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## Funding

We offer several scholarships:

- 1. Excellence Scholarship** for non-EEA students  
For more information, visit [www.eur.nl/essb/excellencescholarship](http://www.eur.nl/essb/excellencescholarship)
- 2. The Holland Scholarship** for non-EEA students  
For more information, visit [www.eur.nl/essb/hollandscholarship](http://www.eur.nl/essb/hollandscholarship)
- 3. Orange Tulip Scholarship (OTS)**

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### Other websites on funding:

[www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)  
[www.scholarshipportal.eu](http://www.scholarshipportal.eu)  
[www.scholarship-positions.com](http://www.scholarship-positions.com)  
[www.scholarshipstimes.com](http://www.scholarshipstimes.com)

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## Facts & figures

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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Accreditation</b>	Accredited by the NVAO
<b>Part- or Full-Time Status</b>	Full-time
<b>Faculty</b>	Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)
<b>Location</b>	Campus Woudestein, Rotterdam
<b>Tuition fee</b>	EU/EEA students (statutory fee 2021-2022) € 2,203 Non-EU/EEA students (institutional fee 2021-2022): € 15,300
<b>Application deadlines</b>	EU/EEA students: 15 June Non-EU/EEA students: 15 May
<b>Course page</b>	<a href="http://www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance">www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance</a>
<b>How to apply</b>	<a href="http://www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance/application">www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance/application</a>
<b>Contact us</b>	<a href="mailto:master.ug@essb.eur.nl">master.ug@essb.eur.nl</a>

## Partners

Erasmus University Rotterdam is a partner of the The European Masters in Public Administration Network (EMPA) network.

## Admission requirements

- A **Bachelor's** or **undergraduate** degree from a recognised research university in a relevant field (e.g. Public Administration, Political Sciences, Sociology)
- A **curriculum vitae**
- Evidence of a **sufficient command of English**  
**TOEFL:** min. score of 90 and min. sub-scores of 20  
**IELTS:** min. score of 6.5 and min. sub-scores of 6.0  
A degree completed through the English medium may exempt candidates from taking an English language test. In this case applicants will have to provide a sample of academic writing (e.g. thesis).
- A **motivational essay**
- **Academic reference letters** are welcome but optional

\*More details can be found on our website: [www.eur.nl/master/urban-governance/admission](http://www.eur.nl/master/urban-governance/admission)

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# Master of Science Public Administration Urban Governance Specialisation

2021 / 2022



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## Programme description

Cities are at the heart of cultural, social and political innovation. They are key to finding solutions for social issues such as migration, social segregation, poverty, climate change, health, unemployment and terrorism. For that, cities require accomplished managers who are able to develop and implement innovative governance policies and strategies.

The master's specialisation in Urban Governance is part of the MSc in Public Administration of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. It is developed by the Department of Public Administration (Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, ESSB), which has an excellent reputation in governance studies and public management, and the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), which is an award-winning institute (UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour) with 60 years of experience in educating and training local and national governments officials.

The programme is designed to help students to develop interdisciplinary expertise in analysing and tackling urban governance issues. It integrates and combines knowledge from public administration, political science, urban economy, sociology and urban planning. Key questions addressed in the programme are:

How do we involve different actors and stakeholders (community organisations, private, societal organisations) in urban planning, policy- and decision-making? How do we analyse and design effective co-

production processes in urban development? How do we distinguish and apply different perspectives on interactive urban development? What is the best way to employ cross-jurisdiction solutions to land and environmental issues? What are the inherent challenges in governing complex governance processes? How do we drive the sustainable economic development of cities while protecting public interest? How has the process of urbanization affected urban growth over the centuries?

By studying the current trends, topics, innovations and tools from various disciplines in the field of urban governance (such as circular economy, place-making, co-production and self-organisation) as well as analysing urban governance issues, students will develop specific skills and strategies for the management and design of urban governance processes that enable stakeholders to effectively and legitimately deal with various issues.

Coordinated by **Dr. Ingmar van Meerkerk**

Block 1 Sep - Nov	Block 2 Nov - Jan	Block 3 Jan - March	Block 4 March - August
Urban Governance (IHS) 5 ECTS	Strategic Public Management (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Research Design (IHS & ESSB) 2 ECTS	Master Thesis (IHS & ESSB) 15 ECTS
Governing Urban Economic Growth and Innovation (IHS) 5 ECTS	Managing Interactive Governance (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Elective* 5 ECTS	
Policy Innovation in Complex Systems (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Spatiality and Justice in Urban Governance (IHS) 5 ECTS	Master Thesis (start) (IHS & ESSB) 5 ECTS	
Working Groups: Urban Governance Lab (IHS & ESSB) 3 ECTS			
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<b>Total study load: 60 ECTS</b>			

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#72  
worldwide  
Times Higher  
Education

**Shanghai**  
Ranking  
#5  
worldwide for  
Public Administration  
Shanghai Ranking

**CWUR**  
#5  
worldwide for  
Planning & Development  
Center University Rankings

**QS** **WORLD**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**RANKINGS**  
#141-150  
worldwide  
Graduate Employability  
Ranking by QS

## Career opportunities

### High quality education at a top-100 research university

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) is consistently ranked in the top 3% of the world's best universities. Staff members of the Public Administration department are award winners of the Excellence Award of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM).

