

Rotterdam: a city with daring urban vision

Iconic architecture, pioneering urban planning and a celebrated multicultural population have thrust Rotterdam to the forefront of innovation and cultivation within the urban world. IHS is proud of its Rotterdam history, helping to rebuild and reinvent the city after the devastation caused by the Second World War.

Set against an impressive skyline, Rotterdam is filled with excellent local and international transport links making it the perfect base to explore everything Rotterdam and Europe has to offer. There are well-connected transport systems and safe bicycle paths which makes travelling around the city very enjoyable. It is a city steeped in diversity with 175 different nationalities making up the 600,000 inhabitants of Rotterdam plus, learning English is compulsory in the Dutch education system which means that virtually the entire country is capable of speaking English!

"Make it happen" is a vision that supports the growth of this fantastic city, illustrated by the fusion between the port, the city of Rotterdam and Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Campus

IHS, Erasmus University Rotterdam is located on the Woudestein campus only 15 minutes away from the city centre by bike. Our campus offers:

- State of the art university library
- Theatre
- Fitness and sports centre
- Tennis court and sports fields
- Supermarket, bike repair, salon
- Grand café, food court, bar & coffee
- International student housing (for Netherlands Fellowship Programme awardees)
- Metro and tram stops



Funding

We offer two different scholarships:

1. A partial tuition waiver to excellent non-EU/EEA students of the English-taught master programmes of ESSB (Excellence Scholarship for non EEA students).

The exact amount of the partial tuition waiver is 50% of the difference between the institute tuition fee for non-EU/EEA master students of ESSB and the statutory tuition fee.

For more information, visit eur.nl/essb/excellencescholarship

2. The Holland scholarship for excellent non-EU/EEA students of English-taught degree programmes of ESSB.

The scholarship amounts to € 5,000.

For more information, visit eur.nl/essb/hollandscholarship

Other websites on funding:
www.grantfinder.nl
www.scholarshipportal.eu
www.scholarship-positions.com
www.scholarshipstimes.com

Note: Funding application procedures take time and often require Letters of Acceptance (LoA) from the programme of your choice. Please approach donors and funding bodies at least 6 months before the start of the course.

Facts & figures

Duration	1 year
Start of studies	September
Credits (ECTs)	60 ECTs
Language	English
Accreditation	Accredited by the NVAO
Part- or Full-Time Status	Full-time
Faculty	Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (ESSB)
Tuition fee	EU/EEA students (statutory fee 2019-20) € 2,078 Non-EU/EEA students (institutional fee 2019-20): € 14,900
Application deadlines	EU/EEA students: 15 June Non-EU/EEA students: 15 May
Course page	www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance
How to apply	www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance/application

Admission requirements

- A relevant **Bachelor's** or **undergraduate** degree from a recognised research university
- A **curriculum vitae**
- Evidence of a **sufficient command of English** (TOEFL: min. 90; IELTS: min. 6.5). A Bachelor's in English may exempt candidates from taking an English test*
- A **motivational essay**
- Academic reference letters** are welcomed but optional

*More details can be found on our website: www.eur.nl/master/urban-governance

Chinese students have to apply for the Nuffic certificate: www.nesochina.org

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Social and
Behavioural Sciences

IHS
Making cities work
Erasmus



Master of Science Public Administration Urban Governance Specialisation

2019 / 2020





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 Behavioral 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 over 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 analyzing 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 organizations, private, societal organizations) in urban planning, policy- and decision-making? How do we analyze 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-organization) as well as analyzing 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	International Public Management (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Research Design (IHS & ESSB) 2 ECTS	Master Thesis (IHS & ESSB) 15 ECTS
Cities: Engines of Economic Growth and Innovation (IHS) 5 ECTS	Managing Interactive Governance (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Elective* 5 ECTS	
Policy Innovation in Complex Systems (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Place-making in Cities (IHS) 5 ECTS	Master Thesis (start) (IHS & ESSB) 5 ECTS	
Working group urban governance lab (IHS & ESSB) 3 ECTS			
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Total study load: 60 ECTS			

THE
#72
worldwide
Times Higher
Education

Shanghai
Ranking
#1
worldwide for
Public Administration
Shangai Ranking

CWUR
#5
worldwide for
Planning & Development
Center University Rankings

THE
#95
worldwide for
Employability
Times Higher Education

Career opportunities

High quality education at a top-100 research university

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) is consistently ranked in the top 2% 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 thie 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 are educated to organize and manage the necessary processes to tackle these problems and develop solutions.

Graduates will be suitable candidates for positions 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. on 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.

