HafenCity University (HCU)
University of the Built Environment and Metropolitan Development

Study Programmes

Bachelor
Metropolitan Culture

Bachelor and Master
Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Geoinformatics, Urban Planning

Master
Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP), Urban Design

- The interdisciplinary research and teaching at HCU Hamburg encompasses every aspect of building and urban development and is highly application-oriented in design, engineering, science, liberal arts and the humanities.

- More than pure academics, HCU Hamburg acts as an open forum for public dialogue about questions of building as well as urban and spatial development.

- A focus on interdisciplinarity guides the approach to applied and theoretical research and artistic design at HCU Hamburg.

- With around 2400 students and 250 members of staff, instruction at HCU is distinguished by individual support.
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Online Study Orientation

The Online Study Orientation provides information about studying at HafenCity university and gives further information about the Bachelor study programmes: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Geoinformatics, Metropolitan Culture as well as Urban Planning.

Participation in the Online Study Orientation at www.hcu-hamburg.de/kompass is obligatory before applying at HCU Hamburg.

Application

General Application Period: June 1st till July 15th

Diverging Application Period:
for M.Sc. REAP and M.Sc. Architektur: June 1st till July 15th

An application for part-time studies is possible.
Apply online at www.ahoi.hcu-hamburg.de

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Study Programme
Urban Planning
Bachelor (B.Sc.)
Master (M.Sc.)
In cities the future emerges. Cities and urban areas are both generators of innovation and progress and hotspots of societal problems. Just as society changes continuously, cities do too. Cities are never complete. Changing structural, spatial, social, economic, ecological and legal requirements need to be taken into account in order to adapt cities and urban areas to new challenges – in a constant interplay of theory, practice and research.

The Urban Planning study programme at HCU Hamburg positions itself in this complex sphere: Through interdisciplinary exchange, we work on new solutions, visions and projects that promote sustainability and can serve to develop future-proof cities and urban areas.

A notable feature of both study programmes (Bachelor and Master) are the studio projects. These projects are the centerpiece of Urban Planning education. Together, three to twelve students develop concepts, strategies and solutions in response to current problems and questions from day-to-day planning practice. This encourages the application of acquired skills and knowledge and promotes collaborative skills.

Career opportunities for graduates

Private planning firms in the areas of Urban, Regional, Transportation, Landscape and Environmental planning or Urban Design

Public administration like local planning authorities, municipal and regional associations and regional planning authorities

Semi-public organisations such as business development and regional management agencies, state development corporations, renovation contractors, public private partnerships in city marketing, district management

Real estate industry: consulting for real estate firms, project development companies and housing cooperatives

Associations, institutions, research organisations, e.g. central municipal associations, chambers, environmental associations, citizens’ initiatives, universities and research institutes
The Bachelor Programme (B.Sc.)
A broad foundation for the cities of the future.

**Structure and teaching content**

- Basics of Urban and Spatial Planning
- Systematic orientation
- Application-oriented expertise and methodological knowledge
- Conceptual work in groups
- Interdisciplinary course offerings
- Bachelor thesis

**Possibilities after graduation**

- Master-level studies in Urban Planning at HCU Hamburg
- Other Master study programmes at HCU Hamburg (UD, REAP)
- Other Master study programmes in Germany and internationally
- Career start
- Admission into the Chamber of Architects

**Degree**

**Standard Study Period:**
6 semesters of full-time study
Application for part-time study possible

**Languages:**
German and English

**Internship:**
Mandatory during studies

**Admission Requirements:**
University Entrance Qualification

**Admission Restriction:**
Yes

**Study Start:**
Winter semester

**Application Period:**
June 1st till July 15th

**Further Information:**
www.hcu-hamburg.de/en/bachelor/urban-planning

**Study and research abroad**

- Long-standing partnerships with universities on an international level
- Numerous cooperations with universities as part of the European interchange programme ERASMUS
- Further information at: www.hcu-hamburg.de/io/
The Master Programme (M.Sc.)
Project-oriented work, research and development.

Structure and teaching content
- Consolidation of acquired basic skills
- Phrasing, analysing and solving complex tasks of Urban and Spatial planning
- Consolidated project work in small groups
- Large share of elective studies for individual prioritisation
- Interdisciplinary course offerings
- Master thesis

Possibilities after graduation
- Career start
- Doctoral studies
- Application for an urban design traineeship
- Admission into the Chamber of Architects

Degree
- Standard Study Period:
  4 semesters of full-time study
  Application for part-time study possible
- Languages:
  German and English
- Internship:
  Voluntary
- Admission Requirements:
  B.Sc. in Urban Planning or related fields
- Admission Restriction:
  Yes
- Study Start:
  Winter semester
- Application Period:
  June 1st till July 15th
- Further Information:
  www.hcu-hamburg.de/en/master/urban-planning

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