

Study at IHS!

Master of Science Global Urban Change

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Programme features

The **MSc in Global Urban Change** (formerly known as Urban Management & Development), is a 12-month English-taught programme offered by IHS. It equips students with the skills needed to tackle contemporary urban challenges through flexible specialisations in climate change or socio-spatial transformations within an international environment.

Next to its high-quality academic content, a key feature of the programme is its global perspective and cross-disciplinary approach. **You don't just study what a city is; you investigate how it changes.** Students learn to navigate complex urban changes to shape sustainable and resilient futures.

Specialisations

Urban Socio-Spatial Transformations

Urban Environment & Climate Change



Learn more here

Year structure

Core courses

The first period builds foundational skills in urban complexity, key urban debates, and essential research design methodologies.

Specialisation courses

Specialisation courses allow students to choose a core module and deepening topics, pairing them with tailored research methodologies to bridge theory and practice.

Thesis period

In the final part of the programme, students conduct independent research on a topic of their choice for their Master's thesis.

Why study at IHS?



- Benefit from flexible study pathways
- Study in Rotterdam, a living urban lab
- Gain first-hand experience through fieldwork abroad
- Study in a diverse classroom, with over 35 nationalities
- Learn from experts with real-world experience
- Join a global alumni network with 13.000+ members

Facts & figures

Duration	1 year
Start of studies	September
Credits (ECTs)	60 ECTs
Language	English
Accreditation	Accredited by the NVAO
Part/Full-time status	Full-time
Faculty	Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (ESSB)
Tuition fee	EU/EEA & Non-EU/EEA students (institutional fee): € 20,900
Application deadlines	Early Bird deadline: 15 April Non-EU/EEA students: 1 June Regular deadline EU/EEA: 1 July
Course information & application procedure	www.ihs.nl/guc

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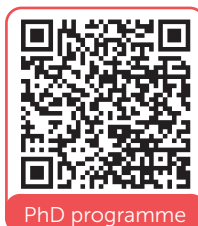
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Interested in PhD?

The PhD in Urban Development & Governance is a 4-year, flexible trajectory programme that bridges the worlds of urban management and governance. It empowers candidates to conduct independent, interdisciplinary research under the expert guidance of experienced supervisors. By combining rigorous methodological training with practical engagement, the programme prepares researchers to generate impactful knowledge and drive sustainable, inclusive urban futures.



PhD programme