

Faculty of Design Sciences (Belgium)

Institutional Information (Last update at: 20/07/2016)

School/Department name (Native language)	Faculteit Ontwerpwetenschappen
AESOP reg Number	F-032-04
AESOP Member Status	Full Member
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School Information

Full time academic staff members	2
Part time staff members	18
Staff members engaged in research	6
Staff members engaged in professional activities	12

Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

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

Master in Urbanism and Spatial Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	2
Part time option	Yes
Number years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)	3
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	120
Teaching languages	Dutch
Number of students graduated 2012	Total students 70 National students 70 EU students 0 Non EU students 0
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	no
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	Yes
This is an Erasmus mundus programme	Yes

Curriculum/approach description

The current master urbanism and spatial planning (120 ETCS) offers an academic curriculum for planners and designer with a professional orientation towards planning professions. Graduates are employed in the public sector, consultancy firms, and academic research.

Our pragmatic interdisciplinary approach is oriented to planning processes and realization. This is informed by societal expectations on planning and by recent insights about planning in strategic planning theory, and multi-stakeholder process- and projectmanagement. Our masterprogamme allows for a part-time subscription, to provide the opportunity to combine the courses with employment.

The competence-based programme is built around 4 lines including: context, process, design and research.

- The context line teaches knowledge on the societal, ecological and political context in which planning processes are taking place in order to stimulate a self-reflexive and critical attitude
- The process line teaches knowledge, skills and attitudes to design and develop multi-stakeholder policy processes aimed at producing spatial visions and to implement these visions through strategic projects.
- The design line teaches knowledge, skills and attitudes do design and develop design proposals, where "design" is seen as a broad activity oriented to produce visions and spatial policy
- The research line teaches traditional scientific research methods and strategies and design methods (including research by design)

Because of the academization process and the integration in the University of Antwerp in 2013 our programme is currently under reform. Although the 4 teaching lines will be remained, many of the old courses will be clustered into new courses in order to strengthen the internal consistence of the program and the academic character.

Doctoral/PhD education offered at School/department

Doctor in urbansim and Spatial planning

Number of years normally

used to complete this
Doctor in Urbanism and Spatial planning
 degree (FT)⁴

Part time option Yes

**Number years usually
 required for completing the
 degree part-time (PT)** 6

Delivery mode On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages Dutch

**Specialisation within in this
 Degree/the curriculum** no

**Curriculum/approach
 description**

Also doctoral programmes are being organized within the Association of University and University Colleges Antwerp (AUHA). For more information on this aspect, consult the Association's web site www.auha.be
 From 2013, the faculty of architectural sciences will fully integrate in the University of Antwerp and will become the faculty of Design Sciences.