

# Department of Spatial Planning, Swedish School of Planning, (Sweden)

## Institutional Information (Last update at: 14/03/2017)

School/Department name (Native language)	Institutionen för fysisk planering
AESOP reg Number	F-046-05
AESOP Member Status	Full Member
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## School Information

Full time academic staff members
Part time staff members
Staff members engaged in research
Staff members engaged in professional activities

## Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

### Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s) offered at School/Department

#### Bachelor's Programme in Spatial Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	3
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	180
Teaching languages	Teaching is mainly conducted in Swedish
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	
Curriculum/approach description	<p>Undergraduate degree:</p> <p>Bachelor's Degree 180 ECTS</p> <p>Spatial Planning</p> <p>The programme is especially directed towards an education of planning architects, in great demand by the labour-market. The students are exercised to explore and understand how our built environment is functioning and to prepare proposals for transformations of cities and landscapes. Through analogue and digital technique the students are exercised to present their proposals with text and illustrations in an attractive way. The programme has very good contacts with professional life and several of the courses are based on real cases in cities and municipalities round about the country. Professional architects and planners are visiting lecturers and supervisors in several courses. Bachelor's degree in spatial planning is part of Sweden's architecture educations. Future positions after graduation are for instance to become a planning architect in a municipality or other public authority or as a member of the staff at a consulting architect and planning agency. Language of instruction: The teaching language is Swedish Programme manager: Eric Markus</p>

### (Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department

#### Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Sustainable Urban Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	1
Part time option	No

<b>Delivery mode</b>	On campus
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<b>Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Sustainable Urban Planning</b>
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<b>Number of ECTS</b>	60
<b>Teaching languages</b>	Teaching is mainly conducted in English

<b>Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum</b>
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<b>The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice</b>	No
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<b>Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution</b>
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<b>This is an Erasmus mundus programme</b>	No
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<b>Curriculum/approach description</b>	Postgraduate Degree
	Master's Degree (1 year): 60 ECTS
	Sustainable Urban Planning
	The programme focuses on two central themes of urban planning and design of the built environment in Sweden: from post-war urban planning up until the 1980s, and sustainable urban planning from early 1990s up until today. There is a great interest in Swedish experiences of urban planning during these two periods of time. The programme in spatial planning has good cooperation with various universities in Europe and China and provides students with knowledge of Swedish experiences of urban planning. These experiences are highlighted by the various courses in the programme, where they are contextualized and problemized with the objective of developing amongst the students a reflective and critical perspective on planning and sustainable urban development in Sweden. Students are also supposed to put their newly acquired knowledge into practice in various projects and assignments. By integrating theory in the design of urban environment on different levels, the programme aims to provide students with an advanced insight and understanding of the context and complexity of Swedish urban planning.
	Language of instruction: The teaching language is English Programme manager: Thomas Hellquist Programme start: 2014-sept

<b>Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Urban Design in China and Europe</b>
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<b>Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)</b>	2
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<b>Part time option</b>	No
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<b>Delivery mode</b>	On campus
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<b>Number of ECTS</b>	120
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<b>Teaching languages</b>	Teaching is conducted in English
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<b>Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum</b>
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<b>The degree requires</b>
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## an assessed period of work in practice

### Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Urban Design in China and Europe

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

No

This is an Erasmus mundus programme

Curriculum/approach description

Master of Science in Spatial Planning with an emphasis on Urban Design in China and Europe, 120 ECTS credit points.

Professions dealing with town planning, city development and urban design are increasingly working on an international scene. Spatial planners, landscape architects and urbanists can participate in design projects on several continents simultaneously. The great design projects encompass people from various professions and different countries. Thus evolves a notion that experience and knowledge is no longer developed within a national context. A deeper inter-cultural understanding seems necessary. Professional work within the subjects of town planning, city development and urban design is increasingly complex and demands a multidisciplinary attitude. Migration, move ability, integration issues and climate change are examples of the complex challenges posed. The joint Master's programme at BTH and Nanjing Forestry University, College of Landscape Architecture (NFU) strives to address the issues that meet a contemporary design profession. Through the cooperation between BTH and NFU, the view on public space in different cultures is studied.

