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# Architecture and Urbanism

**Architektur**

**Urbanistik**

**MediaArchitecture**

**European Urban Studies**

**Integrated Urban Development and Design**

## **Bauhaus-Universität Weimar**

Architecture and Urbanism, Civil Engineering, Art and Design, and Media – the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's four faculties give it a profile that is unique in Germany. We shape the future, transcending the boundaries of individual disciplines. The term ›Bauhaus‹ stands for openness, creativity and a drive to experiment. This self-image shines through in research, art and teaching as well as in 200 collaborations with partner universities all over the world. Its story began in 1860 as the Grand Ducal Art School.

### **Studying at the place where Bauhaus was born**

In 1919, what is now the university's Main Building was the birthplace of the Staatliches Bauhaus, the most influential design school of the 20th century. Prominent figures from a variety of disciplines and countries revolutionised education together with their students.

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar has been building on this history in its name since 1996. It is an international university, very at home in the cultural city of Weimar. Inspired by this great role model, more than 4,000 students across 40 degree programmes and courses of study use modern methods to find answers to the central questions of society, technology, science, and art and culture.

## Welcome to the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism

The faculty offers a comprehensive university education in the two fields of architecture and urban planning. The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is a space for thought and experimentation. By tackling issues relating to spatial and built environments, we establish close links between architecture and urban planning, which contributes to our particularly modern profile.

- > 2 Bachelor's degree programmes
- > 5 Master's degree programmes
- > Double degree programmes
- > Interdisciplinary degree programmes
- > 3 Junior professorships
- > 21 Professorships
- > Bridge professorships
- > 1000 Students on average
- > 70 Countries
- > 200 Doctoral students
- > 3 Institutes

We provide students with the skills and abilities needed for creative, independent design, and academic research. We also teach and strengthen planning knowledge, skills, and methods that open up numerous fields of work and activity. The faculty works closely with practical partners from planning and architectural offices, cultural institutions, and business and administration.

It is primarily based in the Van-de-Velde building, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This building houses numerous seminar and workshop spaces for the faculty's students.

## Overview of degree programmes

The ›Architektur‹ and ›Urbanistik‹ Bachelor's degree programmes provide the basis for beginning a professional career. The five Master's degree programmes that we offer differentiate between modern fields of professional activity and research.

Architectural studies focus on a research-oriented design and project-based course of study, with real design tasks and experimentation as the key building blocks. The core of practice-oriented, interdisciplinary and academic degree programmes in urban studies is planning projects and engaging in critical reflection on these projects, tackling urban planning issues through to regional, state, national, and international planning levels.

Architektur — Bachelor of Science (6 semesters, professional), Master of Science (4 semesters, official professional)

Urbanistik — Bachelor of Science (8 semesters, professional), Master of Science (2 semesters)

MediaArchitecture — Master of Science (4 semesters)

European Urban Studies — Master of Science (4 semesters)

Integrated Urban Development and Design — Master of Science (4 semesters)

### What does ›professional‹ mean?

A professional degree allows the holder to work as an architect, but not to use the protected professional title. They can take advantage of voluntary temporary membership of the Chamber of Architects.

### What does ›official professional‹ mean?

An official professional degree meets the federal ›Chamber of Architects‹ requirements for using the professional title of architect or urban planner after a subsequent period of professional practice, generally two years.

## **Study programmes Bachelor's and Master's in Architektur (Architecture)**

The cumulative Architektur degree programmes teach design-oriented practice and academic reflection. Experimental and interdisciplinary thinking and action are key elements of these programmes. The aim is to prepare students for careers in architecture, provide fundamental and specific key skills in design, promote independent planning, and encourage problem awareness via unconventional ways of thinking.

### **Bachelor's in Architektur (Architecture) Bachelor of Science**

The Bachelor's degree in Architektur covers a variety of specialist areas split into ›core modules‹: design, construction, technical, theoretical, urban design, historical, sociological, and methodological aspects incorporated into complex design in a project-oriented approach. A strong focus on design is a particular feature of architectural studies in Weimar: practical tasks and interdisciplinary experiments form the foundation for challenging and innovative ideas that students develop with the help of close supervision from professors and research staff. Excursions enhance the study programme and encourage students to examine constructed architecture. The third year of study includes a stay abroad at a partner university or an internship at home or abroad. Work on research-related topics within design work also provides preparation for our academic and research-based Master's degree programmes.

