

MSc Landscape Architecture and Planning

Programme presentation



Presentations

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Programme basics

- Characteristics of the programme
- Structure of the curriculum
- Thesis preparation and topics
- Career orientation and perspectives
- Admission requirements
- Premaster

Characteristics of the programme (1)

- Two year programme (120 credits)
- English language
- Research based
- Student and thesis oriented



Characteristics of the programme (2)

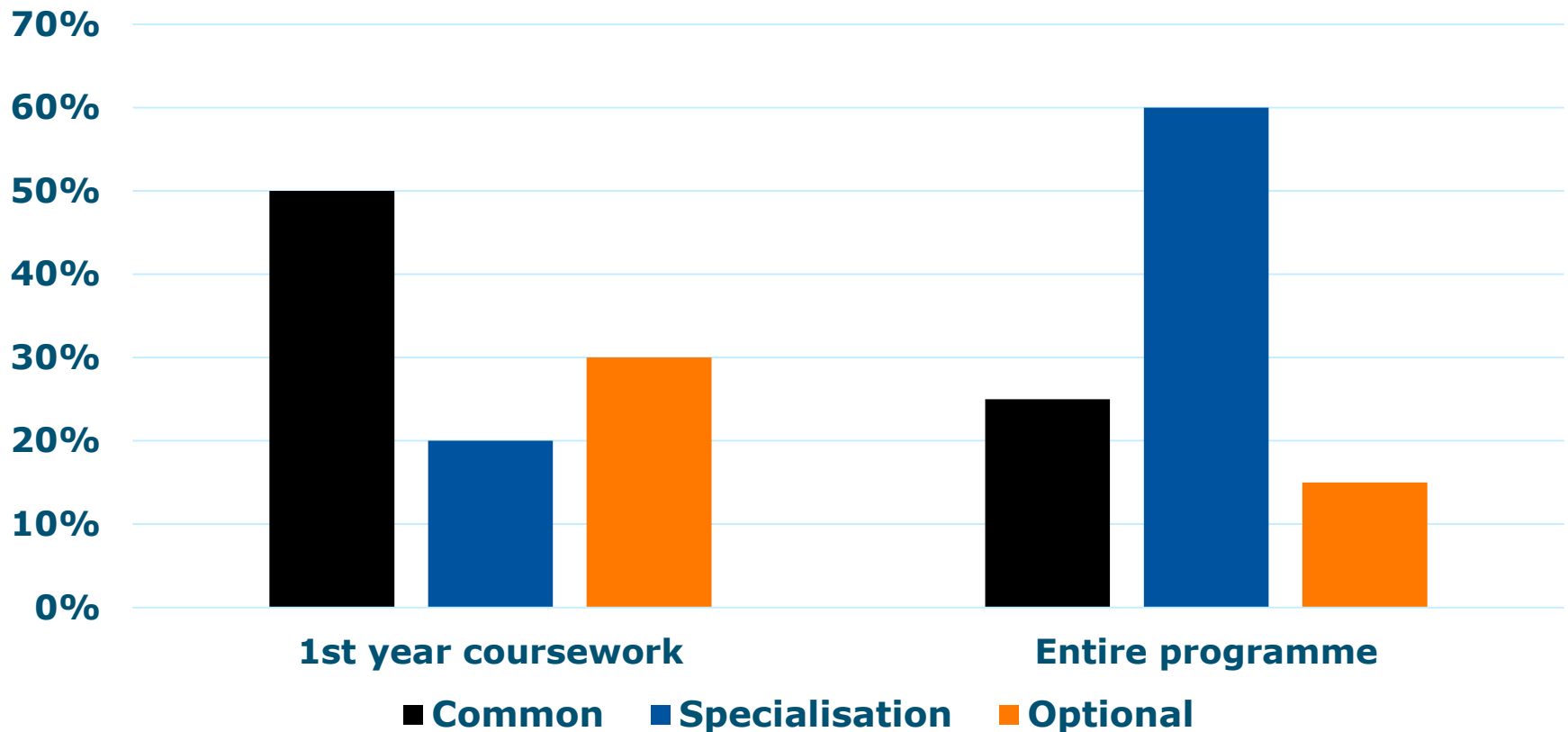
- Starting point is landscape as a system: soil, hydrology, ecology, etc.
- Focus on the human activities that shape and govern landscapes at various scales:
 - Local
 - Regional
 - Supraregional
- Planning and design always related to **scientific research**

