Spatial Planning

Managing smart cities and regions
A Master’s programme of the Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
Spatial planners are fascinated by on-going and future changes in cities and regions and take on managerial roles in spatial transformations, such as regenerating shopping districts or old industrial sites, designating water retention areas, and shaping urban mobility concepts for the future. Related challenges vary in scale, from individual property to European policy making. The programme subtitle ‘managing smart cities and regions’ reflects the challenges of current and upcoming urban societies, at a time that ambitions for a ‘New Urban Agenda’ for the 21st century are formulated, with policies and strategies to create more sustainable and equitable urban spaces.

Why should you choose Spatial Planning in Nijmegen?
• A focus on developing a different understanding of planning and forms of practice. Smart and sustainable solutions for current planning problems are generated in multi-actor settings responding to and working with different stakeholders.
• An objective of learning is to create places that are socially, environmentally and economically just.
• Students with good study results and high motivation have the opportunity to combine work and study in the dual mode programme.

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) that can be done either full time or part time. It is structured as follows:
• Four core modules (24 ECs)
• Four specialisations with two specialisation modules (12 ECs)
• Master’s Thesis (24 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Spatial Planning.

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‘People with this expertise know how institutions work and how they interact with each other. They have the knowledge and skills to make the right decisions related to spatial interventions, enhancing the living environment of society as a whole, taking into account the interests of different stakeholders.’
Changing perspective
Two major features of this Spatial Planning programme will enable students to think outside the box.

1) Students choose one of the following specialisations: Cities, Water and Climate Change; Planning, Land and Real Estate Development; Urban and Regional Mobility; or European Spatial and Environmental Planning. Students select from well-established specialisation courses and electives providing state of the art knowledge.

2) During the course ‘Urban Futures Lab’ students and lecturers together develop and play simulation games in an urban lab setting, and develop innovative solutions of actual and future spatial problems.

The programme emphasizes the relevance of institutional and governance perspectives on spatial planning. It critically discusses the roles of state, market and civil society actors in realizing spatial transformations. Upon completion students will have developed specialised knowledge in either one of the following fields:

- Planning, climate mitigation and adaptation
- Planning, mobility and infrastructure
- Planning, land and real estate development
- European Spatial and Environmental Planning

Career prospects
Spatial planners from Nijmegen work as policy makers, consultants or project managers for the government, consulting firms, project developers, housing corporations or research institutes. Also, more and more of our alumni are working in international projects.

Admission requirements
Students with a university Bachelor’s degree in Human Geography (with the Spatial Planning specialisation) or Spatial Planning can directly be admitted to the Master’s programme. You can also be admitted with other relevant university qualifications, such as a pre-Master’s programme. For more information, please visit www.ru.nl/pre-masters/sp or contact the study advisor.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. We will consider EU/EEA applications until 1 July and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
You can start your application by creating a request for enrolment in Studielink via: www.studielink.nl. The remaining steps depend on your previous education. For more information on the application procedure, be sure to visit: www.ru.nl/masters/sp.

Best Master’s programme
Spatial Planning was ranked ‘Best programme’ according to the Elsevier magazine’s survey ‘Beste studies 2017’, which is an annual nation-wide study programme assessment.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the programme Spatial Planning at Radboud University? Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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