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ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER'S DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES "4 CITIES"

UAM Universidad Autónoma
de Madrid



OVERVIEW

Degree: Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree ¹ in Urban Studies
"4 Cities"

Academic discipline: Arts and Humanities

Number of ECTS credits: 120

Public fees: The fees set by the Coordinator University ²

Character: Research-oriented.

Modality: Classroom teaching

Language of instruction: English

Place: Faculty of Philosophy and Letters

Web of the Master: <http://www.4cities.eu/>

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Number of ECTS by type of subject:

Type of subject	ECTS
Compulsory	90
Master Thesis	30
Total	120

At the Autonomous University of Madrid only the module
"The Sustainable and Livable City" (10 ECTS) in the
4th semester (2nd semester of the 2nd year) will be
completed, as well as 5 ECTS as Master's Thesis.

¹ According to Spanish regulation this Master qualifies Level 7 in the
European Qualifications Framework (EQF), which gives access to PhD
studies.

² Admission and enrolment procedures will be at Vrije Universiteit Brussel.
Fees will be set by that university.



DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

4CITIES is an immersive, two-year, interdisciplinary master's programme in urban studies, incorporating geography, sociology, history, cultural studies, and governance studies. Supported by Erasmus Mundus and organised within UNICA (the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe), 4CITIES brings together students from around the world and across the academic spectrum. Courses are given in English and graduates receive a Master's of Science (MSc.) degree in Urban Studies.

4CITIES is a collaboration of six universities: Free University of Brussels (VUB, Flemish language), Free University of Brussels (ULB, French language), University of Vienna, University of Copenhagen, Complutense University of Madrid and Autonomia University of Madrid, with the VUB serving as the primary administrative centre. At each University, the programme is hosted by different schools or research institutes, and courses are taught by an interdisciplinary team of approximately 20 professors and lecturers.

However, 4CITIES is much more than its formal description because it is exploratory in nature, travel is continual, the student body is diverse, and the programme provides a holistic approach to urban studies. As a result, 4CITIES is a crossroads where academic research, professional practice, urban exploration, and civic activism overlap and intersect.

GRADUATES AND EMPLOYABILITY

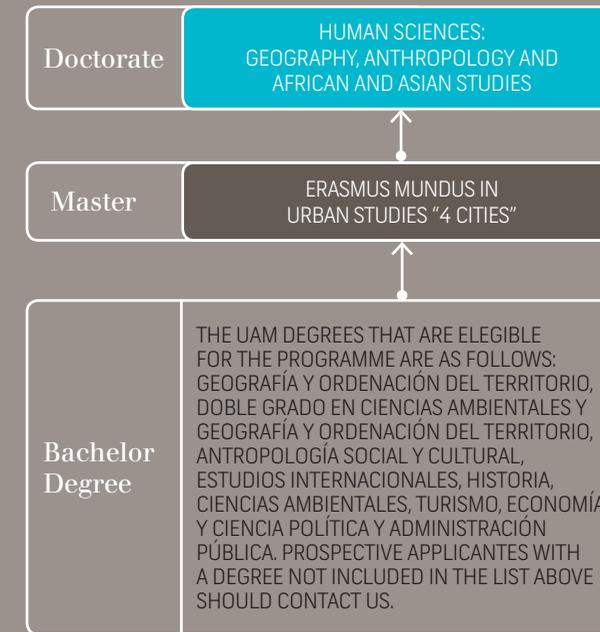
4CITIES is not only an exciting experience but it can lead to professions like research and teaching of urbanity and urbanism, urban policy, urban project management, urban planning and design consulting, etc.

70% of alumni secure employment upon completion. The most common careers are in public services (25%), non-profits/NGOs (25%), and professional services (15%). Graduates have also founded research, planning, or consultancy firms.

70% of graduates remain involved in matters relevant to urban studies.

30% of graduates continue their studies; half pursue additional specialised master's to further develop specific skills and the other half move on to Ph.D. programmes.

CONTEXT OF THESE STUDIES AT UAM



ADMISSION PROFILE

4CITIES is looking for students who are informed, engaged, experienced, and highly motivated. It also recognises that aspiring urbanists travel many different roads. Because of this, applicants come from all over the world and are eligible for the programme if they have completed an 180 ECTS Bachelor's Degree, or its equivalent, in geography, sociology, literature, cultural studies, architecture, planning, economics, political science, public management, tourism, history, criminology, leisure studies, media studies, or a similar discipline.

Please note: proof of fluency in English is required and should be provided at the time of submitting the application.

RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

One unique feature of 4CITIES is that students spend their course time in different universities and research centres. The programme begins in Brussels in mid-September and goes through the end of January. After a break in February, the Vienna semester goes from March until June. The third semester in Copenhagen, starts in September and ends in mid-December. The final semester, in Madrid, begins in early February and wraps up at the end of May. Students then have three months to complete their master's thesis, which is due on the first of September. Thesis defences and the graduation ceremony takes place in Brussels in late September.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

4CITIES is not a standard master's programme, and it does not offer a standard academic experience, and that is by design. The differentiator of this programme is the integration of theoretical skills typical for the social sciences combined with applicable fieldwork and site visits. A set of national and international excursions are scheduled, ranging from one day to several days. During these excursions, the objective is to raise awareness of regional and international differences in urban development. The excursions consist of guided tours and visits to relevant institutions and organisations, including planning departments, development agencies, cultural actors, etc.

