

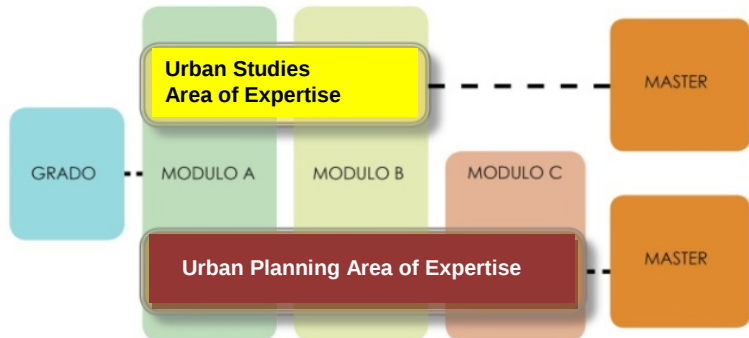
Information for and structure of the Quality recognition report

I - GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of the school	School of Architecture of Madrid - ETSAM, UPM - Technical University of Madrid (Spain)
Name of the programme	Official Master´s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning
Address	Juan de Herrera Avenue, 4 (28040, Madrid)
Website	http://www2.aq.upm.es/Departamentos/Urbanismo/institucional/master/informacion-general/
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II - OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME	
Level of university education/degree	Official Master´s Degree (postgraduate level)
Duration of the study in the programme	Full time mode: 2 semesters / 1 year Part-time mode: 4 semesters / 2 years
Profile of graduates	The master´s main goal is to qualify urbanism professionals in two different ways according to the two Academic Areas of Expertise which can be followed: Urban Studies or Urban Planning. In both cases our graduates will be highly competent to give solutions or evaluate decisions referred to urban policies as well as to act as inestimable analysts of current urban phenomena which are taking place in our cities (gentrification, gender issues, complexity, sustainability, prospective planning, etc.). We have noticed that alumni of our program are incorporated into urban and regional committees playing a remarkable role in the development of urban policies in their cities, not only as political urban advisors but also as town and regional planners (mainly those graduates from Urban Planning modality). Additionally, other graduates (those from Urban Studies) develop a research career being actively involved in urban research carried out in their respective native universities, and starting successful academic careers (especially in Latin America). Many of them may also continue in our PhD programme.
Scientific objectives/knowledge offered	Scientific skills are mainly provided to students in the area of Urban Studies. The main objective for this modality is to supply the students the basic knowledge to allow them to understand and analyse the current urban phenomena which operates in the contemporary city. This modality meets the requirements for being considered as a research learning period for candidates to access the department's PhD program.
Professional objectives/skills offered	Professional skills are mainly related to the area of Urban Planning. This route offers the legal framework and the practical tools required for a competent exercising of the professional practise. The Master practices always take place in medium-size Spanish towns, choosing a different city each year. The students travel to these cities and are received by local government authorities, who are also invited to join the Master´s activities. The main purpose of this methodology is to prepare the students in order to fill professional job demands not only by the Public Administration but for the private sector
Requirements for entering the programme (previous education profile)	It is considered as a basic requirement that the applicant must be in possession of a university degree from a technical career (preferably related to urbanism and architecture) or a bachelor´s degree. To define this assessment is taken as reference the total hours which define the 1996 ETSAM Degree in Architecture. Therefore, the title will be assessed as follows: If the professional title is a technical and long-term one (with 3,400

	hours minimum) the applicant will be awarded with 5 points maximum. In the case of certificates from abroad, the degree must be legalized by the Ministry of Education of the foreign country and the seal of the Consulate of Spain. A certificate of equivalency credits hours can also be required. If students submit a superior degree with fewer credits than those required, the Master's Academic Committee will decide the final score to each singular situation. Besides, there are other aspects to be considered for the applicants: Urban and spatial skills, other postgraduate degree(s), scholarships awarded, university Records, professional hits, languages spoken (Spanish is compulsory), personal profile and also recommendation and motivation letters if they are submitted. These requirements are available in "Master Guidelines" on our website. http://www2.aq.upm.es/Departamentos/Urbanismo/institucional/master/guia-master/
Standard presentation (optional)	For 30 years now, the Town and Regional Planning Department (DUyOT) has been running postgraduate courses in the field of urbanism. Its PhD programmes and previous Master Programmes have enjoyed both national and international excellent reception. Right now, our master is one of the most demanded postgraduate courses in our university. The reasons for implementing the current official master in 2009 were: • To position UPM as the leading Spanish university providing postgraduate training in the field of urban studies. • To respond to the increasing demand of young professionals who were willing to broaden and improve the amount of urban knowledge acquired during the faculty years. • To train young researchers in the fields of Urban and Regional Planning • To strength relationships between the university and the public sector. • To enable the establishment of future agreements with other European universities for the implementation of coordinated postgraduate courses as part of the European Space for Higher Education

