Course: Social and Spatial Research — credits: 10

Course code	BVVH26URSSR
Name	Social and Spatial Research
Study year	2026-2027
ECTS credits	10
Language	English
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Modes of delivery	Guest lecture International excursion Lecture Tutorial
Assessments	SSR Portfolio 1 - Professional product SSR Project 1 - Assignment

Learning outcomes

Project 1

S&SR_1) The student can analyse the spatial, social, and economic characteristics of an area and identify the key problems and opportunities in the current situation. [Initiate]
S&SR_2) The student can map and analyse relevant stakeholders and their needs, and identify the key problems and opportunities in the current situation. [Initiate, Communicate]
S&SR_3) The student can analyse problems in an area and determine the urgency and priority of different issues based on substantiated criteria. [Initiate]
S&SR_4) The student can analyse and evaluate the consequences of not intervening for different target groups and functions within the area. [Initiate, Research]
S&SR_5) The student collaborates constructively, takes (shared) responsibility for process and outcomes, and uses (familiar) methods to develop supported products based on consensus, within a complex but familiar practical context and under coaching supervision. [Communicate]

Portfolio 1

S&SR_6) The student can analyse their own ambitions and development needs within the context of the field, relate these to personal qualities and roles within a team, and translate them into personal learning goals. [Professionalise]
S&SR_7) The student can compare and integrate their own work with that of others to develop interdisciplinary insights and evaluate the value of different perspectives. [Professionalise]
S&SR_8) The student can critically reflect on their own performance and values and formulate targeted improvement actions based on this. [Professionalise]

Content

Minor Urban Regeneration

Urban Regeneration is about renewing and improving existing urban areas, with the aim of strengthening livability, the local economy, and spatial quality. During this minor, you will work on a specific area facing challenges related to livability, future resilience, and the needs of its users. Your goal is to give this area a new impulse and make it more resilient to future developments.

After a short introduction period, during which you get to know your fellow students and complete a first urban regeneration exercise, you will start working on the central question:

How do we design and organise a future-proof built environment that meets the needs of its users?

By the end of this minor, you will be able to answer this question independently.

Social & Spatial Research

This course is divided in Project 1 and Portfolio 1.

Project 1:
In this phase, you will learn how to analyse an area and engage with residents and users, examining a case study from both spatial and social perspectives. You analyse spatial, social, and economic characteristics, map stakeholders and their interests, and clearly identify the core problem. By working with designs, concepts, visualisations, and interviews, you develop the ability to systematically analyse and evaluate issues and to justify your decisions. You also assess the consequences of (not) intervening.

Throughout the process, you collaborate constructively, take responsibility for both process and outcomes, and work together to develop supported solutions under coaching supervision.

You are supported through (guest) lectures, tutorials, design sessions, fieldwork, and excursions.

Portfolio 1:
In this phase, you actively work on your professional development. You explore your ambitions and development needs and translate them into concrete learning goals. You critically reflect on your own actions, values, and role within a team, and use this to support your growth.

In addition, you learn to compare your own work with that of others and connect different perspectives. This helps you develop interdisciplinary insights and better understand and utilise the value of diverse viewpoints.

Included in programme(s)

Built Environment Exchange Urban Regeneration (autumn)
Built Environment

School(s)

Arts, Design & Built Environment

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