Structure of the curriculum

- On the handout: programme overview
- 1st year: coursework
- 2nd year: internship/minor thesis & major thesis

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- 1st year: coursework
- 2nd year: thesis & internship/minor thesis



Thesis preparation and topics: Preparatory coursework

- Understanding and doing scientific research:
 - Research methodology
 - Analysis, including landscape analysis
 - Academic writing
- General skills: project management
- Subject matter: choosing your focus

- Start thinking about a thesis topic from Day 1

Thesis preparation: Choosing your focus

Restricted optional (6 ects)	'Wageningen Flavours'
Climate Responsive Planning and Design	Climate & Energy
Integrated Water Management	Climate & Water
Foodscapes, Urban Lifestyles and Transition	Food & Health
Global Landscapes and Place Making	Culture & Economy

After completion of restricted optional:
Free choice (12 ects)

Thesis characteristics

- Individual scientific research project
- Building a theoretical framework
- Building an analytical framework
- Collecting qualitative and/or quantitative empirical data
- Analysing those data
- Writing a scientific research report

Thesis in Landscape Architecture (1): Project characteristics

- Research & design
- Focus on global landscape challenges
- Applying design research methods

Thesis in Landscape Architecture (2): Topics

- Research topics (examples)
 - Sustainable energy transition
 - Microclimate in cities
 - Tourism
 - Cultural heritage
 - Landscape narratives
 - Metropolitan agriculture

- More info and thesis topics: www.lar.wur.nl

Thesis in Spatial Planning (1): Project characteristics

- Reflecting on spatial planning practices
- Often: case study research

Thesis in Spatial Planning (2): Topics

- Research topics (examples):
 - Landscape Governance
 - Sustainable Food Planning
 - Ecological Network Planning
 - Landscape Adaptation to Climate Change
 - Technologically Sustainable Landscapes

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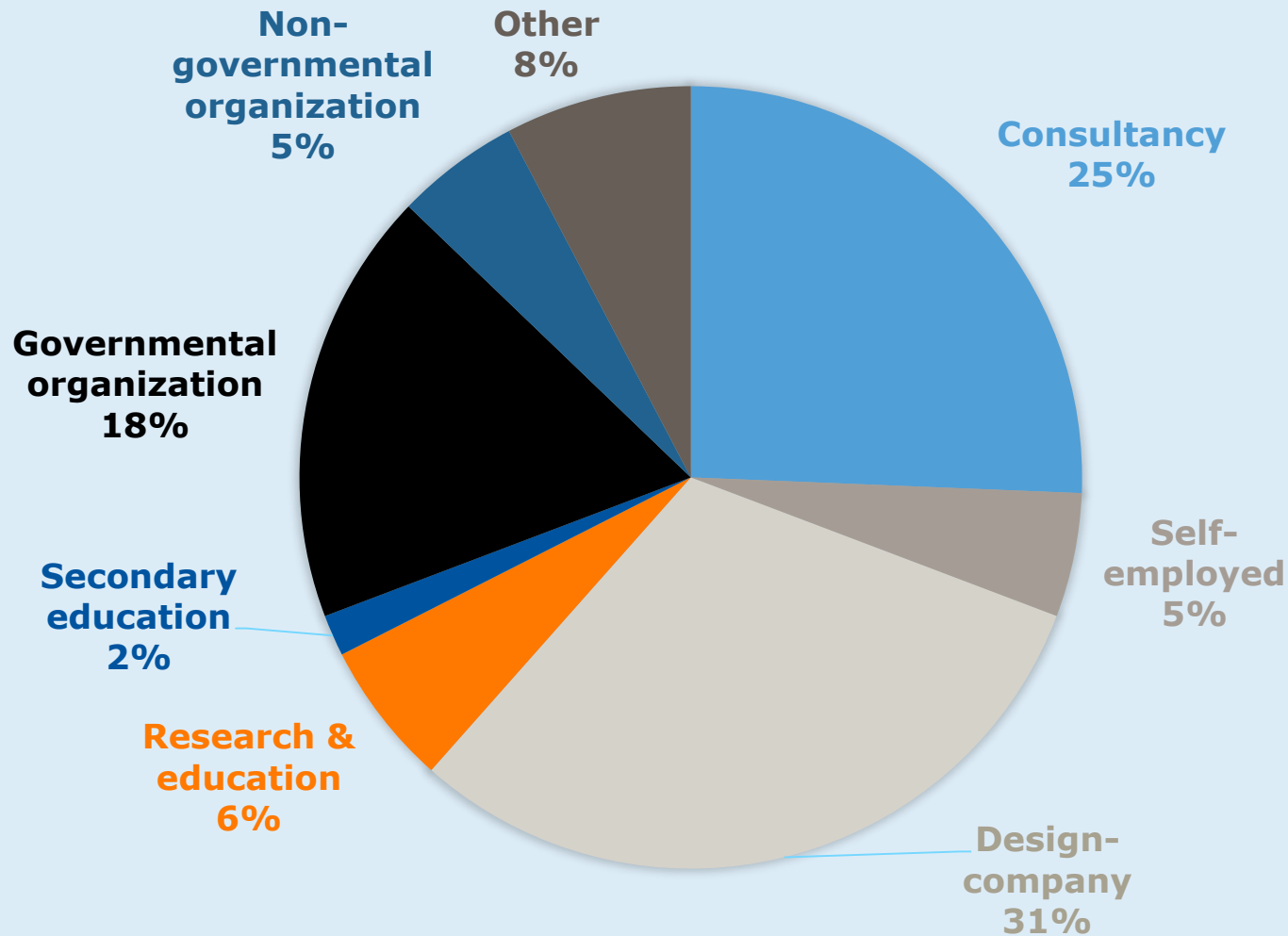
Career orientation and perspectives

