

2-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM

- › CRITICAL URBAN STUDIES, URBAN PLANNING, ARCHITECTURE THEORY, SOCIOLOGY AND URBAN ETHNOGRAPHY
- › RIGOROUS ACADEMIC RESEARCH & FIELD-WORK
- › TRIPLE FOCUS ON SOCIAL USES, SPATIAL PROGRAMS AND URBAN FORMS
- › THEORETICALLY INFORMED ACTION IN THE FIELD
- › 'REAL' ACTORS
- › INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION
- › URBAN ISSUES AT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN DESIGN PRACTICE, POLITICAL PRACTICE AND THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

The Estonian Academy of Arts in Tallinn welcomes you to apply for a 2-year Master's program in Urban Studies, which is situated at the intersection of critical urban studies, urban planning, architecture theory, sociology and urban ethnography. The program combines rigorous academic research with intensive field-work. Our students have previous academic background in architecture and/or humanities. Integrating critical interrogation and experimental practice, the program has a triple focus on social uses, spatial programs and urban forms.

The form of assignments includes term-long research studios, intensive workshops, lectures, seminars, and field trips. The distinctive mark of the Master in Urban Studies is its reliance on theoretically informed action in the field. We take students' effort seriously:

the program engages 'real' actors and create opportunities for public presentation, discussion and publishing of the best works.

The Master's program is fully in English and it has a strong international orientation. The curriculum includes a number of workshops and lecture courses by international scholars and practitioners. Students also participate in hosting the annual international conference Urban and Landscape Days.

The education prepares students to engage with urban issues at the intersection between design practice, political practice and theoretical knowledge. The program prepares graduates for further study at the PhD level.

Depending on their background discipline, prospective students should

have an outstanding portfolio of either design or written work (realised or published work is not required, but it is an advantage) in a field relevant to the discipline of Urban Studies (architecture, planning, geography, social sciences, art history, etc). Students' strong interest in urban phenomena, manifested in their previous work at the level of design skills and/or research experience is decisive. Crucially, prospective students are able to manifest that they are willing and capable to integrate these two forms of urban knowledge in their Master's studies. Prospective students are able to formulate original questions, problems and approaches that they would like to pursue during the Master Studies. A fluent command of the English language is required.

The requirement for admissions to Master's studies is a Bachelor's degree,

higher education obtained on the basis of professional higher education curriculum or other relevant qualification that gives access to Master's studies.

The admission time for international applicants is March 1st till May 15th, 2014.
An application can be filled online: www.estonia.dreamapply.com.

The admission period for Estonian applicants is May 1st till July 2nd, 2014.
An application can be filled online: www.sais.ee.

An application should be sent by post to the Estonian Academy of Arts / Admission, Estonia pst 7, 10143 Tallinn, Estonia by the application deadline at the latest. For more information on how to apply and the list of documents required for the application please consult www.artun.ee/urban.



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