



Programme curriculum
**The Bachelor's elective study in
Global Urban Studies**

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This programme curriculum is supplemented by the faculty's *Shared curriculum for study programmes at the Faculty of Humanities*. Students enrolled under this curriculum are therefore subject to the guidelines and rules described in both the shared curriculum and the programme curriculum.

Part 1. Legal basis

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This curriculum has been drawn up under the authority endowed by:

- Ministerial Order no. 1328 of 15 December 2016 on Bachelor's and Master's (Candidatus) Programmes at Universities (*Uddannelsesbekendtgørelsen*)
- Ministerial Order no. 1062 of 30 June 2016 on University Examinations and Grading (*Eksamensbekendtgørelsen*)
- Ministerial Order no. 114 of 3 February 2015 on the Grading Scale and Other Forms of Assessment of Study Programmes under the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (the Grading Scale Order)

Part 2. Prescribed period of study and affiliation

Section 2. Prescribed period of study

The bachelor's elective study *Global Urban Studies*, at Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, is part of a three-year bachelor's programme that equates to 180 ECTS, including a bachelor's elective study set to 45 ECTS and a major subject equating to 135 ECTS.

(2) Students must have passed their first-year exam before starting the bachelor's elective study.

Section 3. Affiliation

The bachelor's elective study in Global Urban Studies falls under the auspices of the Study Board for Global Urban Studies and the body of external examiners for Ethnology, Minority Studies, and Gender Studies (etnologi, minoritets- og kønsstudier).

Part 3. Technical requirements pertaining to study

Section 4. Reading texts in foreign languages

The student is expected to read texts in English.

Section 5. Definition of a standard page

A standard page is defined in section 7 of the shared curriculum for study programmes at the Faculty of Humanities.

Section 6. Syllabus

The syllabus provisions are presented in the individual subject elements.

Part 4. Subject elements and study patterns

Section 7. Study patterns

This curriculum does not contain a specific study pattern.

Section 8. Stand-alone bachelor's elective studies

The student compose their own bachelor's elective study.

(2) In the table below, you can see the semesters in which the individual subject elements for the stand-alone bachelor's elective studies are offered.

Subject elements	Semester
Urban Culture in Theory and Action (15 ECTS)	Summerschool
Global Urban Studies (15 ECTS)	Spring/autumn
Specialized Urban Topic A (7.5 ECTS)	Summerschool
Specialized Urban Topic B (7.5 ECTS)	Summerschool
Specialized Urban Topic C (7.5 ECTS)	Summerschool
Specialized Urban Topic D (7.5 ECTS)	Summerschool

Section 9. Subject elements

Urban Culture in Theory and Action

15 ECTS

Activity code: HTÆB10221E

Academic targets	<p>At the examination, the student can demonstrate:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relationship between urban processes and cultural practices, production and policy; key challenges and potentials in urban societies, urban development and urban space; practical approaches to project work, innovation and entrepreneurship in networks, businesses, organizations, and institutions working with urban culture. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifying issues, challenges and potentials in cities or urban spaces generally or in a particular city and/or urban space; facilitating and developing creative solutions to challenges, or utilizing potentials, in urban society; applying select theories, methods and tools from within urban studies in order to operationalize relevant research-based knowledge about urban culture in the development of a project; <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> formulating and presenting an idea for an entrepreneurship, a social innovation project, a policy recommendation or similar; planning a project that draws on research-based knowledge; facilitating and contributing to innovation processes in new or established networks, businesses, organizations, and institutions
Syllabus	900-1000 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures, excursions, group work, and workshops.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Active student participation. The active participation consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attendance in min. 75 % of the classes handing in an individual written assignment before the course of 4-5 standard pages participation in an oral group presentation with 5-10 min. per student participation in a group take-home assignment of 4-5 standard pages <p>Assessment: Internal exam with one examiner, Pass/Fail. Regulations for group exams: The exam can only be taken individually, but the active student participation is partly in groups. Exam language(s): English. Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence. Make-up exam/re-sit: Take-home assignment, set subject. 6-10 standard pages and 7 days is given to complete the assignment.</p>