- Jobs and sectors
- Career track
- Professional skills
- Exposure to practice

Career orientation and perspectives: Jobs and sectors

- Landscape designer
- Project manager
- Strategic policy adviser
- Consultant
- Researcher
- Teacher
- Consultancy
- Design company
- Governmental organisations
- Non-governmental organisations
- Research & education

Alumni: current employment sectors



Career orientation and perspectives: Career tracks in the programme

Professional career track

- Atelier Landscape Architecture & Planning (9 ects)
- Professional skills modules (3 ects)
- Internship (24 ects): Testing your competencies in professional practice

Research career track

- Research Master Cluster: Proposal Writing (12)
- Minor thesis (24 ects): Doing research at another chair group

Or a combination of both tracks

Career orientation and perspectives: Professional skills

- Spatial Planning: Planning skills
- Landscape Architecture: Design skills

- General skills training, e.g.:
 - Management skills
 - Entrepreneurial skills
 - Consultancy skills
 - Negotiation skills
 - Networking

Career orientation and perspectives: exposure to practice

- Realistic cases in all courses
- Excursions in many courses
- Field experts in some courses (guest lecturers)
- Atelier: real-life client, multidisciplinary team
- Inter-specialist cooperation in common courses
- Internship

Architects' title protection in the Netherlands (landscape architecture only)

- Architect Title Act
- Registration in the Architects' Register
- Two year professional traineeship

- Distinguish yourself as a qualified professional
- Important for clients and for competitions & tenders



Admission requirements MLP

- A relevant BSc degree
 - landscape design, garden design, architecture
 - spatial planning, urban planning, urbanism, geography
- Grade point average
 - Dutch 7/10 | US B/B+ | UK 2nd upper
- Fluency in English
 - IELTS 6.5 | TOEFL internet-based 92 | HAVO 8
- Motivation
- Design skills (landscape architecture): portfolio

Premaster landscape architecture: 2nd semester (mid February-early July)

- 30 credits max
- Standard programme of 5 courses:
 - landscape knowledge
 - research methodology
 - design at regional scale level
 - theory of landscape architecture

Period 4

- Fundamentals of landscape

Period 5

- Studio regional design
- Landscape aesthetics

Period 6

- Concepts & approaches in landscape architecture
- Research methodology



Premaster Spatial Planning

- 30 credits max
- Tailor-made:
 - Contact us through mlp.msc@wur.nl
 - Enter the admission procedure

More information

- Website: www.mlp.wur.nl
- Videos on WURtube:
 - MLP: <https://youtu.be/7ELVZ-rzWj8>
 - Atelier: <https://youtu.be/5ATW0gKtT9g>
 - MLP student: https://youtu.be/W6_FKKuXfCM
- Chair groups:
 - Landscape Architecture Group: www.lar.wur.nl
 - Land Use Planning Group: www.lup.wur.nl
- Student coach Ineke: Student-for-a-day
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- Contact study adviser: mlp.msc@wur.nl

Thank you!

After the presentations you are welcome to:

- Ask questions
- Join the studio tour

