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)
- Five 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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Alumna of the Master’s programme Spatial Planning

‘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.’

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* Depending on the specialisation, you either follow a specialisation course or an elective course. The specialisations refer to: Strategic Spatial Planning, Urban and Rural Spatial Development, Urban, Built and Cultural Change, Urban and Rural Spatial Development, Urban, Built and Cultural Change.
** If you follow the specialisation Spatial and Environmental Planning, you can replace this course with the course ‘Sustainable City and Social Transformation’.

change perspective
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; or Urban and Regional Mobility. Students select from well-established core modules and electives providing state of the art knowledge.

2) During the course ‘Urban Innovation Space’, students, lecturers and practitioners together develop new approaches for the solution of actual and future problems in cities and regions. This course aims to bridge and connect the three specialisations of the Master’s programme in a practical context.

Upon completion students will have knowledge regarding:
• interfaces between different planning concepts, sectors, specialisations and interests;
• synergies that are found and trade-offs that are made within these interfaces;
• paths through which integrative planning is manifested in policy formulation, decision-making and projects at different geographical and institutional levels.

The course consists of an intense project period in which students work on assignments in a ‘studio’. These assignments are then presented at the end of the period. In groups, students formulate strategic visions for a study area, accompanied by sound and feasible short- and long-term development agendas.

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 a 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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