In the final project (Bachelor's thesis), students independently complete a project stemming from a design or from a theoretical academic treatment of a particular topic. After a standard duration of six semesters, successful graduates are awarded the academic title of ›Bachelor of Science‹ (B.Sc.).

### **Master's in Architektur (Architecture) Master of Science**

The four-semester Master's degree programme includes design work, lectures, seminars and a final project (Master's thesis) and is split into two sets of modules: design and project-oriented training make up 70% of the course work in the form of ›project modules‹. These consist of a current design topic and design-related accompanying classes are offered as a joint effort by multiple professorships. The second set of modules consists of classes providing advanced theoretical, historical, technical, constructive, and design knowledge. This set of modules is split into compulsory, compulsory elective, and elective modules, with a wide variety of classes to choose from.

Combined with practical professional experience (generally two years), the academic title of ›Master of Science‹ (M.Sc.) qualifies graduates to join the Chamber of Architects' list of architects and to use the professional title of ›architect‹. Graduates can establish themselves as architects anywhere in Europe.

The complex, varied training provided on the consecutive ›Architektur‹ Master's degree programme also provides access to further academic qualifications such as a Ph.D. or doctoral degree.

## **Study programmes Bachelor's and Master's in Urbanistik (Urban Planning)**

The ›Urbanistik‹ programme offers a wide variety of study options via a focus on urban and regional development: a German-taught Bachelor's degree programme, a German-taught Master's, two international Master's programmes, and an international Ph.D.

Acquiring scientifically based skills enables students to tackle buildings on various scales on municipal, regional, national, and international levels. This includes the ability to identify and assess urban design, social aspects and qualities, and to develop suitable solutions.

### **Bachelor's in Urbanistik (Urban Planning)**

#### **Bachelor of Science**

The aim of the eight-semester Bachelor's degree programme is to provide fundamental planning skills through a close connection with research.

In this project-oriented programme, a value is placed on social, planning-based, and architectural and spatial topics in order to fulfil the profile of an urban planner. In addition to a planning project, accompanying compulsory, compulsory elective, and elective modules teach the social, design-related, planning policy, environmental, economic, and technical fundamentals of urban planning. The programme has an interdisciplinary structure; students receive intensive support from professorships in Urban Planning, Spatial Planning and Research, Conservation and History of Architecture, Urban Studies and Social Research, Landscape Architecture and Planning, Architecture, and Urban Design. The fifth or sixth semester is spent abroad at a partner university, and the sixth semester is an internship or period of study abroad. In addition, a ten-week professionally oriented internship is completed in Germany before registering for the final project.

After completion and defence of the final project (Bachelor's thesis), the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic title of ›Bachelor of Science‹ (B.Sc.), which serves as an official professional qualification and enables the holder to join the Chamber of Architects as an urban planner after completing the required period of professional practice.

### **Master's in Urbanistik (Urban Planning)**

#### **Master of Science**

The German-taught Master's degree programme is research-oriented and builds on the foundations of existing skills to provide scientific ways of examining urban development, urban development policy, and spatial planning. The degree programme focusses on tackling space and cities, and how to plan, design, and develop them.

The core programme content covers urban planning, spatial planning and research, urban studies and social research, conservation and history of architecture, urban design, architectural theory, and landscape architecture and planning.

After completing the final project (Master's thesis) and the degree in two semesters (standard duration) or four semesters, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic title of ›Master of Science‹ (M.Sc.).

The degree teaches academic skills and research methods that prepare young researchers to start a Ph.D.