The education emanates from the design professions where focus is on action and intervention meeting an academic, critical analysis. The result of this interaction is tangible proposals for change of public space and common environment. During the courses, practically oriented design tasks are intertwined with tutoring in studios or at a site. Lectures and seminars are running in parallel with project work. Courses in the range of 3 to 15 European Credits are finalized with a Diploma work of 30 ECTS.

The MSc programme in Urban Design is a professional education. The student's knowledge deepens by training in successively more complex urban design tasks. The main field of study is Spatial Planning. Basic approaches to planning processes and design methods are applied on the public space with ever more complex functions and demands.

Head of the Master programme in Urban Design

Gunnar Nyström  
Architect SAR/MSA  
Senior Lecturer

### Master's Programme in European Spatial Planning and Regional Development

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

2

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

120

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

## Master's Programme in European Spatial Planning and Regional Development

Programme  
accreditation by a  
professional  
body/other  
institution

This is an Erasmus  
mundus programme

No

Curriculum/approach  
description

Postgraduate degree

Master's Degree 120 ECTS

European Spatial Planning and Regional Development

The focus of the programme is on the European level and on skills and abilities that are applicable and useful in professional life: the programme will give the student experience of practical tools as well as policies and regulations. The student will also become familiar with several European planning and development projects, and get the chance to analyze and formulate concrete proposals, the aim of which is to foster the development of a region. The programme is in English and for students from Sweden, Europe and the rest of the world. Education and tutorage has a high priority and students and faculty have a close connection in an informal atmosphere throughout their educational period. In addition to qualified teachers and professors, the students will encounter many international guest lecturers, such as Andreas Faludi and Stefanie Dühr, and individuals working within planning and regional development. This means that the connections to professional practice and to the latest research are good.

Language of instruction: The teaching language is English

Programme manager: Jan-Evert Nilsson

Programme period: 2014-September-01 until 2016-May-30

## Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Strategic Planning

Number of years  
normally used to  
complete this  
degree(FT)

2

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

120

Teaching languages

The programme is mainly conducted in Swedish

Specialisation within  
in this Degree/the  
curriculum

The degree requires  
an assessed period of  
work in practice

No

Programme  
accreditation by a  
professional  
body/other  
institution

This is an Erasmus  
mundus programme

No

Postgraduate Degree

Master's Degree 120 ECTS

## Master's Programme in Strategic Planning

### Curriculum/approach description

The programme starts from an attitude aimed at understanding and application to complex planning processes with many different participants at different planning levels, and to deepen knowledge and capacity to make strategic planning. The courses in the programme sandwich theoretical views with practical applications focusing general planning from local to boundless international planning. The education is problem based and in the courses the general starting point is theoretical issues applicable to different planning projects. Throughout the programme the ability to critical examinations, problem identification and analysis is exercised. Furthermore practical skills are exercised through proposals and valuations of proposals and designations of consequences due to different choices, with effects for spatial organization and design. The aim is also, from a critical view, to deepen knowledge of conditions for sustainable development in society.

Language of instruction: The teaching language is Swedish

Programme manager: Mårten Dunér (from 2014-sept)

## Master's Programme in Spatial Planning Urban Planning

### Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

2

### Part time option

No

### Delivery mode

On campus

### Number of ECTS

120

### Teaching languages

The Programme is mainly conducted in Swedish

### Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

### The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

### Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

### This is an Erasmus mundus programme

No

Postgraduate Degree

Master's Degree 120 ECTS

Urban Planning

### Curriculum/approach description

The programme starts from problem based studies aimed at develop skills in realizing complex projects, starting in understanding of the possibilities and limitations of spatial planning and design of built environment. The courses in the programme sandwich theoretical views with practical explorations focusing detailed planning and design of cities, landscapes and built environment. The education is carried on in studios where the student starts from a given theme or scenario and formulates an issue of one's own. From different theoretical and methodological attitudes the issue is studied and will from analytical methods and design tools result in final proposals. Further specialized courses are also included in the programme. These courses deal with for example infrastructure, mobility and technical systems from a sustainable perspective, issues of project- and process leading and urban theoretical perspectives of cities, city life and city development.