Global Urban Studies
15 ECTS
Activity code: HTÆB10231E

Academic targets	<p>At the examination, the student can demonstrate:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general social and cultural processes, practices and phenomena underpinning urbanisation from the 20th century onwards; • key aspects of urban culture, society and history in a global perspective; • specific theories, methods and analytical approaches applied in the interdisciplinary study of urban life within the humanities and social sciences. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying, studying and discussing a local urban cultural or social issue in a global context; • gathering a limited range of materials about an issue and subjecting it to analysis by use of select methods from within one of three approaches (historical, ethnographical or text-analytical); • disseminating research-based knowledge about urban societal, cultural or historical issues to specialist and non-specialist audiences. <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating knowledge about urban cultural and social processes, practices and phenomena; • formulating a research problem, applying relevant urban theory and method and designing an independent research process; • critical reflection on and discussion of the role of urban processes and phenomena locally and globally.
Syllabus	500-600 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination and 300-400 standard pages chosen by the student. The syllabus must be used in the written assignment and therefore be reflected in the bibliography.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures with text discussions and other active involvement of students.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Take-home assignment, optional subject.</p> <p>Scope: 11-15 standard pages.</p> <p>Assessment: Internal exam with one examiner, the 7-point grading scale.</p> <p>Regulations for group exams: The take-home exam can be taken individually or as a group exam (max 2 students) with individual assessment. If 2 students work together on a report, their individual contributions must constitute distinct units that can be identified and assessed separately. The joint part must not exceed 50 % of the total.</p> <p>Take-home assignments for group exams are: 16-23 standard pages (two students).</p> <p>Exam language(s): English or Danish.</p> <p>Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence.</p> <p>Make-up exam/re-sit: Same as above.</p>

Specialized Urban Topic A
7.5 ECTS
Activity code: HTÆB10241E

Academic targets	<p>At the examination, the student can demonstrate:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a social or cultural issue or phenomenon in the contemporary globalized world of cities, in a specific city or type of city, or in a specific urban space or type of urban space; • a key aspect of urban societies in a global perspective; • specific theories, methods and analytical approaches applied in the interdisciplinary study of urban life within the humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying, studying and discussing a particular urban social or cultural issue or phenomena; • gathering a limited range of materials about an issue and subjecting it to discussion or analysis by use of select methods from within one of three approaches (historical, ethnographical or text-analytical); • disseminating research-based knowledge about urban issues to specialist and non-specialist audiences. <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating knowledge about the studied topic specifically and urban issues more generally; • formulating a limited research problem, locating literature and possible data and selecting relevant theory, method and research design; • critical reflection on and discussion of the role of urban issues locally and globally.
Syllabus	450-500 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures with text discussions and other active involvement of students.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Oral exam with material, optional subject.</p> <p>Scope: 30 min. incl. the examinee's opening presentation (7-10 min.) and the examiner's assessment discussion. The material is a synopsis of 4-5 standard pages.</p> <p>Assessment: Internal exam with two examiners, the 7-point grading scale. The oral and written parts of the exam are weighted 50 % each in grading.</p> <p>Regulations for group exams: The exam can only be taken individually.</p> <p>Exam language(s): English.</p> <p>Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence.</p> <p>Make-up exam/re-sit: Same as above.</p>

Specialized Urban Topic B
7.5 ECTS
Activity code: HTÆB10251E

Academic objectives	<p>At the examination, the student can demonstrate:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a social or cultural issue or phenomena in the contemporary globalized world of cities, in a specific city or type of city, or in a specific urban space or type of urban space; • a key aspect of urban societies in a global perspective; • select theories, methods and analytical approaches applied in the interdisciplinary study of urban life within the humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying, studying and discussing a particular urban social or cultural issue or phenomena; • gathering a limited range of materials about an issue and subjecting it to discussion and analysis by use of select methods from within one of three approaches (historical, ethnographical or text-analytical); • disseminating research-based knowledge about urban issues to specialist and non-specialist audiences. <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating knowledge about the studied topic specifically and urban issues more generally; • formulating a limited research problem, locating literature and possible data and selecting relevant theory, method and research design; • critical reflection on and discussion of the role of urban issues locally and globally.
Syllabus	450-500 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures, excursions, fieldwork, and tutorials.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Active student participation. The active participation consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendance in min. 75% of the classes. • oral presentation in groups, 10-20 minutes, based on a synopsis of 4-5 standard pages per group. Both oral presentation and the synopsis must be approved. <p>Assessment: Internal exam with one examiner, pass/fail. Regulations for group exams: The exam is individually assessed, but the oral presentation and synopsis are conducted in groups. Exam language(s): English. Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence. Make-up exam/re-sit: Take-home assignment, set subject. 6-10 standard pages and 7 days is given to complete the assignment. The exam can only be taken individually.</p>

