Radboud University Nijmegen
Radboud University Nijmegen is one of the leading academic institutions in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Education recently called Radboud University the top research university in the Netherlands. Renowned for its beautiful campus, modern buildings and state-of-the-art equipment, it has eight faculties and over 16,000 students enrolled in approximately 90 study programmes (40 Bachelor programmes and more than 50 Master programmes).

Nijmegen
The beautiful and lively city of Nijmegen was founded by the Romans (its original Latin name, Noviomagus, means New Market) and is the oldest city in the Netherlands. It is situated near the German border on the banks of the Waal river, a branch of the Rhine delta.

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Cities are the vibrant and dynamic focal points of today's society. The specific cultural and social context of city life as well as their unique morphology and materiality make cities special places. As diverse agglomerations of people, companies and organisations cities are both locations for innovation and conflict. It is this interplay of different forces and circumstances that is the focus of our attention. In modern metropolis the interference of different urban groups is unavoidable as they all claim and identify the same urban space. This can lead to conflicts but also be the source of social mobility, innovativeness and cultural creativity. As such it creates and makes cities!

What you will study
If you choose the master specialisation Urban and Cultural Geography you will study urban life and urban development, as well as the thrill of the ‘urban experience’. We will focus on how the city is represented and how city images emerge and are contested. We will also study the hybrid nature and the daily struggles in urban life and the political economy of the city. You will become familiar with processes of identification with and social construction of urban culture and urban space. Finally you will elaborate on the role of cultural industries, creative classes, and cultural diversity for city development.

Studying Urban and Cultural Geography at the Radboud University Nijmegen
The master specialisation Urban and Cultural Geography offer the state-of-the-art knowledge and skills in the field of Urban Development, Cultural Politics and (Cultural) Urban Planning, Urban Economics, and Urban Management. The central question in this programme is, ‘What the relationship between the urban setting and urban activities is? How do cities make a difference?!’ You will be taught by professors who study these issues and publish their findings in international academic journals and contribute to the public debate in the Netherlands. You will study theories, methods and instruments, but above all you will develop a critical attitude. You will learn that there are always multiple approaches to any problem. The master specialisation Urban and Cultural Geography includes a thorough theoretical background, an excursion to one of the European urban hot spots, fieldwork and practical policy making in individual and group assignments, lectures and seminars. The programme gives you the opportunity to share experiences with other students and to link theory with practice. You can also specialise by selecting specific elective courses and by choosing a topic for your masters thesis. Furthermore you will conduct your master thesis research in the framework of an internship as part of the programme. In this way you get a feeling of professional life in the field and enhance your chances on the job market.

Admission
The requirements for admission are either:
- a bachelor degree in Human Geography
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or
- another relevant bachelor degree

For more information please contact the study advisor. More information can be found on the website: www.ru.nl/masters/ucg.