## Interdisciplinary degree programmes

### **Master MediaArchitecture, Master of Science with the »International MediaArchitecture Master Studies« programme**

The four-semester consecutive Master's degree programme provides sound advanced qualification for media- and architecture-related professions by combining both disciplines. It also serves as a home for experimentation, a form of laboratory creating a place for joint fields of research to come together and for new working areas with cross-border forms of expression to emerge. The focus of the programme is the ›project module‹, which enables exemplary work on open issues supported by intensive, experimental supervision. Specialisations come in the form of digital planning and presentation techniques, computer graphics and architectural visualisation, architecture and media, architectural and image theory, cultural technologies in architecture, scenography, computer-aided interdisciplinary projects, and interface design.

Joint work in interdisciplinary project groups enables learning beyond the subject areas themselves and thus promotes interdisciplinary teamwork skills.

After completion and defence of the final project (Master's thesis), the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic title of ›Master of Science‹ (M.Sc.).

You can also choose the integrated ›International MediaArchitecture Master Studies‹ programme of study with a dual degree in cooperation with the University of Buffalo (USA).

### **Master's degree in European Urban Studies Master of Science**

In the English-taught Master's degree programme in European Urban Studies, students take an academic look at space and cities and learn how to plan, design, and develop them. The aim of the degree programme is to train internationally focussed urban researchers.

The ›Guided Research Project in Europe‹ is the programme's unique selling point. In this project, research excursions across the world enable students to complete independent academic research in an international context.

The Master's degree programme is typically completed in four semesters and concludes with a final academic project (Master's thesis) and oral examination. Successful graduates are awarded the title of ›Master of Science‹ (M.Sc.).

The degree endows students with academic skills and research methods that prepare young researchers for a Ph.D.



## **Master's in Integrated Urban Development and Design (Master of Science) with the »Reflective Urban Practice« programme or the »Advanced Urbanism« double degree programme**

Interdisciplinary work combining sustainable urban development with global transformation processes forms the core of the four-semester international Master's degree programme in Integrated Urban Development and Design. The aim of this consecutive, practice-oriented degree programme is to train locally and internationally based ›curators of urban space‹ who are interested in working in urban development in an international and interdisciplinary setting.

The degree programme strengthens, develops, and gives practical application to the specialist and methodological skills previously acquired. It focuses on putting theoretically based knowledge into practice (in particular via international model projects in the Reflective Urban Practice programme of study) and on reflecting and planning in intercultural contexts (in particular in the Advanced Urbanism double degree programme).

After completing the final project (Master's thesis) and passing the Master's examination, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic title of ›Master of Science‹ (M.Sc.). On the double degree programme, the partner university awards a degree of equal value.

## **Selection procedure at the Faculty**

The faculty's selection procedure for admission to the ›Architektur‹ and ›Urbanistik‹ degree programmes is designed to determine the applicant's aptitude for the subject. It is designed to ensure that all future students have the skills and abilities required for the programme.

Admission to the **Bachelor's in ›Architektur‹** consists of a two-stage aptitude test which examines creative and drawing skills, constructional insight, and spatial imagination. After submitting an assignment, applicants are generally invited to Weimar for a personal interview and a drawing test. For the **Bachelor's in ›Urbanistik‹**, prospective students undergo an aptitude test to demonstrate that they are able to tackle social and spatial questions. They also have an interview on their motivations and prior practical professional knowledge.

For admission to the **Master's in ›Architektur‹** and the **Master's in ›MediaArchitecture‹**, the faculty examines previous work (portfolio) and also practical professional experience. For the **Master's in ›Urbanistik‹**, in addition to documentation of previous work, applicants must submit an essay on an urban planning or urban research related topic or on the field of urban studies research. The selection procedure for the **Master's in Integrated Urban Development and Design** examines a portfolio, specialist knowledge, practical experience, and reflective and analytical thinking in the field of spatial science. The **Master's in European Urban Studies** also looks favourably on essays or academic articles submitted.

The application deadlines vary between 15 May and 15 July of the relevant year depending on the course. Matriculation is in the winter semester.

# Glossary

## Module

Modules provide subject-specific instructional content in a variety of formats such as lectures, seminars, projects, or drafts. They include one or more classes and are generally completed over a single semester. They are split into the following:

- › Compulsory modules that have to be completed
- › Compulsory elective modules that can be selected within a particular topic area
- › Elective modules which can be freely chosen from the range available in the faculty, other faculties at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, or other universities, depending on the particular degree programme.