III - CONTEXT and CONTENTS																	
Position in the academic environment: country, university, department	The Town and Regional Planning Department (DUyOT) is part of the School of Architecture of Madrid (ETSAM). ETSAM is a public faculty and the most famous Architecture School in Spain, due to the prestige and the high-qualification of its professors and teaching programs. ETSAM is also the oldest School of Architecture in Spain with more than two centuries. Our Department is one of the leaders in the Spanish urbanism with more than 30 years of activity. It has been actively involved as a major consultant in lots of urban projects from regional capitals to great cities such as Madrid.																
Accreditation obtained (if applicable)	(accreditation body, date and validation period, awarded rights) ANECA Teaching Quality Certification (Accreditation provided by the National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Certification) The Department is also being evaluated, as part of our School, for getting the NAAB (National Architecture Accreditation Board)																
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Programme structure	1. Curriculum  The Master is divided into two Academic Areas of Expertise: Urban Studies and Urban Planning. The course starts in September and lasts until July. It has 2 semesters (Autumn: from September till December and Spring from January till July). The courses are organised in tree units. Unit A: Specific Training in Urban Aspects Minimum of credits required for Urban Studies Students: 9-12 ECTS Minimum of credits required for Urban Planning Students: 12-18 ECTS -<i>Territory, Environment and Landscape</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st Semester. Optative for Urban Studies / Compulsory for Urban Planning -<i>Territory as a socioeconomic basis</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies / Compulsory for Urban Planning -<i>Urban history and culture</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Transport and Mobility</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Urban Layout and Structure</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Regional planning: Instruments for a sustainable urbanism</i>. 2nd semester. 4.5 ECTS. Optative for for Urban Studies and Urban Planning Unit B: Specific Training in Urban Studies and Research Minimum of credits required for Urban Studies Students: 48-51 ECTS Minimum of credits required for Urban Planning Students: 3-9 ECTS -<i>Research workshops: Lines of research</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Compulsory for Urban Studies and Urban Planning. -<i>Research workshop: Research in urban planning 1. (Parallel Workshop)</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Research in urban planning: How to write a PhD</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Towards a more sustainable city. Urban planning and the paradigm of sustainability</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Projecting a complex city. Evolution in urban shapes and structures. Memory Landscapes</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Evolution and the memory of the city. The temporary dimension in the evaluation of the urban phenomena</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Town planning for equality in diversity: Gender, age, immigration</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning

	-<i>Strategic urban planning</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Housing projects and public space. Design experiences of residential layouts in Europe, in the XXth century</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Social Housing</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Basic Habitability</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Environmental planning</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>The preservation of urban and natural heritage</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>The Project and making of new urban territories</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative for Urban Studies and Urban Planning -<i>Practices and Seminars in Research groups of the Department I</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 1st semester. Optative only available for Urban Studies modality -<i>Practices and Seminars in Research groups of the Department II</i>. 4.5 ECTS. 2nd semester. Optative only available for Urban Studies modality -<i>Practices and Seminars in Research groups of the Department III</i>. 3 ECTS. 1st and 2nd semester. Optative only available for Urban Studies modality -<i>Final Thesis for Urban Studies Students</i>. 15 ECTS. 1st and 2nd semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Studies modality Unit C: Specific Training in Regional Planning Credits to pass for Urban Planning Students 39 ECTS This unit is not available for Urban Studies Modality -<i>Urban analysis and comprehensive planning techniques</i>. 3 ECTS. 1st semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning -<i>Legal basis of Urban Planning</i>. 3 ECTS. 1st semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning -<i>Urban planning workshop</i>. 6 ECTS. 1st semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning -<i>Design of urban fabric and layouts</i>. 3 ECTS. 2nd semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning -<i>Professional Practices</i>. 6 ECTS. 1st and 2nd semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning -<i>Final Thesis for Regional Planning Students</i>. 15 ECTS. 1st and 2nd semester. Compulsory and only available for Urban Planning For further information, visit our website: http://www2.aq.upm.es/Departamentos/Urbanismo/institucional/master/informacion-general/
	2. Number of credits: 60 ECTS (minimum for both for both Urban Studies and Urban Planning)
	3. ECTS if applicable: 60 ECTS (for both Urban Studies and Urban Planning)
Methods of teaching	Our Master is based in a face-to-face class attendance for the students in order to provide a rigorous teaching. Students must attend a minimum of 80% of the lessons in each subject for avoiding the final exam at the end of the semester. The ordinary lessons will be combined with Master Lessons given by visiting professors, foreign PhD researchers or even <i>Ad Honorem</i> professors of the Department. As subjects measured by ECTS credits, an important load of each subject must be done by the students at home or in the school's premises. This aspect allows the students to get involved with the University research resources (Library, Archive or research Cabinets). There are also some days in the semester schedule for tutorials, which play an important role to strength the relationship between students and professors.
Title(s) awarded (single, double, multiple degree)	Title (Single Degree): Official Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning in the Academic area of expertise of Urban Studies / Regional Planning
Students in the programme	1.Number (total/per year) Alumni in the Academic Year 2009/2010: Urban Planning: 19 Urban Studies: 21 Total Alumni: 40 Alumni in the Academic Year 2010/2011: Urban Planning: 15 Urban Studies: 32 Total Alumni: 47

Alumni in the Academic Year 2011/2012: Urban Planning: 16 Urban Studies: 23 Total Alumni: 39 Alumni in the Academic Year 2012/2013: Urban Planning: 11 Urban Studies: 21 Total Alumni: 33 Alumni in the Academic Year 2013/2014: Urban Planning: 15 Urban Studies: 16 Visiting Students: 2 Total Alumni: 33 Alumni in the Academic Year 2014/2015: Urban Planning: 16 Urban Studies: 21 Visiting Students: 4 Total Alumni: 41	2. Percentage of international students 2009/2010: 24/40.....60% of total alumni. 2010/2011: 15/47.....32 % 2011/2012: 14/39.....36 % 2012/2013: 12/33.....36 % 2013/2014: 18/33.....52 % 2014/2015: 23/41.....56 %
	3. Examples of countries of origin Latin America (70 % of the International Students): Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Perú and Venezuela. Asia (20 % of the International Students): China and South Korea. Middle-East (5 % of the International Students): Lebanon and Israel. Europe (5 % of the International Students): England, Greece, Italy, Serbia, Turkey and Portugal.

IV - EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION IN TEACHING	
In the courses (max. 50 words each)	1. International comparative planning In many of the Master's subjects international planning is reviewed and studied as a basic framework reference. For example, the subject: "Towards a more sustainable city" analyses the best urban practices in Latin America and the Caribbean awarded by the UN-Habitat Program. On the other hand, paradigmatic urban cases from North America are covered in other subjects like "Urban layout and structure", "transport and mobility" or "projecting a complex city".
	2. European Spatial Planning European spatial planning plays a prior role in the Master's Programme. Both historic and recent projects constitute a relevant matter of study and many subjects offer a huge panorama like "Urban layout and structure" (Netherlands, England, France, etc.) "Environmental planning" (European Eco-cities) or "Projecting a complex city" (Germany, Italy, France, etc.).
	3. Other. Frequent visiting lecturers from foreign countries (visiting professors or PhD researchers) also complete and boost the spectrum of International Case Studies (see below: "Involvement of foreign teachers")
In the practical activities (max. 50 words each)	1. Placement periods abroad (localities, length, percentage of students): None
	2. Workshops abroad (localities, length, number of students): We have actively run several International Workshops since 2012:

