



Blended course

Public Space and Transitions: Planning, Design and Management

Are you dealing with complex transition challenges in public space and infrastructures? Are you looking for integrated approaches of climate adaptation, energy transition, circularity or mobility where planning, design, management and maintenance interact? Do you want to broaden and deepen your theoretical knowledge and skills and apply the latest insights in a real-world context? Do you enjoy collaborating with master students? Then this course is something for you!

Target group

This course is a mixed classroom course, designed for a blend of two groups: professionals acquainted with the management of public space and master students with a background in planning or design. Professionals and students collaborate in this course in small interdisciplinary teams.

Results

After successful completion of this course, you will be able to analyse the impact of different transitions in public space from different disciplinary perspectives. You can distinguish the different roles of planning, design and management in public space; and understand how they can collaborate. You can develop a product for a transition problem in public space, based on an integrated approach. You can integrate theoretical perspectives with your practical knowledge and experience; and demonstrate relevant competences in an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary context.

Date 31 October – 21
December 2022
Location Online Campus
Duration 80-90 study hours

Course leader Dr *ir.* Marlies Brinkhuijsen, WU

Topics

The following topics are part of the programme:

- planning, design and management
- public space
- transition theory
- transitions such as climate adaptation, mobility, circularity, energy transition challenges
- integrative approaches integrated
- approach
- interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary working
- boundary crossing

Programme

The study load for professionals is approximately two afternoons per week, except for 7th week, when an intensive workshop is scheduled each afternoon. We expect little homework, apart from preparing a case from your own daily practice to be used in class. For a detailed schedule and location of the classes (campus, online or fieldwork) you can contact the course coordinator.

The course consists of different components.

Week 1-5 Lectures

In the first weeks you will learn a range of theories and approaches on different topics, such as planning, design and management, public space, transition theory, mobility, climate adaptation, energy transition, circularity, life cycle management and integration. You will get acquainted with relevant theories and knowledge through a mix of short videos, literature, exercises and discussions.

Week 1-5 'Stand in the shoes'

You will be coupled to a master student who will work on a project in your own daily practice from another disciplinary perspective. You will reflect on your daily routines and discuss alternative approaches.

Week 6-8 Intensive workshop

In the last weeks of the course, you will apply the required knowledge and skills in a real-world project in which public and private stakeholders and multiple disciplines collaborate, integrating innovation processes and research.

Week 1-8 Personal development

In this course you will work with others outside your own discipline, culture, and context. Boundary crossing experiences in the course enable you to develop your competences for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary working. You will also reflect upon integrating gained knowledge and skills in your daily practice.

Requirements

The course is meant for professionals active in the field of public space management with a Bachelor level by working experience or study. The language in the course is English; participants are expected to be proficient English users in speaking and writing (CEFR level C1), but some flexibility with respect to the language is possible. Contact the course leader if you have questions / are in doubt.

This course has been developed by experts of Wageningen University in collaboration with the Stichting Managing Public Space. The course is part of a series of three courses, which can be followed separately. www.managingpublicspace.com



Practical information



€ 2.295,- including access to the digital learning environment with all study materials.



Max. 18 professional participants (and max. 18 MSc students).



Upon successful completion, a certificate with an individual mark list is issued.

Registration

Enrollment is possible until 2 October 2022, or if the maximum number of participants is reached.

Employees of sponsors of the Stichting Managing Public Space have priority.

Register via wur.eu/academy.

Register

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Course Program for professionals

(version 2022-08-17)



Course fee

€ 2.295,-

Course lecturers

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Managing Public Space foundation

Learning Platform Brightspace and Microsoft Teams, WUR online learning

Duration 8 weeks

Starting date 31 October 2022

Online lessons available t.b.d.

Organisation

Wageningen University & Research | Wageningen Academy

About this course

In this course we combine three disciplinary perspectives on public space and transitions: planning, design and management. All disciplines aim to contribute to public spaces that are clean, intact, safe, sustainable, healthy, inclusive. All disciplines deal with transition challenges, though in different ways and with different priorities.

We argue that every replacement is an opportunity for renewal and innovation. Many objects and systems in public space are at the end of their lifecycle and about to be replaced. These are windows of opportunity to respond to current transitions in public space. In this course we aim to bring planning, design and management together into a more integrated approach of public spaces.