**Im Architekturstudium unterscheidet man zwischen Kern- und Projektmodulen:**

- › The core modules are compulsory modules on the Bachelor's in ›Architektur‹, involving project-oriented work on complex drafts.
- › The project modules are compulsory modules on the Master's in ›Architektur‹, consisting of a design topic and accompanying classes covering associated content.

## Project

Projects are teaching units in which students take an intensive look at a specific topic and independently develop new approaches and solutions to a particular issue. The faculty offers design projects (on the Architektur and MediaArchitecture programmes) as well as planning, study, and interdisciplinary research projects (e.g. on the Urbanistik programme).

## Project-based course of study

In a project-based programme, the ›project‹ is the central unit of study. It is completed mostly independently, often in groups. Subject-specific project opportunities enable integrative, interdisciplinary studies. Professors and research assistants provide intensive supervision.

## Draft

When creating a draft, students tackle the architectural development of a building or structure, taking various framework conditions into account. The result –the draft–is documented through drawings and models, and sometimes also in written form.

# Institutes at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism

The Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism is made up of three institutes: the Institute for European Urban Studies (IfEU), the Bauhaus Institute of History and Theory of Architecture and Planning (Bauhaus Institute), and the bauhaus.institute for experimental architecture (bauhaus.ifex). These three represent the teaching and research specialisations in the faculty. The Master's in Urbanistik and European Urban Studies courses are based at the IfEU whilst the Integrated Urban Development and Design programme is based at bauhaus.ifex.

The institutes ensure that sufficient expertise and knowledge is internally available to tackle interdisciplinary research topics. They each serve as a specialist base and differentiated intersection for the faculty's professors.

The institutes collaborate with other partner institutions to varying degrees and support the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's research specialisations.

Besides, there is an ongoing collaboration with the Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development at the ›Emerging City Lab. Addis Ababa‹ (a collaboration funded by the German Academic Exchange Service that has been running for several years), which is devoted to examining the context of dynamic processes of change on the African continent.

## Doctoral studies at the faculty

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism and its three institutes have become a key location for research in architecture and urbanism. Current and past Ph.D. projects reflect the complex and comprehensive spectrum of academic areas within the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism.

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism awards the academic titles of ›Doktor-Ingenieur‹ (Dr.-Ing.), ›Doctor philosophiae‹ (Dr. phil.), ›Doktor-Ingenieur honoris causa‹ (Dr.-Ing. h. c.) and ›Doctor philosophiae honoris causa‹ (Dr. phil. h. c.).

In addition to a traditional doctoral degree, students can also pursue research interests and academic qualification via the international Ph.D. programme in ›Europäische Urbanistik‹ (IPP-EU). This programme specialises in ›Urban Housing‹ issues relating to urban design, urban planning, urban sociology, and landscape planning. The programme is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as part of the Graduate School Scholarship Programme, and awards scholarships.



## Workshops

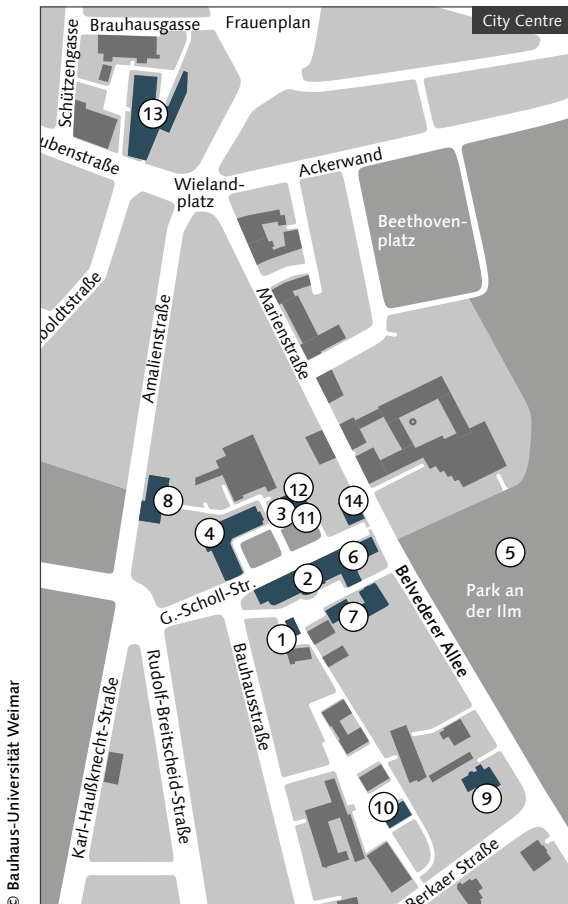
Workshops are a key part of the faculty's study concept. In the workshops, students implement their ideas and designs by using analogue and digital tools to create models on various scales. Students work independently with the support of experienced specialists.

