

# Amsterdam Academy of Architecture



**Academy of Architecture**  
Amsterdam University of the Arts

## Architecture Urbanism Landscape Architecture

The Master's degree programmes at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture will prepare you for a professional practice as 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.

**'At the Academy, you are provided with tools and inspiration. It is up to students to take delight in designing new and surprising proposals for a sustainable, nature-inclusive and attractive future.'**

Hanneke Kijne – head of Master in Landscape Architecture



**'We want to provide a place where students of various nationalities and cultural backgrounds can learn from lecturers and from each other.'**

Madeleine Maaskant – director



Photo: Jonathan Andrew

## 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 have direct access to the Architects' Register after graduating.

## Registration and admission to the Master's programme

In order to be able to register 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 a registration form, a portfolio, the motivation and an overview of the courses from the main subject or major. An interview at the Academy (or via Skype if you don't live in the Netherlands) may be part of the selection procedure. The steps that you need to complete in order to register are described on our website.

**'At this moment, we are seeing an enormous shift in the role and tasks of the urban designer. We are working in a more integrated and global manner together with numerous players. You not only learn how you can rise to these challenges at the Academy, but you are also given the opportunity to actively use this knowledge in practice.'**

Markus Appenzeller – head of Master in Urbanism

## 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.

## Prizewinners

In recent years, many students from the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture have been among the winners in competitions including the prestigious Archiprix. In 2019, alumna Lesia Topolnyk won both the national and the international Archiprix, as well as the Tamayouz International Graduation Projects Award. Former students Donna van Milligen Bielke and Ana Mačić won the Young Maaskant Prize in 2019 and 2017 respectively. The Academy of Architecture stimulates you to put your designs on the map nationally and internationally.

## 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, among other people, the photographer Jeroen Musch, artist Sarah van Sonsbeeck, architect Alexander Brodsky and the artist collective Building Conversation.



Photo: Sarah van Sonsbeeck

**'This study deals with the foundation and core of the profession of architect: designing. The standard of the projects is surprisingly high – the students give me goose bumps with their graduation work each year.'**

Jan-Richard Kikkert – head of Master in Architecture

## Pre-Master's programmes

If you are interested, but do not yet have the right technical knowledge and/or 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.



Photo: Jonathan Andrew

**Come to our open days and introductory workshops, and learn more about the education at the Academy of Architecture in Amsterdam.**

### Open days

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 7 February 2020 \_\_\_\_ (14:00-17:00)  
Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 9 March 2020 \_\_\_\_ (19:00-22:00)

### Introductory workshop Architecture

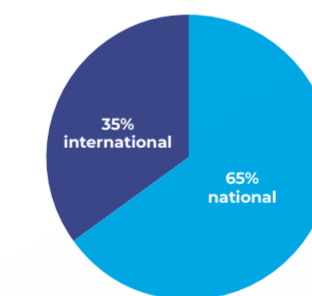
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 19 March 2020 \_\_\_\_ (09:00-18:00)

### Introductory workshop Urbanism & Landscape Architecture

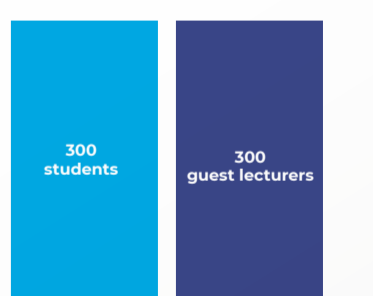
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 13 February 2020 \_\_\_\_ (09:00-18:00)  
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 2 April 2020 \_\_\_\_ (09:00-18:00)

## Our courses

### Origin of students



### Division of students and guest lecturers



### Weekly schedule Master's degree programmes



	duration	EC	language*	costs**	qualification	start
<b>Master in Architecture</b>	4 years	240	EN/NL	€ 2.125 / € 8.465	MSc	end Aug.
<b>Master in Urbanism</b>	4 years	240	EN/NL	€ 2.125 / € 8.465	MSc	end Aug.
<b>Master in Landscape Architecture</b>	4 years	240	EN/NL	€ 2.125 / € 8.465	MSc	end Aug.
<b>Pre-master Architecture &amp; Technology</b>	6 months	15	EN/NL	€ 950	certificate	end Aug. and Feb.
<b>Pre-master Urbanism &amp; Landscape Architecture</b>	6 months	15	EN/NL	€ 950	certificate	end Aug. and Feb.
<b>Minor in Architecture</b>	6 months	30	NL	Kies op Maat	certificate	end Aug.
<b>Minor in Urbanism &amp; Landscape Architecture</b>	6 months	30	NL	Kies op Maat	certificate	end Aug.

\* The Academy is bilingual, the language of instruction for the master study programmes is English.  
\*\* Tuition fees 2020-2021: Students from the EEA, Switzerland and Suriname € 2.125 per year, non-EEA students € 8.465 per year, guest students € 4.233 per semester.

For more information, questions and registrations, please feel free to contact us:

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# 10 reasons to study at the Amsterdam Academy of Architecture



## 1. Inspiring environment in the heart of Amsterdam

The design trade will be imparted to you in a 17th-century nationally 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## 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 and exchanges with international study programmes. As a result of this, you will become part of a large international network.



## 8. Three research groups offer practice-oriented research

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



## 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.



## 5. Direct access to the Architects' Register

Because you have already been working during your study, you will gain direct access to the Dutch Architects' Register (*Nederlandse Architectenregister*) 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.



## 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.



## 4. Combining study and work

Concurrent education – combining part-time work and study – ensures you will already form part of 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.



## 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.