

Master in Urban planning and design

Transformative urban studies

Presentation

The TRUST programme aims to prepare for the profession of urban planner in France and internationally and to provide students interested in urban issues with both the theoretical and the empirical tools necessary for understanding and implementing transformative urban strategies.

Transformative approaches ambition to trigger and support, in the territories, the processes of change with which the systemic economic, social, political, and ecological crises of our planet confront us. These transformations imply a change in practices in urban planning and public policies, as well as a renewal of the roles of public, private, associative, and citizen actors.

Benefiting from a large network of partners, the Master allows you to work in immersion in different geographical contexts: in France, in cities of Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe, in Tunisia, or other non-European contexts. This cooperation with the actors involved in the making of the cities and the territories allows students to confront current issues from a professional situation and to follow the permanent adaptation of urban professions to international economic, ecological, and political major changes.

The TRUST Master's programme aims to:

- provide students with tools to understand urban transitions and transformations on a global scale and to implement transformative urban strategies in different geographic contexts,
- enable students to acquire a solid culture of the city and to master the technical tools necessary for the analysis of local contexts and the management of complex projects,
- train students to be capable of transcending urban-rural and North-South divides to better understand and act in the face of the complexity of contemporary urban production,
- promote autonomy and adaptation to different international contexts, through immersive learning experiences and the promotion of bilingualism and multilingualism,
- train students to develop and articulate theoretical and practical skills, oriented at the same time towards professional practice in the fields of urban planning, towards development and international cooperation, and also towards research.

Registration and scholarships

Access conditions

To those interested in initial training:

- Access to the 1st year: open, subject to consideration of the student's academic record, to candidates holding a national diploma conferring the degree of license in a field compatible with that of the master
- Access to the 2nd year: open, subject to consideration of the student's academic record, to candidates holding a first year of a master's degree in a compatible field

To those interested in continuing education: You are part of continuing education

- if you resume your studies after 2 years of interruption of studies
- or if you were following training under the continuing education regime in one of the previous 2 years
- or if you are an employee, job seeker, self-employed person.

If you do not have the diploma required to integrate the training, you can undertake [a validation of personal and professional achievements \(VAPP\)](#)

For more information, see the web page of the Continuing Education and Apprenticeship Department.

Consult the rates that apply to the continuing education public (lien : <https://www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/consulter-nos-tarifs/>)

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If you wish to apply for one of our training courses, please consult the admission procedures according to your profile:

- Candidates from outside the European Union whose country of residence falls under the "Studies in France (PEF)" system must apply on the "Studies in France" application only.
- For all other candidates, you must apply on the e-candidate application. The schedule of candidacy campaigns is available on the website of the [Institute of Urbanism and Alpine Geography](#)

Prerequisites

Language prerequisites:

- M1: C1 in French and B2 in English
- M2 in initial training (internship): B1 in French and C1 in English
- M2 in block release training: C1 in French and B2 in English

Target group

Students who have obtained a Bachelor's degree (bac + 3 min.) in a discipline of social sciences (urban planning, planning, geography, sociology, economy, history, law, political science) or even, in architecture, with an interest in social sciences.

Applicants must demonstrate an interest in urban issues and international urban planning, urban transitions, and urban transformations.

Internship

Further studies

Students interested in pursuing research will be supported in the construction of a doctoral thesis project during the 2nd year of the Master and will be able to participate in research activities of the Master's partner laboratories. These students will be oriented to an internship and a research thesis.

Job opportunities

Find all the information concerning the success rate and the future of our graduates (lien : <https://www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/formation/devenir-de-nos-diplomes/>)

It is also possible to consult our resource documents from education to employment classified by training field (lien : <https://prose.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/metiers-secteurs/>)

Practicals informations :

- > Component : Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture de Grenoble (ENSAG), Institut d'Urbanisme et de Géographie Alpine (IUGA)
- > Duration : 2 years
- > Course type : Initial and Continuing Education
- > Location(s) : Grenoble - Vigny Musset

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Program

The TRUST course is bilingual (French - English). The first year is almost exclusively taught in French, while the second year, labelled "International Master" by the UGA, is mainly taught in English.

Master 1st year

Semester 7

UE Savoirs et histoire de la ville et des territoires	6 ECTS
- EC Fabrique urbaine et territoriale du patrimoine	3 ECTS
- EC Théories de l'urbanisme, de l'aménagement et du paysage	3 ECTS
UE Savoirs des mutations urbaines et territoriales 1	6 ECTS
- EC L'empreinte écologique des villes et des territoires	2 ECTS
- EC Aménagement et dynamiques territoriales	2 ECTS
- EC Mobilités et territoires	2 ECTS
UE Savoirs professionnels de l'urbanisme et de l'aménagement 1	3 ECTS
- EC Initiation à la recherche urbaine et territoriale	1 ECTS
- EC Initiation à la vie professionnelle en Urbanisme et Aménagement	1 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Anglais	1 ECTS
- EC Langue vivante étrangère	1 ECTS