- › Experimental photo workshops
- › Model-making workshops
- › Light laboratory
- › Sculpture workshop



## University Town of Weimar

Despite its small size and story book charm, Weimar is not just a sleepy provincial nest. Whether you are looking for art and culture, a thriving food scene, or exciting night life – Weimar has more to offer than just Goethe, Schiller, and the Bauhaus. All this and more can be found in Weimar's city centre, where nothing is more than a ten-minute walk away. The more than 20 museums, four cinemas, the German National Theatre, numerous cabaret stages, in addition to students clubs and concert venues speak for themselves.



### General

- 1 Bauhaus.Atelier | Info Shop Café  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 6 a
- 2 Main Building\*  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 8
- 3 Campus.Office  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 15
- 4 Van de Velde Building\*  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 7
- 5 Ilm Park\*

\* UNESCO World Heritage Site

### Faculty Buildings (selection)

- 6 Dean's Office, Studios, Classrooms  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 8
- 7 Media computer pool, model-making workshops, Belvederer Allee 1a/b
- 8 Experimental workshops Architecture  
Amalienstraße 13
- 9 Institute for European Urban Studies  
Belvederer Allee 5
- 10 bauhaus.ifex  
Bauhausstraße 9c

### Departments (selection)

- 11 Office of Student and Academic Affairs (DSL), International Office (DIB), Campus.Office  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 15

### Central University Faculties (selection)

- 12 General Advising, Career Service  
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 15
- 13 University Library (UB), Audimax, Steubenstraße 6
- 14 Students House M18  
Marienstraße 18

## EINBLICK.Bauhaus

### Orientation evening for prospective students and their parents

Learn all about course offerings, housing and financial options, and other important factors right on site.

[uni-weimar.de/orientierungsabend](http://uni-weimar.de/orientierungsabend)

### Hochschulinformationstag (Open Campus Day) for Bachelor and Master study programmes

Learn about our university, its workshops, lecture halls, and labs. Get answers to your questions about individual study programmes, study organization, and the social aspects of studying here.

Early March: [uni-weimar.de/hit](http://uni-weimar.de/hit)

### summaery – The annual exhibition at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Our annual exhibition shows off student projects and transforms the city of Weimar into a living stage for four days.

Second weekend in July: [uni-weimar.de/summaery](http://uni-weimar.de/summaery)

### **Schnupperstudium (Course Sampler) – Test out studying**

How do things work at the university? What can I study? How much does it cost? Where can I live? There are so many questions at the beginning. Our recommendation? Come and sample it! [uni-weimar.de/schnupperstudium](http://uni-weimar.de/schnupperstudium)

### **In.Sight Master**

Try out the Master's programme. Experience our »In.Sight Master« programme and see what student and campus life are really like. Discover the topics hidden behind course titles.

Mid May: [uni-weimar.de/insightmaster](http://uni-weimar.de/insightmaster)

### **Bauhaus.Botschafter**

Students from various disciplines provide answers to questions about their own study programmes, offer guided tours, workshops, and publish news about studying in Weimar via Facebook and blogspot.

[bauhausbotschafter.com](http://bauhausbotschafter.com)

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