After completing the Urban Governance specialisation you will be able to analyse urban governance issues and processes. You will be able to design interactive governance strategies to tackle urban issues and to act as a broker and advisor in urban development projects. You will be able to organise and manage the necessary processes to tackle these problems and develop solutions.

#### Graduates will be suitable candidates for positions such as:

- Member of a project team on large **urban development projects** (such as city center restructuring, the extension of a city's port area or the regeneration of deprived neighborhoods);
- **Government official** working on urban strategies (e.g. dealing with climate change) and urban planning at the local, regional or national level;

- **Government or private party official** working in public-private partnerships on increasing urban sustainability;

- Working for a **non-profit organization**, such as a housing corporation or a big social enterprise working on neighborhood development;

- **Knowledge institute or consultancy firm** dealing with urban development issues, policy advising or designing co-production processes between users and providers of urban services.



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## Programme description & features

**The MSc in Urban Management and Development is a 12-month English-taught multidisciplinary programme offered in six specialisation tracks. This structure allows IHS students to specialise within their chosen field whilst benefiting from a broader understanding of urban management offered at IHS.**

Cities are in a constant state of unprecedented change. Between now and 2030, urban areas are expected to triple in surface and by 2050, 68% of the population will reside in cities. Population movements of this scale create multi-level physical, economic, environmental and social challenges. To remain sustainable, liveable and competitive cities need urban managers who are well-trained in policy development and good governance. The MSc programme focuses on socio-spatial dynamics in planning, climate resilience, local economic innovation and entrepreneurship, housing from a human rights and gender perspective, sustainability, smart and green cities (infrastructure, energy and water), land law and finance, and regenerative natural resource management.

The MSc is designed to equip students with the skills to solve contemporary urban issues in their countries through progressive policy-making. A key feature of the programme is the use of comparative methodologies to discuss urban issues, policies and trends from around the world. Next to high-quality academic content, the programme includes an intensive skills stream designed to equip students with job-market demanded skills such as knowledge of popular data analysis software (e.g. R, GIS) and negotiation skills.

### Facilitators

Together with its partners, IHS works at the forefront of urban development. IHS advises local and national governments on urban issues, trains public works officials, contributes to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) discussion and much more.

IHS works with global leaders in the field of urban development, including: UN-Habitat, Cities Alliance and ICLEI. IHS also partners with leading universities in the Netherlands and around the world to deliver a comprehensive understanding of urban development. Guest lectures on city branding, urban economics, logistics, transport, heritage preservation are just a small selection of the additional academic resources IHS offers our students every year.

### International

The IHS classroom is comprised of mid-level professionals with rich and varied experiences from more than 45 countries. Typical backgrounds include architecture, engineering, planning, economics, social science, environmental science and housing. Participants are experienced in the private and public sectors as well as multilateral and bilateral organizations and NGOs. Although they come from many different backgrounds, all IHS students are looking to become accomplished urban managers, able to lead teams and drive change in cities.



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## Specialisation tracks

The six specialisation tracks are part of the MSc Urban Management and Development.

### Urban Economic Development: Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Innovative and Entrepreneurial Cities in a Global Economy

### Urban Housing, Equity & Social Justice

Adequate Housing from a Human Rights and Gender Perspective

### Urban Environment, Sustainability & Climate Change

Nature-Based Solutions for Smart and Resilient Cities

### Strategic Urban Planning & Policies

Managing Socio-Spatial Dynamics for Sustainable Cities

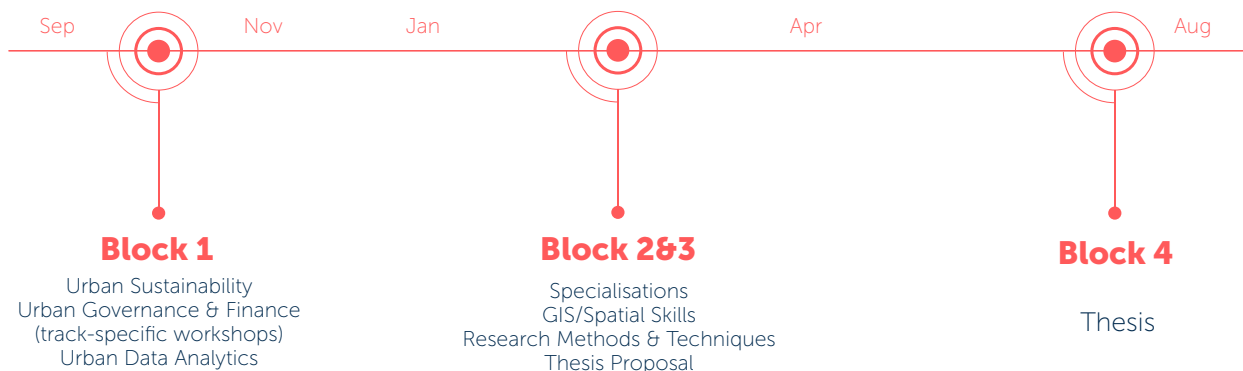
### Land Management: Law, Finance, Real Estate & Natural Resources

