

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

 Metro and tram stops



Funding

We offer several scholarships:

- 1. Excellence Scholarship** for non-EEA students
For more information, visit www.eur.nl/essb/excellencescholarship
- 2. The Holland Scholarship** for non-EEA students
For more information, visit www.eur.nl/essb/hollandscholarship
- 3. Orange Tulip Scholarship (OTS)**

For more information, visit www.eur.nl/scholarships

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 Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)
Location	Campus Woudestein, Rotterdam
Tuition fee	EU/EEA students (statutory fee 2022-2023) € 2,209 Non-EU/EEA students (institutional fee 2022-2023): € 15,700
Application deadlines	EU/EEA students: 15 June Non-EU/EEA students: 10 May
Course page	www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance
How to apply	www.eur.nl/en/urban-governance/application
Contact us	master.ug@essb.eur.nl

Partners

Erasmus University Rotterdam is a partner of the The European Masters in Public Administration Network (EMPA) network.

Admission requirements

- A **Bachelor's** or **undergraduate** degree from a recognised research university in a relevant field (e.g. Public Administration, Political Sciences, Sociology)
- A **curriculum vitae**
- Evidence of a **sufficient command of English**
TOEFL: min. score of 90 and min. sub-scores of 20
IELTS: min. score of 6.5 and min. sub-scores of 6.0
A degree completed through the English medium may exempt candidates from taking an English language test. In this case applicants will have to provide a sample of academic writing (e.g. thesis).
- A **motivational essay**
- **Academic reference letters** are welcome but optional

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

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Erasmus School of
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IHS
Making cities work
Erasmus

Master of Science Public Administration Urban Governance Specialisation

2022 / 2023



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Programme description

Cities are at the heart of economic, social and political innovation. They are key to finding solutions for societal issues such as sustainability, poverty, inequality, housing, migration, social segregation and urban growth in a just way. For that, cities require accomplished managers who are able to develop and implement innovative urban development projects, 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 Behavioural 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 more than 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 analysing and tackling urban governance issues. In addition, in the urban governance labs, students are trained to design and manage specific governance strategies, in the end advising practitioners in the field. This Master integrates and combines knowledge from public administration, urban economy, sociology and urban planning.

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-organisation), 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 complex societal issues.

Students will:

- Learn about sustainable economic growth and innovation of cities
- Learn about various collaborative forms of governance in dealing with complex urban issues
- Learn how to involve and connect different actors and interests in urban planning, policy- and decision-making
- Design their own spatial vision in relation to specific case studies
- Apply strategic management tools to specific cases and design their own strategic plan
- Advise practitioners in the field based on a sound analysis of a specific case
- Conduct their own research on an urban governance topic

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	Strategic Public Management (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Research Design (IHS & ESSB) 2 ECTS	Master Thesis (IHS & ESSB) 15 ECTS
Governing Urban Economic Growth and Innovation (IHS) 5 ECTS	Managing Interactive Governance (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Elective* 5 ECTS	
Policy Innovation in Complex Systems (ESSB) 5 ECTS	Spatiality and Justice in Urban Governance (IHS) 5 ECTS	Master Thesis (start) (IHS & ESSB) 5 ECTS	
Working Groups: Urban Governance Lab (IHS & ESSB) 3 ECTS			

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Total study load: 60 ECTS



Career opportunities

High quality education at a top-100 research university

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) is consistently ranked in the top 3% 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 the 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 will be able to organise and manage the necessary processes to tackle these problems and develop solutions.

Graduates will be suitable candidates for positions such 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 policies in relation to sustainability, mobility and planning at the local, regional, national level or international level;

- **Government or private party official** working in public-private partnerships on infrastructure projects or climate adaptation strategies;

- Working for a **non-profit organization**, such as a housing corporation or a big social enterprise working on neighborhood development;

- **Policy consultant or advisor** working for a consultancy firm dealing with urban development issues or designing co-production processes between users and providers of urban services.

