

Amsterdam Academy of Architecture

Architecture / Urbanism / Landscape Architecture



Academy of Architecture
Amsterdam University of the Arts

A Master's degree programme at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture will prepare you for a career as an architect, urban designer or landscape architect. The concurrent educational model, a combination of study and work, provides all the tools to help you develop into an autonomous designer. The location in the heart of Amsterdam, the small-scale set-up and the international character all contribute to the Academy's unique study programmes, which are highly valued by students and graduates.

Master of Science

The Amsterdam Academy of Architecture offers three Master's degree programmes: Architecture, Urbanism and Landscape Architecture. They are independent study programmes that are offered on both a disciplinary and interdisciplinary basis. You will receive the title Master of Science after graduating. Because you will also gain professional experience during your study, you will also be eligible for registration in the Architects Register (Architectenregister) after graduating.

Building towards a sustainable future: a climate curriculum

The Amsterdam Academy of Architecture's climate curriculum is our framework and reflects our steadfast commitment to tackling environmental degradation. It aims to reshape how we approach learning and teaching architecture, urbanism, and landscape architecture. Our climate curriculum represents our commitment to envision, experiment with and refine educational formats. These formats aim to teach spatial design as a tool that acknowledges the systemic challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and social crises. Furthermore, they equip students with the tools to envision collective material and spatial futures.

Registration and admission to the Master's programme

In order to be able to enrol at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture, you need a degree certificate from a Bachelor's or Master's programme, which is in line with the study programme to be followed. Please see our website for an overview of all relevant prior education. The Academy of Architecture selects the candidates on the basis of the registration form, portfolio and motivation. An interview is part of the selection procedure. The steps that you need to complete in order to enrol are described on our website.

Pre-Master's programmes

If you are interested, but do not yet have the right technical knowledge and skills you can, for example, supplement your Bachelor's degree in Architectural Design or Interior Architecture from an art school with a pre-master Architecture & Technology at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture. There is also a pre-Master's programme for Urbanism and Landscape Architecture. We will bring your knowledge to the required standard in six months, so you will be eligible for the selection procedure of our Master's degree programmes.

Minors

Would you like to find out more about our Academy during your Bachelor's programme? In that case, you can sign up for a minor. This offers a practical and inspiring programme. Please see our website for more information about the minor in Architecture and the minor in Urbanism and Landscape Architecture.

Artist in Residence

In collaboration with the Amsterdam University of the Arts, an Artist in Residence is invited every year who enriches the education. In recent years, surprising and much talked about projects and lecture series have been realised under the guidance of designers, activists, artists, photographers, etc.

Prizewinners

In recent years, many graduates from the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture have been among the winners in competitions including the prestigious Archiprix. The Academy of Architecture stimulates you to put your designs on the map nationally and internationally.

Research

After completing your study at the Academy of Architecture, you will receive the title Master of Science. The study programme also offers lots of room for research skills. The education is continuously fed by topical and practice-oriented research. Each Master's degree programme at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture has a research group within which research is conducted.

10 reasons to study at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture



1.

Inspiring environment in the heart of Amsterdam

The design profession will be imparted to you in a 17th-century listed building on the Waterlooplein, refurbished by Claus en Kaan Architecten. Due to the central location and the programming of lectures, exhibitions, workshops and events, the Academy occupies a prominent place in the vibrant cultural life and professional discourse of Amsterdam and beyond.

2.

International environment

The Amsterdam Academy of Architecture offers students from all over the world a Dutch study programme with a global outlook. The internal curriculum is taught in English. You will find yourself in a diverse international community (65% of the students come from the Netherlands and 35% from abroad). We believe it is important that everyone feels at home. There are regular excursions, projects and workshops abroad, as well as exchanges with international study programmes. As a result of this, you will become part of a large international network.



3.

Interdisciplinary education

The Amsterdam Academy of Architecture is the only academy in the Netherlands that offers interdisciplinary Master's degree programmes in Architecture, Urbanism and Landscape Architecture. You will be given lessons with students from the different disciplines. This combination places the Academy in a unique position within the Netherlands and abroad.

4.

Combining study and work

Concurrent education – combining part-time work and study – ensures you will already build a broad network of colleagues during your study. You will work three to four days a week in the professional practice, and attend courses on Friday and two evenings per week on average at the Academy. Work and study supplement each other as part of a full-time Master's degree programme. Most students already have a job when starting at the Academy. If that is not the case, we will help you with that. Many graduates remain involved with the Academy after obtaining their degree, as an employer, guest lecturer or mentor for a new generation of students.





5.

Direct access to the Architects Register

Because you have already been working during your study, you will gain direct access to the Architects Register after obtaining the title Master of Science, as an architect, urban designer or landscape architect. The professional qualifications of architects are automatically recognised in other member states of the EEA.



8.

Research group offers practice-oriented research

Social, practical and technical developments follow one another in rapid succession and continuously place new demands on a designer. The research group conducts research into these practice-oriented topics, which are also covered in the education. The professor organises masterclasses, projects, excursions, exhibitions and lectures within the field of research.

6.

Collaboration between arts study programmes

The Academy is part of the Amsterdam University of the Arts. During your study programme, you will come into contact with a wide range of art forms. Students from the various disciplines are brought together in order to collaborate and learn from each other.

9.

Your development is the main focus

On average, 300 students study at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture. Teaching takes place in small groups (9-12 students), as a result of which there is maximum interaction between you, your lecturer and your fellow students. Your development is the main focus. After graduating, you will have your own recognisable signature style.



7.

Guest lecturers from the professional practice

Guest lecturers are drawn from the professional practice. Lecturers are also students' employers sometimes. Practice, education and research are therefore closely connected with each other and reinforce one another.



10.

The newest technologies and the MakerSpace

The workspaces at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture and the MakerSpace at the nearby Marineterrein offer various technologies in support of your projects. You will learn under supervision to work with, among other things, 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC milling machines and virtual reality.



Get to know the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture

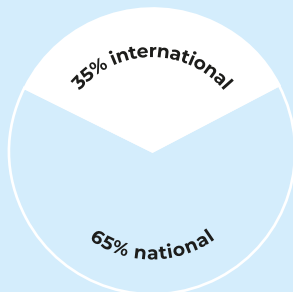
During our open days, guided tours and introductory workshops, we welcome you to learn more about the academy and the education we offer. Find more information about the upcoming events on our website.

Four years part-time study and work

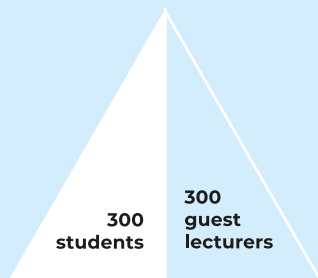
20 hours of **study** per week
(contact hours / self-study)

20 (min.) – 32 (max.)
hours of **work** per week

Origin of students



Division of students and guest lecturers



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