Educational activities and components

The course includes the following components:

- **Theory (week 1-5, online):** Lectures/clips, group exercises, quizzes, Q&A. The lectures/clips and quizzes can be accessed on Brightspace and should be completed online. In online group exercises you can practice applying the theory as presented in the clips. You can ask questions and discuss the content of the lectures in the Q&A sessions. Additional academic literature will be available but is not mandatory.
- **Stand in the shoes (week 2-5, blended):** Each student will be asked to work on a case from your own daily practice. The student's task is to stand in your shoes and explore different disciplinary perspectives. You will provide the case, discuss it with a student and reflect on alternative problem setting and approaches. The final product for you will be a reflection on the alternatives provided by the student; how does it help you to develop a more integrated approach?
- **Intensive workshop (week 6-8, on campus/on site):** group work, field work, presentations. In the intensive workshop, a real-life setting in Utrecht, you will collaborate with stakeholders and local experts. You will work in mixed groups of students and professionals, and apply knowledge and skills acquired in the other components of the course. The tutors of this course will supervise the workshop. A team of experts will be available for consultation during the workshop. The final products are a presentation and a concise report.
- **Personal development (week 1-8, blended):** individual work, peer conversations, coaching. In this course you will need to cross different boundaries. Not only between the disciplines of planning, design and management, but between students and professionals, and perhaps other cultural differences as well. You will reflect on your professional behaviour and development of so-called 21st-century skills, such as boundary crossing and self-directed learning.

You are expected to attend all scheduled meetings, participate in group work, presentations and discussions, and make all assignments. In case of illness or other rightful reason, please inform the course coordinator by email as soon as possible.

Program (final draft)

Course week	Day	Date	Time	Location
week 1	Monday	31-Oct	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	03-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 2	Monday	07-Nov	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	10-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 3	Monday	14-Nov	14:00-17:10	your workplace (student visit)
	Thursday	17-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 4	Monday	21-Nov	14:00-17:10	hybrid
	Thursday	24-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 5	Monday	28-Nov	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	01-Dec	14:00-17:10	online
week 6	Monday	05-Dec	14:00-17:10	online
	Thursday	08-Dec	14:00-17:10	Utrecht (excursion)
week 7	Intensive workshop [#]			
	Monday	12-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Tuesday	13-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Wednesday	14-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Thursday	15-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Friday	16-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
week 8	Monday	19-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus
	Tuesday	20-Dec	14:00-17:10	Utrecht (presentations)

[#] In week 7 we expect you to be at least 2 or 3 times on campus

Detailed program week 1 and 2

Detailed activities per day are preliminary and based on the March 2022 course. However, the schedule and activities is representative for the November/December edition as well.

WEEK 1

Monday 31 October

Campus

- 14:00 Welcome
- 14:15 Start-up exercise: What does public space mean to you?
- 15:00 Break
- 15:10 Introduction of the course: content and set-up
- 15:40 Personal development
- 16:00 Break
- 16:10 Group discussion: What does self-directed learning mean to you?
- 16:40 Explanation about Brightspace
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 3 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Group exercise
- 16:15 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:40 Plenary meeting: Q&A, discussion
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 2

Monday 7 November

Campus

- 14:00 Introduction to the assignment
- 14:30 Intake meetings
- 15:30 Break
- 15:45 Q&A
- 16:15 Personal development
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 10 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Group exercise
- 16:15 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:40 Plenary meeting: Q&A, discussion
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 3

Monday 14 November

Your workplace

- 14:00 Student visit to your workplace
Stand in the shoes, discuss analysis and fieldwork
- 16:15 Personal development
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 17 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Group exercise
- 16:15 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:40 Plenary meeting: Q&A, discussion
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 4

Monday 21 November

Campus

- 14:00 Joint start
- 14:15 Stand in the shoes: discussion students and commissioner
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Stand in the shoes: discussion students and commissioner
- 16:00 Personal development
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 24 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Group exercise
- 16:15 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:40 Plenary meeting: Q&A, discussion
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 5

Monday 28 November

Hybrid

- 14:00 Joint start
- 14:15 Stand in the shoes: discussion students and commissioner
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Stand in the shoes: discussion students and commissioner
- 16:00 Personal development
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 24 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Group exercise
- 16:15 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:40 Plenary meeting: Q&A, discussion
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 6

Monday 5 December

Online

14:00 Introduction of the workshop assignment
14:15 ... Activities to be scheduled ...
17:10 Closure

Thursday 8 December

Utrecht

14:00 Filed visit study area
17:10 Closure

WEEK 7 – Intensive workshop

This week will be a pressure cooker, developing creative ideas for the assignment. You will work in groups, preferably on campus. Thus, you can fully enjoy the interdisciplinary collaboration and experience the workshop interactions. If you cannot work on campus for some reason, you can switch to an online connection with your team mates. In the meantime, you can keep your personal development log. Detailed activities to be scheduled.

Monday	12-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Tuesday	13-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Wednesday	14-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Thursday	15-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Friday	16-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#

We expect you to be, at least, 2 or 3 times on campus

WEEK 8

Monday 19 December

Campus

14:00 Groupwork: prepare your presentation and work on booklet.
17:10 Closure

Tuesday 20 December

Utrecht

14:00 Presentations
17:10 Closure

Friday 23 December

Hand in final products

End of the course