	Parallel Workshop with MIT (USA) / Madrid-Boston / 2012 Spring Semester: from January till July / 20 students from Madrid and about 20 from MIT. Parallel Workshop with UCL Bartlett (UK) / Madrid-London / 2012 and 2013 Spring Semesters: from January till July / 20 students from Madrid and about 20 from UCL Bartlett. Urban Planning in Time of Crisis with Weimar Bauhaus Universitat (DEU) / Weimar-Madrid / 2013 Autumn semester: from September till December / 20 students from each University
	3. Study tours (localities, length, percentage of students). The students of Regional Planning go to the towns of the Master practices. Once there, they are received by the local authorities. This activity does not last more than a day. The localities chosen are medium-size towns of Spain. All the students of Regional Planning are supposed to take part in this activity. There are usually 20 students per year.
	4. Other. None
In other activities (max. 50 words each)	
In the final thesis and/or project	1. Comparative or European topics for the thesis. The usual European topics for the thesis are: sustainability, urban complexity, heritage, collective memory, landscape and environment, gender, urban renewal, mobility and transport, pedestrianization, urban vulnerability, social housing, urban fabric, strategic planning, smart cities, shrinking cities, resilience, urban evolvability, eco-cities, proximity commerce, city governance, peripherals, industrial decline, sprawl and public space. Some examples of thesis with European scope: -The management of waste disposal in Tokio, Paris, Madrid and Mexico D.F. (Author: Fabián Tron, 2010) -BREEAM and LEED as Sustainability Assessment Methods for urban projects. (Author: Ricardo Alvira, 2011) A short version of the Thesis is published in <i>Cuadernos de Investigación urbanística</i> and <i>Territorios en formación</i>, two publications of the Department. <i>Territorios</i> is currently indexed in Avery Index. http://polired.upm.es/index.php/ciur http://polired.upm.es/index.php/territoriosenformacion
	1. Projects in foreign countries. None
	3. Possibility to submit in different languages: The languages in which the final thesis can be submitted are Spanish, English or French.
	4. Other
Involvement of foreign teachers	1. Visiting professors. None at the moment, but we are able to incorporate visiting professors to the program if there were any application in this way. The application will be evaluated by the Master's Committee integrated by all the professors of the program. 2. Guest lecturers. Each year we usually count with almost three foreign guest lecturers from top-universities in the fields of architecture and urbanism. These sessions can be in Spanish, English or even French. For the course 2014/2015 we have confirmed, the following lecturers: -Frank Eckardt (Bauhaus Universitat, Weimar, DEU) -Mónica Sánchez Bernal (Universidad Central, Bogotá, COL) -Ana Mrdja (Zagreb University, Zagreb, CRO) -James M. Buckley (Fullbright visitor, MIT, Massachusetts, USA) In the previous course, 2013/2014, we counted with: -Luis Inostroza (Technische Universitat, Dresden, DEU) -Carlos Bustamante (Universidad Finis Terrae, Santiago de Chile, CHI) -Miguel Tavares (Faculty of Sciences, Porto, POR)

	We have also had longer visits such as Max Welch Guerra's from Bauhaus-Weimar in 2012 (holding a position as invited professor for one month).
	3. Other forms of involvement (reviewers, evaluators, jury members ...)
Language(s) of tuition	Multilingual: Spanish, English and French.
V - INSTITUTIONAL EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION	
International institutional collaborations (max. 50 words each)	1. Active cooperation agreements (specify type of cooperation) Technical University of Madrid (UPM), keeps so many cooperation agreements, such as Athens Program or Magalhaes Program. There is also an application form for those students with no agreement who are interested in joining for The Master. More info at UPM website: http://www.upm.es/institucional/FuturosEstudiantes/Movilidad/ProgramasInternacionales
	2. Erasmus (specify number of agreements, institutions, number of incoming and outgoing students) Right now, our Master counts with a specific agreement with: -University of Amsterdam (one incoming student was admitted in June 2014) Otherwise, several professors of the Master program are in charge of Erasmus Scholarships in the following universities: -Facultade de Arquitectura de Lisboa (Lisboa, POR) (Ester Higuera) -Universidade Lusitana (Lisboa, POR) (Ester Higuera) -Technische Universität Berlin (Berlin, DEU) (J.M. Ezquiaga) -Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain, BEL) (Luis Moya) -Aarhus School of Architecture (Aarhus, DEN) (Julio Pozueta) -Helsinki University of Technology (Helsinki, FIN) (Luis Moya) -Ecole nationale sup. d'architecture de Bordeaux (Bordeaux, FRA) (J.M. Ezquiaga) -Ecole d'Architecture de Versailles (Versailles, FRA) (Luis Moya) -Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée (Marne, FRA) (J.M. Ezquiaga) -Università degli studi di Roma "La Sapienza" (Roma, ITA) (J.M. Ezquiaga) -Terza Università degli studi di Roma (Roma, ITA) (Luis Moya) -Politecnico di Torino (Torino, ITA) (Luis Moya) -Cracow University of Technology (Cracow, POL) (Luis Moya) -Warsaw University of Technology (Warsaw, POL) (Luis Moya) -Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm, SWE) (Luis Moya) -Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar Üniversitesi (Istanbul, TUR) (J.M. Ezquiaga)
	3. Joint courses: None
	4. Joint diplomas: None
	5. Mobility of students (capacity). None. Our students are not allowed currently to move abroad during the course, due to the compulsory face-to-face attendance of the classes.
	6. Mobility of staff (capacity). The professors of the program are invited to international seminars, workshops or even as visiting professors such as professor Álvaro Sevilla who has been a visiting scholar at Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, (2013 and 2014 spring). Also professors Francisco Lamiquiz and Beatriz Fernandez stayed at London Bartlett and École de Paris during their PhD research.
	7. Summer schools: None
	8. Intensive programmes: None

