

Blended Course

Transitions in Public Space: Planning, Design and Management

November/December 2023

Course Program for professionals

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Course fee

€ 2.295,-

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Learning Platform Brightspace and Microsoft Teams, WUR online learning

Duration 8 weeks

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Online lessons available t.b.d.

Organisation

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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 2023 (final draft – changes may occur)

Course week	Day	Date	Time	Location
week 1	Monday	30-Oct	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	02-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 2	Monday	06-Nov	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	09-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 3	Monday	13-Nov	14:00-17:10	your workplace (student visit)
	Thursday	16-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 4	Monday	20-Nov	14:00-17:10	hybrid
	Thursday	23-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 5	Monday	27-Nov	14:00-17:10	campus
	Thursday	30-Nov	14:00-17:10	online
week 6	Monday	04-Dec	14:00-17:10	online
	Thursday	07-Dec	14:00-17:10	on site (excursion)
week 7	Intensive workshop [#]			
	Monday	11-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Tuesday	12-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Wednesday	13-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Thursday	14-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
	Friday	15-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid [#]
week 8	Monday	18-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus
	Tuesday	19-Dec	14:00-17:10	on site (presentations)

[#] In course 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 November/December 2022 course. However, the schedule and activities is representative for the 2023 edition as well.

WEEK 1

Monday 30 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 2 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:00 Group exercise
- 15:45 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:10 Plenary meeting: present literature
- 16:30 Plenary meeting: Q&A
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 2

Monday 6 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 9 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:00 Group exercise
- 15:45 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:10 Plenary meeting: present literature
- 16:30 Plenary meeting: Q&A
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 3

Monday 13 November

Your workplace

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

Thursday 16 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:00 Group exercise
- 15:45 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:10 Plenary meeting: present literature
- 16:30 Plenary meeting: Q&A
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 4

Monday 20 November

Hybrid

- 14:00 Joint start
- 14:05 Stand in the shoes: discussion students and professionals
- 16:30 Stand in the shoes: plenary discussion
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 23 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:00 Group exercise
- 15:45 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:10 Plenary meeting: present literature
- 16:30 Plenary meeting: Q&A
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 5

Monday 27 November

Campus

- 14:00 Stand in the shoes assignment - Presentations
- 15:20 Break
- 15:30 Stand in the shoes assignment - Presentations
- 16:30 Reflecting on assignment
- 17:10 Closure

Thursday 30 November

Online

- 14:00 Knowledge clips
- 15:00 Group exercise
- 15:45 Test your knowledge (quiz)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:15 Q&A + evaluation Stand in the Shoes
- 17:10 Closure

WEEK 6

Monday 4 December

Online

14:00 Introduction of the workshop assignment
14:15 ... Activities to be scheduled ...
16:15 Group work: prepare for the field visit
17:10 Closure

Thursday 7 December

On site

14:00 Field 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	11-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Tuesday	12-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Wednesday	13-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Thursday	14-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#
Friday	15-Dec	14:00-17:10	campus/hybrid#

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WEEK 8

Monday 18 December

Campus

14:00 Groupwork: prepare final products and presentation
17:10 Closure

Tuesday 19 December

On site

14:00 Presentations
17:10 Closure

Friday 22 December

Hand in final products

End of the course