- EC FLE 1 ECTS

UE Development: beyond the North-South divide 3 ECTS

UE Solidarités et territoires 3 ECTS

UE Savoirs pratiques des études urbaines transformatives 9 ECTS

- EC Atelier de projet 5 ECTS

- EC Montage de projet en coopération internationale 1

- EC Outils de représentation et traitement de données 1 3 ECTS

Semester 8

UE Savoirs des mutations urbaines et territoriales 2 6 ECTS

- EC La ville durable à l'épreuve de son opérationnalisation 3 ECTS

- EC Action collective et transformations du territoire 3 ECTS

UE Savoirs de la gestion de la ville et des territoires 6 ECTS

- EC Gouvernance et planification territoriale 2 ECTS

- EC Droits de l'urbanisme, du patrimoine et de l'environnement 2 ECTS

- EC Finances publiques 2 ECTS

UE Savoirs professionnels de l'urbanisme et de l'aménagement 2 3 ECTS

- EC Initiation à la recherche urbaine et territoriale 2 ECTS

1 option(s) to choose from 1

- EC Langue vivante : anglais 1 ECTS

- EC Langue vivante étrangère 1 ECTS

- EC FLE	1 ECTS
UE Pouvoirs et dynamiques urbaines	3 ECTS
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UE Savoirs pratiques des études urbaines transformatives	12 ECTS
- EC Atelier de projet	7 ECTS
- EC Montage de projet en coopération internationale	2 ECTS
- EC Outils de représentation et traitement de données 2	3 ECTS

Master 2nd year

Semester 9 - Initial training

UE THEORIES FOR STUDYING URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS	6 ECTS
- EC Sustainable transformations: concepts and methods	2 ECTS
- EC The City as text	2 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Heritage and commons	2 ECTS
- EC Spatial planning in Europe	2 ECTS
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UE CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES	9 ECTS
- EC Management of urban transformations, challenges and risks 1	2 ECTS
- EC Management of urban transformations, challenges and risks 2	2 ECTS
- EC Affordable and sustainable housing in Europe	3 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Global perspectives on housing and land	2 ECTS
- EC Cities of the Global South: land, housing and services	2 ECTS
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UE TRANSFORMATIVE PRACTICE IN PROFESSIONAL CONTEXT	9 ECTS
- EC Planning workshop	7 ECTS
- EC International workshop	2 ECTS
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UE CO-PRODUCTION AND DIGITAL MAPPING METHODS	6 ECTS
- EC Local building cultures for sustainable and resilient human settlements	2 ECTS
- EC Methods to observe and map urban transformations and mobilities	2 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Anglais	2 ECTS
- EC ETC FLE	2 ECTS
- EC ETC Langue vivante Etrangère	2 ECTS
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UE INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH PLAN	3 ECTS
- EC Introduction and professional plan	1 ECTS
- EC International research conferences	1 ECTS
- EC Research methodology	1 ECTS

Semester 9 - Continuing education

UE THÉORIES POUR L'ÉTUDE DES TRANSFORMATIONS URBAINES	6 ECTS
- EC Sustainable transformations: concepts and methods	2 ECTS
- EC Enjeux sociaux des transformations urbaines	2 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Heritage and commons	2 ECTS
- EC Spatial planning in Europe	2 ECTS
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UE CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES	9 ECTS
- EC Management of urban transformations, challenges and risks 1	2 ECTS
- EC Management of urban transformations, challenges and risks 2	2 ECTS
- EC Affordable and sustainable housing in Europe	3 ECTS
1 option(s) to choose from 1	
- EC Global perspectives on housing and land	2 ECTS
- EC Cities of the Global South: land, housing and services	2 ECTS
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UE PRATIQUES TRANSFORMATIVES EN CONTEXTE PROFESSIONNEL 1	3 ECTS
- EC Montage de l'atelier international 1	1 ECTS
- EC Montage de l'atelier international 2	2 ECTS
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UE MÉTHODES DE CO-PRODUCTION ET DE CARTOGRAPHIE DIGITALE	6 ECTS
- EC Récits transformatifs	2 ECTS
- EC Représentations visuelles et cartographiques	4 ECTS
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UE VIE PROFESSIONNELLE ET OUVERTURE VERS LA RECHERCHE 1	3 ECTS
- EC Introduction	1 ECTS
- EC Méthodologie de la recherche	2 ECTS
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Semester 10 - Initial training	
UE INTERNSHIP	9 ECTS
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UE MASTER'S THESIS	18 ECTS
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Semester 10 - Continuing education	
UE PRATIQUES TRANSFORMATIVES EN CONTEXTE PROFESSIONNEL 2	12 ECTS
- EC Atelier international 1	7 ECTS
- EC Atelier international 2	5 ECTS
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UE VIE PROFESSIONNELLE ET OUVERTURE VERS LA RECHERCHE 2	3 ECTS
- EC Méthodologie de la recherche	1 ECTS
- EC Préparation du mémoire de fin d'études	1 ECTS
- EC Vie professionnelle	1 ECTS
UE MEMOIRE DE FIN D'ETUDES	18 ECTS