Specialized Urban Topic C
7.5 ECTS
Activity code: HTÆB10261E

Academic objectives	<p>At the examination, the student can demonstrate:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a social or cultural issue or phenomena in the contemporary globalized world of cities, in a specific city or type of city, or in a specific urban space or type of urban space; • a key aspect of urban societies in a global perspective; • select theories, methods and analytical approaches applied in the interdisciplinary study of urban life within the humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying, studying and discussing a particular urban social or cultural issue or phenomena; • gathering a limited range of materials about an issue and subjecting it to discussion and analysis by use of select methods from within one of three approaches (historical, ethnographical or text-analytical); • disseminating research-based knowledge about urban issues to specialist and non-specialist audiences. <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating knowledge about the studied topic specifically and urban issues more generally; • formulating a limited research problem, locating literature and possible data and selecting relevant theory, method and research design; • critical reflection on and discussion of the role of urban issues locally and globally.
Syllabus	450-500 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures, excursions, fieldwork, and tutorials.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Active student participation. The active participation consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendance in min. 75% of the classes. • oral presentation of 10-20 min. based on a synopsis of 4-5 standard pages. Both oral presentation and the synopsis must be approved. <p>Assessment: Internal exam with one examiner, passed/failed. Regulations for group exams: The exam can only be taken individually. Exam language(s): English. Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence. Make-up exam/re-sit: Oral exam with material, optional subject. 30 minutes (including discussion and assessment). The material consists of a synopsis of 4-5 standard pages). Assessment: Internal exam with two examiners, pass/fail. The material is not weighted in grading.</p>

Specialized Urban Topic D

7.5 ECTS

Activity code: HTÆB10271E

Academic targets	<p>The active participation consists of:</p> <p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a social or cultural issue or phenomenon in the contemporary globalized world of cities, in a specific city or type of city, or in a specific urban space or type of urban space; • a key aspect of urban societies in a global perspective; • specific theories, methods and analytical approaches applied in the interdisciplinary study of urban life within the humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies. <p>Skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying, studying and discussing a particular urban social or cultural issue or phenomena; • gathering a limited range of materials about an issue and subjecting it to discussion or analysis by use of select methods from within one of three approaches (historical, ethnographical or text-analytical); • disseminating research-based knowledge about urban issues to specialist and non-specialist audiences. <p>Competences in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating knowledge about the studied topic specifically and urban issues more generally; • formulating a limited research problem, locating literature and possible data and selecting relevant theory, method and research design; • critical reflection on and discussion of the role of urban issues locally and globally.
Syllabus	450-500 standard pages assigned by the lecturer entitled to conduct the examination.
Types of instruction and work	Lectures with text discussions and other active involvement of students.
Exam provisions	<p>Form of exam: Set written exam with active participation as a prerequisite. The active participation consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendance in min. 75% of the classes. • oral presentation in groups of 10-20 min. based on a synopsis of 4-5 standard pages pr. group. <p>Scope: 3 hours.</p> <p>Assessment: Internal exam with one examiner, the 7-point grading scale.</p> <p>Regulations for group exams: The exam can only be taken individually. The oral presentation and synopsis are conducted in groups.</p> <p>Exam language(s): English.</p> <p>Materials permitted: All, except the use of generative artificial intelligence.</p> <p>Make-up exam/re-sit: Set written home assignment, 6-10 standard pages, 7 days is given to complete the assignment.</p>

Part 5. Exemptions, date of commencement and approval

Section 10. Exemptions

Under special circumstances, the study board may grant exemptions from rules contained in the curriculum that have been set by the study board.

Section 11. Commencement

The curriculum enters into force on 1. July 2019 and applies to students whose bachelor elective study in Global Urban Studies commences on 1. July 2019 or later.

Section 12. Approval

This curriculum was approved by the study board for the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies on 27. June 2018.

This curriculum was approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities on 16. December 2018.

This curriculum has added regulations regarding syllabus on 7 August 2019.

The curriculum has been adjusted and approved by the Study Board for Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies on 24 of May 2019.

The adjusted curriculum has been approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities on 16 December 2019.

The curriculum has been adjusted by the Faculty of Humanities on 13 December 2024.