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**MASTER'S DEGREE IN**  
**4CITIES: UNICA EUROMASTER**  
**IN URBAN STUDIES. ERASMUS**  
**MUNDUS**

# Master's Degree in 4CITIES: UNICA Euromaster in Urban Studies. Erasmus Mundus

Branch of Knowledge

Arts and Humanities

Centre Responsible

Faculty of Political Science and Sociology.

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**Orientation:** professional, academic and scientific

**Credits:** 120 ECTS

**Duration:** 2 academic years (4 semesters)

**Mode:** blended learning

**N° of places:** 25

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## Objectives

4CITIES is an immersive, two-year, interdisciplinary Erasmus Mundus Master Course in urban studies, incorporating geography, sociology, history, cultural studies, and governance studies. Organised within UNICA, the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, and co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, Graduates receive a master of science (MSc.) degree in urban studies. 4CITIES is, however, much more than its formal description. Because of the exploratory nature of a programme in which travel is a constant, because of the diversity of each cohort of students, and because of the intention of the programme to provide a holistic education in urbanism, 4CITIES is also a crossroads where academic research, professional practice, urban exploration, and civic activism overlap and intersect.

## Target

Students in urban studies, incorporating geography, sociology, history, cultural studies, and governance studies.

The language of instruction is English and proof of fluency is required.

While the 4CITIES teaching and administrative staff provides guidance, students are expected to be highly independent. They must find their own housing as they move from city to city, navigating a gauntlet of practical, cultural, and linguistic differences. After four months, just as students begin to find a routine and feel comfortable with their surroundings, it's time to move again. Students must also be cooperative and collaborative, as much of the academic work in 4CITIES is done in groups. Spending two years traveling and studying and socialising together can turn cohorts into extended families, with all the support and occasional conflict of traditional families. The experience can be intense, and adaptability is a prerequisite for success.

## Why Study this Master's?

The intention of the programme is to provide a holistic education in urbanism, 4CITIES is also a crossroads where academic research, professional practice, urban exploration, and civic activism overlap and intersect. 4CITIES bridges disciplinary limitations by combining sociology, geography, history, cultural studies, and humanistic urban studies while providing students with an array of means and methods for analysing and understanding the specific character of cities. Academic courses are supplemented with fieldwork and excursions, reframing The City as a dynamic, immersive learning laboratory.

4CITIES leads to the following kind of occupations: Research and teaching on issues of urbanity and urbanism; Urban policy advising; Urban project management; Urban planning and design consulting.

## Structure

	<b>Socio-Political Approaches</b>	<b>Socio-Spatial Approaches</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Urbanism</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; Resilience</b>	<b>Applied Methods</b>
Sep-Jan <b>BRUSSELS</b> 30 ECTS	Geographies of a Globalizing Europe	Urban Social Geography			Urban Analysis I
	Urban Sociology	Urban Economic Geography			Urban Analysis II
Mar-Jun <b>VIENNA</b> 20 ECTS	Contemporary Challenges in Urban Development	Demography of European Cities	Principles in Urban Planning & Urbanism		Urban Analysis III
		Urban Development in Eastern Europe			
Sep-Dec <b>COPENHAGEN</b> 20 ECTS	Urban Culture & Cultural Theory		Urbanism & Architecture		Urban Analysis IV
Feb-May <b>MADRID</b> 20 ECTS	Governance & Local Welfare			The Sustainable & Livable City	
<b>MASTER THESIS</b> 30 ECTS	01- Tree-stage development process (Vienna, Copenhagen, Madrid) 02- Written thesis, c.60 pp. 03- Oral defense				

## Syllabus

Type of subject	ECTS
Compulsory	90
Final Project	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

Compulsory Subjects	ECTS	Semester
<b>Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) &amp; l'Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)</b>		
Geographies of a Globalizing Europe - VUB	6	1°
Urban Social Geography - VUB	6	1°
Urban Sociology - ULB	5	1°
Urban Economic Geography - ULB	5	1°
Urban Analysis 1 & 2 - VUB and ULB	3+5	1°
<b>Universität Wien (UW)</b>		
Demography of European Cities	4	2°
Principles of Urban Planning and Urbanism	4	2°
Contemporary Challenges in Urban Development	4	2°
Urban Development and Planning in Eastern Europe	4	2°
Urban Analysis 3	4	2°
<b>Københavns Universitet (KU)</b>		
Urbanism and Architecture	7.5	3°
Urban Culture and Cultural Theory	7.5	3°
Urban Analysis 4	5	3°
<b>Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) &amp; Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)</b>		
The Sustainable and Liveable City - UAM	10	4°
Governance and Local Welfare - UCM	10	4°

Final Project	ECTS	Semester
Final Project	30	4°



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