

Learning outcomes

Ingress:

What distinguishes human geography from other social sciences is the study of social processes in terms of space and place. At the Master Programme in Human Geography you learn to understand the spatial connections and complexities of the social world, developing the analytical capabilities to examine the relationship between local processes and conditions and those at the national and global scale.

In human geography, we also have a fundamental desire to understand the relationship between people and their surroundings, whether it is human-made environmental problems, or the emergence of neighborhoods that appear to exclude certain groups of society.

The study programme provides students with an academic expertise characterized by both academic breadth and research specialization. Students can choose between a general study programme or a thematic specialization in one of the following areas: urban studies and planning, climate change adaptation and transformation, development and politics, and economic and labour geography.

Learning objectives

Knowledge

- You have in-depth knowledge of the history of human geographic thought.
- You have advanced empirical and theoretical knowledge within one or more of the following areas: Urban Studies and Planning, Climate Change Adaptation and Social Transformations, Development and Politics, and Economic and Labour Geography.
- You have in-depth knowledge of advanced methodological tools and can assess their appropriate use for the analysis of specific issues.

Skills

You will be able to:

- formulate precise research questions, develop a good research design and structure sound argumentation in the analysis of specific issues.
- apply scientific methods and tools to the analysis of empirical and theoretical problems and contribute to their understanding and solution.
- conduct an independent and clearly delineated piece of research in line with academic and methodological standards and ethical guidelines.
- employ analytical, spatial perspectives to new research questions.
- present and write knowledge-based material to an academic standard.

General competence

You will be able to:

- Communicate research effectively to other experts and the general
- Systematically and analytically acquire and communicate new knowledge.
- Independently assess and reflect upon the methodological, ethical and practical challenges of research.
- Initiate and provide constructive input to professional development activities.
- Independently conduct focused research projects.