Language of instruction: The teaching language is Swedish

Programme manager: Ebba Högström

**Master's Programme in European Spatial Planning and Regional Development**

**Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)**

1

**Part time option**

No

**Delivery mode**

On campus

**Number of ECTS**

60

**Teaching languages**

English

**Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum**

**The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice**

No

**Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution**

**This is an Erasmus mundus programme**

No

**Curriculum/approach description**

The European Spatial Planning and Regional Development programme is a broad-based programme covering subjects ranging from spatial planning, transport planning and regional/innovation issues to societal, economic and environmental planning issues. The focus of the programme is on the European level and on skills and abilities that are applicable and useful in professional life: the programme will give you experience of practical tools as well as policies and regulations. You will also become familiar with several European planning and development projects and get the chance to analyse and formulate concrete proposals the aim of which is to generate societal change.

The programme is in English and for students from Sweden, Europe and the rest of the world. Education and tuition has a high priority and students and faculty have a close connection in an informal atmosphere throughout their educational period. In addition to qualified teachers and professors, you will encounter many international guest lecturers and individuals working within planning and regional development. This means that the connections to professional practice and to the latest research are good.

Programme manager: Jan-Evert Nilsson  
 Programme period: 2014-September-01 until 2015-June-01

**Joint Masters Programme in European Spatial Planning, Environmental Policies and Regional Development**

**Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)**

2

**Part time option**

No



Delivery mode	On campus
Joint Masters Programme in European Spatial Planning, Environmental Policies and Regional Development	

Number of ECTS	120
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Teaching languages	English
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Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	
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The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
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Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	
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This is an Erasmus mundus programme	Yes
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Curriculum/approach description	<p>The influence of EU policies and actions on spatial and environmental planning in the EU member states is ever increasing. European regions are more and more interlinked, and cooperation across national borders is now a routine aspect of the work of spatial and environmental planners. There are considerable differences in how planning is conducted across Europe, and planners are increasingly required to communicate across cultural and institutional boundaries. This European dimension of planning requires a new generation of spatial and environmental planners, who are aware of and can respond to as well as influence EU and international policy, are sensitive to cultural and institutional differences across Europe, and are capable to cooperate with spatial planners in other European countries.</p> <p>The Joint Masters Programme in European Spatial Planning, Environmental Policies and Regional Development ('PLANET Europe') is the first integrated European Masters programme that offers a comprehensive education in the rich and dynamic area of European spatial planning. PLANET Europe gives students from all over the world the opportunity to acquire important skills and knowledge in European spatial planning, while at the same time benefiting from Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity.</p> <p>Programme manager: Jan-Evert Nilsson Programme period: 2014-September-01 until 2016-May-30</p> <p>The terms are located in Karlskrona, Cardiff and Nijmegen.</p>
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## Doctoral/PhD education offered at School/department

### Ph. D in Spatial Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	4
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Part time option	Yes
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Number years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)	
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Delivery mode	On campus
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Number of ECTS	240
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Teaching languages	The courses are either conducted in Swedish or English
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Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	
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**Ph. D in Spatial Planning**

Spatial planning

**Curriculum/approach  
description**

The research in this field includes work on urban regeneration in industrial and residential areas, environmental impact assessment studies, computer-aided planning, transport studies, and conflict management in spatial planning.

The theses are either written in Swedish or English.