Bridging Land, Water and Natural Resources

### Infrastructure & Green Cities

Managing Sustainable Water, Transport, Energy, Waste and Drainage Services

## Year structure



The Research Methods & Techniques online course (MOOC) must be completed throughout the master's programme.

# Teaching methods

**Our teaching and learning methods are anchored in the unique IHS approach of cross-fertilization of education, advisory and research.**

The IHS approach is designed to equip students to form multidimensional solutions to reducing poverty and improving the quality of life in cities. Alongside IHS teaching and research activities, our faculty members work in the field on real-life cases around the world. Challenges, learnings and questions from these different contexts are brought back to the classroom and woven into our curriculum. This teaching method allows students to contribute to

contemporary research by dedicating their master's thesis to real-world urban issues.

A key feature of the IHS teaching methods is the link between theories with practice. Students learn through a blend of lectures, real-life case studies, discussions, debates, simulation environments, written assignments and group work. Field visits and projects in Rotterdam and other Dutch cities provide first-hand exposure to local urban problems. Students have the option to complete their thesis fieldwork abroad and immerse themselves in a relevant urban context to collect data.

## Why join this programme?



Study at a highly ranking university  
#72 worldwide  
(THE ranking)



Live & study in Rotterdam, the heart of urban innovation



Benefit from a tailor-made programme



Study in a diverse classroom, with over 45 nationalities



Learn from renowned urban lecturers & experts



Join a global alumni network with 9000+ members

## Skills graduates gain

- Identify contemporary urban issues and trends in developing, developed and transition countries.
- Monitor and assess urban management policies in terms of actors, performance and context.
- Design multidisciplinary urban policies that account for the physical, economic, environmental and social aspects of urban spaces.
- Implement creative policy-making and strategic planning aimed at reducing poverty and increasing the quality of life in cities.
- Manage stakeholders, negotiate effectively and execute complex decision-making.
- Design policies, strategies and actions based on problem analysis and applied research.
- Conduct academic, applied and commissioned research across a spectrum of urban topics.
- Work with, and lead, international teams across different sectors and disciplines.
- Demonstrate presentation, communication, negotiation and leadership skills.



**#30**

worldwide for  
Development Studies  
Top Universities (QS)



**#5**

worldwide for Public  
Administration  
Shanghai Ranking



**#5**

for Planning &  
Development Center  
University Rankings (1000)



**#72**

worldwide Times  
Higher Education  
(500)

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- Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)
- Joint Japan/World Bank Scholarship Programme (JJ/WBSP)
- COLFUTURO
- CONACYT
- La Fundación Mexicana para la Educación, la Tecnología y la Ciencia (FUNED)
- Sallie Mae
- Orange Tulip Scholarship (OTS)
- Holland Scholarship Programme (HSP)
- Islamic Development Bank
- StuNed, and others.

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<b>Application deadlines</b>	Early Bird deadline EU/EEA & Non-EU/EEA students: <b>15 April</b> Regular deadline EU/EEA: <b>1 July</b> & Non-EU/EEA students: <b>15 June</b>
<b>Course information &amp; application procedure</b>	<a href="http://www.ihs.nl/umd">www.ihs.nl/umd</a>

### Early bird

Want to save  
€1.000 on your  
tuition fee?

Then be an Early  
Bird: apply before  
15 April & submit  
your fee before  
1 June.

## Admission requirements

- A relevant **bachelor's degree** from a recognised university or a Minimum lower-second class honours (2.2), B or equivalent
- Evidence of a **sufficient command of English**.\*
- **Working experience** in a relevant field is considered an important asset during the selection procedure.

\*More details can be found on our website: [www.ihs.nl/umd](http://www.ihs.nl/umd)

**Chinese students** have to apply for the Nuffic certificate: [www.nesochina.org](http://www.nesochina.org)

## Partners

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China



University of Colima  
Mexico



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University  
Russia



Moscow Architectural Institute  
Russia



Sun Yat-sen University  
China



Instituto Tecnológico  
de Monterrey  
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Shanghai Jiao Tong University  
China



Fudan University  
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