	9. Distance learning: International Workshops (with student's visit included) with MIT (USA, spring 2012), UCL Bartlett (UK, 2013 and 2014 spring) Bauhaus Weimar (Autumn 2013) and TU München (Oct. 2014).
	10. Other: none
VI - EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION IN RESARCH	
Research programmes/projects with European scope	Right now, the following professors are involved in e-COST Programmes (European Cooperation in Science and Technology): -Inés Sánchez de Madariaga (Chair of the action): TN 1201. Gender, Science, Technology and Environment. -Javier Ruiz Sánchez (member of the MC): TN 1201. Gender, Science, Technology and Environment / IS 1203. In search of transcultural memory in Europe (ISTME) / TU 1203 Crime prevention through Urban Design and Planning
Research programmes/ projects with European funding	All the e-COST Programmes described above, are currently founded by the E.U.
Other	The Department also runs several projects of national scope, recognized as I+D+i Projects (Research + development + innovation). They are founding by national institutions like the Science and Innovation Ministry of Spain (MICINN). -Strategies for the designing and evaluation of programs for integrated urban renewal. Framework: Spanish National Plan 2008-2011. Vigency period: 2013-2015. Leader Researcher: Agustín Hernández Aja -Integral Strategy for assessment, evaluation and management of cultural landscapes related to energy transformation. Framework: Spanish National Plan 2008-2011. Vigency period: 2012-2014. Leader Researcher: Javier Ruiz Sánchez -Social housing, Basic Habitability and Urban Heritage. Collaborative entities: Municipality of Madrid / Spanish Foreign Office. Leader Researcher: Luis Moya González
VII OPTIONAL INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTING DISTINCTNESS OF THE PROGRAMME	
Besides the aspects referred above, in the long-run, our Master's goal is to be ranked as a national, and even, European reference for Urban and Regional Planning Studies. In order to achieve this ambitious purpose, the program features several points which highlight it positively among the current academic offer in Spain: -Holistic nature of the Program: Its teaching and curricular structure, in both Academic areas of expertise (Urban Studies and Urban Planning), makes our Master the only Spanish postgraduate program combining theoretical and practical techniques. -Commitment with Sustainable Development: The long-run dimension of the different Research Groups and the subjects of the program make our Master a leader in the field of sustainable urban and regional planning. -Emphasis on Urban Studies and Research: Our program has a powerful feed-back coming from the large number of PhD students in the Department as well as from the different I+D+i Projects carried out by the different Research Groups hosted in the Department. -Commitment with Public Sector. Our principles in this way can be summarized as: "Defending the community interests - without harming the legitimate private rights - against those individual actions which endanger the urban and regional sustainability". -Engagement with Local Administration and Public Sector: One of our priorities is a close cooperation with Local Government and Municipalities in order to choose the Study Cases towns for the Master's Planning Workshop. In this way, we are decided to strengthen relations between University and those Local Public Institutions related to Regional Planning. -A wide international projection. In addition to the consolidated prestige of The ETSAM, we run several international agreements with visiting and Erasmus students which constitutes a productive synergy between our School and other European and American Schools.	