

Dear Student,

*Welcome!* Our faculty and staff are looking forward to meeting you.

While it is still difficult to plan the coming semester given the continuous uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic, the university is optimistic that most classes will take place in person, although with special measures and ordinances. Since the situation is always evolving, be sure to keep updated on the [latest COVID-19 measures](#) in the university.

### Details on Spring admission

We want to highlight that we are a cohort-based program, meaning that it officially starts in the Fall semester each year, with a mandatory introductory course and fixed main modules. The program structure\* looks as follows:

Completion of the study program, CP	Modules	Eligible Course Formats
3 CP	Introduction to Critical Urbanisms	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
12 CP	Ways of Knowing the City	All according to Master-Ordnung § 7Abs.4 and 5
15 CP of one of the three modules, including -5 CP seminar paper	Urbanism from the South	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
	Urbanism across Geographies	
	Anthropological Fieldwork	
15 CP, including -10 CP studio -5 CP seminar paper	Interdisciplinary Urban Research	Studio Seminar Paper
15 CP including -5 CP seminar paper	The Urban across Disciplines	All according to Master-Ordnung §7Abs.4 and 5
10 CP	Master's examination	
30 CP	Master's thesis	
20 CP	Free Electives	
120 CP	Master of Arts	

\* Please consult the complete [study guidelines and program structure](#)—particularly important are “chapter 3” and the “appendix”. Make sure to read them thoroughly.

If you are choosing to already take courses this Spring semester, you will only be able to join courses counted towards the “Urban Across Disciplines” module, such as:

[Blackness, Infrastructure and the City](#)

[Difficult Heritage in Sicily \(Summer School\)](#)

## Insights to the Decoloniality Approach and Posthuman Theory

(from the G3S program)

Other options can be found on the [semester planning webpage](#).

You will not yet be able to join any of the ‘track-specific’ courses (i.e. courses offered within either the ‘Urbanism from the South’ or ‘Urbanism Across Geographies’ tracks) as these are specified for the second semester only. However, you are welcome to take other free elective courses at the University of Basel that pertain to your specific interests and will accrue credits in the “[Free electives](#)” module (“Freier Wahlbereich”).

The advantage of joining in the spring is that – should you have been requested to complete ‘Extra Requirements’ (Auflagen) – you will be able to focus on completing these before starting with the full program in the Fall.

The extra requirements are designed as independent study and should be completed within the first year of the program (the sooner the better). The independent study will be assessed through the submitted assignments as well as an oral exam as pass/fail.

Feel free to contact the university’s [welcome center](#) for more general info and assistance or reach out to the [Critical Urbanisms student group](#) (‘Fachgruppe’) for valuable peer advice on the program.

Good luck and warm wishes,

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