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Hochschule Düsseldorf  
University of Applied Sciences

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Peter Behrens  
School of Arts  
Faculty of Architecture

**Master of Science**

# **Civic Design – Architecture with an Emphasis on Urban Design**

## **Profile**

The Faculty of Architecture is part of Peter Behrens School of Arts (PBSA) at Hochschule Düsseldorf – University of Applied Sciences. The faculty offers one bachelor's programme and three specialised master's programmes.

The master's programme Civic Design – Architecture with an Emphasis on Urban Design consists of contents at the interface of architecture and urban studies. It focuses on urban architecture on the one hand and architectural urban design on the other. The programme fulfils the educational requirements for registration as an architect by the chamber of architects of North-Rhine Westphalia – after two years' work experience.

The main concept, goals and characteristics of the programme build on the synthesis of two major areas of competence: architectural design and urban design research.

In the context of architectural design studios 1–3, you learn methodical skills enabling you to academically analyse and critically reflect matters. This is the foundation on which the programmatic master's programme builds. Topics include amongst others:

- Investigation of interdisciplinary positions on the production of the city
- Investigation of agglomerations, urban landscapes and core areas regarding their spatial potential and conflicts in the light of architectural practice
- Conceptualisation as a strategic, content-specific and artistic process and implementation of projects at architectural as well as urban design level

The programme is research-oriented. It systematically enhances your competences and concludes with the master's thesis. As a graduate, you know how to apply theoretical and conceptual knowledge to practice in a confident manner. You are able to conceptualise, design and implement complex architectural and urban design projects in a strategic, content-specific and artistic way.

**Please note:** The language of instruction is mainly German.

## Career Options

The master's programme Civic Design – Architecture with an Emphasis on Urban Design fulfils the educational requirements for registration as an architect by the chamber of architects of North-Rhine Westphalia – after two years' work experience. It also qualifies you for admission to higher public service. Potential career prospects include executive positions in fields such as urban and regional planning, urban development and housing design.

# SYLLABUS

## SEMESTER 1

- Studio: Architecture as Urban Design 1
- Intra Muros: Project Week
- Instruments and Methods for Urban Planning
- Landscape and Urban Space
- Digital Architectural Representation and Graphic Communication

## SEMESTER 2

- Studio: Architecture as Urban Design 2
- Extra Muros: Excursion
- Planning for Urban Development
- Graphical Analysis and Communication
- Urban Sociology and Economy
- Civic Design Theory

## SEMESTER 3

- Studio: Architecture as Urban Design 3
- Ecology and Energy in an Urban Context
- German Planning and Building Laws and Regulations
- Division into Districts

## SEMESTER 4

- Master's Thesis (consisting of 3 disciplines)
  - Discipline A: Urban Design (incl. written paper)
  - Discipline B: Options for advanced studies
- Choose from:
  - Instruments and Methods for Urban Planning
  - Landscape and Urban Space
  - Planning for Urban Development
  - Ecology and Energy in an Urban Context
  - German Planning and Building Laws and Regulations
- Discipline C: Digital Architectural Representation and Graphic Communication
- Colloquium

Please check the module manual for detailed information on the contents of the study programme.

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Information on all events (in German only):

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