M.Sc. Raumplanung
Study programme, ECTS, Guideline for scheduling

General information

Study programme:
The standard period for the master programme is two semesters. To graduate with the academic degree "Master of Science", 60 credit points (CP) must be acquired in four modules:

- Module 1: General Spatial Research and Planning (8 CP)
- Module 2: Master Project / Master Design Studio (12 CP)
- Module 3: Specialization (20 CP)
- Module 4: Master Thesis (20 CP)

Modules 1 and 2 usually are completed in the first semester. In addition, two courses from module 3 are taken; a partial course exercise is completed for each course.

In the second semester, Module 3 will be completed with two further partial course exercises. The master's thesis can already be registered after the start of the semester. The thesis will be submitted during the lecture-free period after the second semester.

All information on the individual courses for the modules can be found in the module handbook as well as the LSF.

Please note: None of the modules have prerequisites. Thus, students can choose the order in which they proceed through module 1-4 based on their own preference.

ECTS
According to the Master's Examination Regulations, a total of 60 credit points (CP) must be earned through successfully completed modules. Students have a workload of 30 credit points per semester. The workload in terms of semester hours of attendance is 14 SWS within the two semesters, which are supplemented by extensive independent work, particularly in the area of project and Studio work (Module 2) as well as seminar and exercise courses (Module 3). The Department of Spatial Planning has implemented a credit system that regulates the workload of students as uniformly and transparently as possible. For each hour of lecture per semester week students receive one credit. For seminars, 2 credit points per semester hour are awarded due to the extensive preparation and follow-up work as well as the preparation of individual papers.

ECTS – calculation
lectures: 2 SWS = 2 CP (credits)
seminars: 2 SWS = 4 CP
projects and Studios (examinations included) = 12 CP per Semester

The awarding of credit points is dependent on the extent of the tested contents, the examination performance and the type of examination. The separation of credit points for courses and examinations increases the transparency for both students and lecturers. Furthermore, the actual workload of the students in the individual semesters can be organized more precisely, so that overloads can be avoided as far as possible. The workload calculation is based on 30 work hours per credit point.

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**Course offerings:**

- All courses are electives, meaning there is at least one course per semester.

- Usually Module 1, Element 1 (Lecture) includes at least one course per semester, Module 1, Element 2 (Seminar/Exercise) includes at least two courses per semester, and Module 3 (Specialization) includes at least three courses per academic year and specialization.

- In Module 2 (M-Project / M-Studio), there is at least one offering in the M-Studio element per semester. There is no guarantee of the same or comparable course content in subsequent semesters and years.

**Schedule Coordination:**

- Courses in modules 1 and 3 are usually held weekly for 2 SWS. In individual cases, courses are also held in blocks or over 3 hours in the first or second half of the semester.

- Lectures can be scheduled between 8:30 am and 8 pm

- As a rule, Wednesday afternoons (from 2:00 p.m.) are free of regular events. Block events may take place here in individual cases.

- Block courses usually take place within the excursion weeks (mid-November and the week after Whitsun) or immediately before or after the end of the lecture period. Alternatively, block courses can take place on Saturdays in individual cases.

- M-Projects and M-Studios (Module 2) are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 11:45 am. Attendance at these times is mandatory for all students. At these times, instructors are available for supervision meetings, interim presentations, etc. In addition, the group can set individual appointments and organize the work independently.