

Urban Sustainability Studies study plan

Faculty offering the field of study:	Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management
Field of study:	Urban Sustainability Studies
Level of study:	First cycle
Level of the Polish Qualifications Framework:	Level 6
Degree profile:	Academically oriented
Mode of study:	Full-time programme
Number of semesters:	6
Number of ECTS credit necessary for completing a field of study on a given level:	180
Total number of teaching hours:	573 This number excludes: • 3 obligatory Minors. Each Minor is one semester long and is worth 30 ECTS, but Minors can vary in terms of the number of teaching hours. Two Minors are studied in different universities within the YUFE alliance. • Courses: “Cities & citizens in European History” and “Contemporary Urban Developments” delivered jointly by teachers from YUFE universities and coordinated by the University of Antwerp. • Elective courses.

Semester 1

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type*					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Methodical module	Research and academic development skills	2800-RADS-USS-1-S1	3			15			Graded credit
Introduction to urban studies	Basics of urban economics and management	2800-BUEM-USS-1-S1	7	15		15	20		Exam (LD), Graded credit (A, F)
	Cities & citizens in European History**	2800-CAC-USS-1-S1	4	Online course jointly delivered by consortium universities.					Graded credit
Introduction to sustainability	Introduction to urban sustainability	2800-IUS-USS-1-S1	4	15		15			Graded credit
Urban sustainability	Science in response to anthropopressure-induced change	2800-SRA-USS-1-S1	4	15		15			Graded credit
Elective courses	University-wide course in English (min 2 ECTS in both semesters)		2	Depends on the course choice.					
Foreign language classes	English in the city	2800-EC-USS-1-S1	3		60				Graded credit
Occupational safety, health and ergonomics	Occupational Safety, Health and Ergonomics (Basic Training)	9001-eBHP	0	8					Non-graded credit
Academic orientation	Academic orientation	2800-AO1-USS-1-S1	1		30				Non-graded credit
Total:			28	53	120	60	20		

Semester 2

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type*					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Methodical module	Computer-assisted qualitative and quantitative data analysis	2800-CAQ-USS-1-S1	6			45			Graded credit
Introduction to urban studies	Urban geography and sociology	2800-UGS-USS-1-S1	6	15		15	20		Exam (LD), Graded credit (A, F)
Introduction to sustainability	Introduction to urban sustainability	2800-IUS-USS-1-S1	2				20		Graded credit
	Complex Systems Theory	2800-CST-USS-1-S1	3	15					Exam
Urban sustainability	Contemporary Urban Developments**	2800-CUD-USS-1-S1	6	Online course jointly delivered by consortium universities.					Graded credit
Urban sustainability	Science in response to anthropopressure-induced change	2800-SRA-USS-1-S1	2				20		Graded credit
	Cycling in modern urban mobility	2800-CMUM-USS-1-S1	6	15		15	20		Graded credit
Academic orientation	Academic orientation	2800-AO2-USS-1-S1	1		15				Non-graded credit
Total:			32	45	15	75	80		

* LD – lectures/discussion seminar, E – exercises, A – laboratory, F – fieldwork, S – seminar.

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Semester 3

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type*					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Mobility & Minors	Minor 1		30	Dependent on the choice of the Minor					Graded credit
Total:			30						

Semester 4

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Mobility & Minors	Minor 2		30	Dependent on the choice of the Minor					Graded credit
Total:			30						

Semester 5

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Mobility & Minors	Minor 3		30	Dependent on the choice of the Minor					Graded credit
Seminar	Bachelor Seminar 1	2800-BS1-USS-3-S1	2					30	Graded credit
Academic orientation	Academic orientation	2800-AO3-USS-3-S1	1		30				
Total:			33		30			30	

Semester 6

Name of a course module	Course name	Course code in USOS	ECTS credits	Number of contact hours with the teacher or tutor – compliant with a class type*					Form of crediting a course
				LD	E	A	F	S	
Seminar	Bachelor Seminar 2	2800-BS2-USS-3-S1	13					30	Graded credit
	Social-economic analysis	2800-SEA-USS-3-S1	6			45			Graded credit
Elective courses	Elective courses from the offer for USS students, university-wide courses or work placement	2800-UPP-USS-3-S1	8	Depends on the courses elected.					Graded credit
Total:			27		15	45		30	

This study plan is effective as of winter semester of the academic year 2026/2027.

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