorisation.

Dipl.-Jur. Rainer Junghanß
Legal Adviser

Authorised on 27 January 2014

President (Rector)
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Karl Beucke

Appendix 1: Degree Programme (Programme Structure) and Examination Schedule for the Master's Programme Advanced Urbanism
(Sending Institution: Bauhaus-Universität Weimar)

	1st Semester at Bauhaus- Universität Weimar	2nd Semester at Bauhaus- Universität Weimar	3rd Semester at Tongji University, Shanghai	4th Semester at Tongji University, Shanghai
Compulsory Modules 111 ECTS (CP)	Urban Design/ Urban Planning S + L 3 +3 = 6 ECTS (CP) Urban Sociology S + L 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP) Project Development S + L 3 +3 = 6 ECTS (CP) Transfer of Methods and Expertise ⁴ E + E 3 + 3 = 6 ECTS (CP) Applied Geography of China: Preparatory Course S 3 ECTS (CP)	Spatial Planning S + L 3 +3 = 6 ECTS (CP) Study Project SP 21 ECTS (CP)	Design Project DP 12 ECTS (CP) Chinese Language Course ¹ E 3 ECTS (CP) Applied Geography of China L 3 ECTS (CP) Urban Planning ² S / L 3 ECTS (CP) Expertise Mediation: Master's Thesis Topic Discussion ³ E 3 ECTS (CP) Urban Planning: Transportation Planning ² L 3 ECTS (CP)	Master's Thesis: Master's Colloquium 3 ECTS (CP) Master's Thesis 27 ECTS (CP)

Compulsory Elective Modules 9 ECTS (CP)	Seminar/ Lecture S/L 3 ECTS (CP)		Seminar/ Lecture S/L 3 +3 = 6 ECTS (CP) ⁴ Attention: <i>International Students at CAUP are <u>required</u> to complete two courses at Tongji International School to obtain the Tongji Diploma. These courses however are not accepted as 'Compulsory Elective Modules' by the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar!</i>	
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S - Seminar L - Lecture E - Exercise SP – Study Project DP – Design Project

NOTE: The Programme has to be completed at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (BUW) Institute for European Urban Studies in the first and second semesters and at Tongji University (TJ) in Shanghai College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) in the third and fourth semesters.

Total Credit Points to be completed for successful graduation is 120 ECTS (CP).

¹ Students from BUW should take a Chinese language course in their first semester in the Tongji University.

² Students from BUW should take one course (3 ECTS (CP)) from the general field of Urban Planning and one (3 ECTS (CP)) in Transportation Planning in Shanghai.

³ Students from BUW should take two courses (6 ECTS (CP)) from the 'Transfer of Methods and Expertise' courses in Weimar and one (3 ECTS (CP), Master's thesis topic discussion) in Shanghai.

⁴ Two courses in Architecture and/or Landscape Planning and Design.