

English language Master's Programme:
"Housing Policy and Property Management"

Department of Architecture - New Bulgarian University

Qualification:

Master's in Housing Policy and Property Management

Professional field:

5.7. Architecture, construction and geodesy

Study mode: Full-time

Programme overview:

The programme is based on an analysis of the labour market requirements and drawing on the existing academic experience of leading institutions from Western Europe including Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, The University of Birmingham & the University of Ulster, United Kingdom and Vienna University of Technology, Austria. The content of the programme will be updated regularly through direct contact with leading professors from these universities with some of which the New Bulgarian University has already established a successful collaboration and student and teaching staff exchange under the Erasmus Programme. The process of gathering information about best practices in the planning, financing, construction and management of residential housing carried out by specialised housing associations in Western Europe is already in motion.

The programme also envisages the option of pursuing an internship towards the end of the course at Bulgarian and foreign companies specialised in the management and refurbishment of multi-storey residential buildings or in public administration. It is also envisaged that the compulsory practical experience can be carried out at housing associations in Western Europe (the Netherlands).

The programme prepares highly qualified specialists in the field of housing management and maintenance that can develop professionally in the public sector (at central and local level) as well as in the private sector, more specifically in the facilities management sector. From a longer term perspective, following the anticipated adoption of legislation dedicated to affordable housing supply in Bulgaria, programme graduates will also be able to seek professional realisation in the specialised firms for social rented housing management.

The programme provides students with the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to obtain the qualification Master's in Housing Policy and Property Management.

The programme is also open to non-architecture students. It offers a **foundation semester** for students holding a Bachelor's degree in a discipline other than 5.7. Architecture, construction and geodesy.

In addition to classes and tutorials, the programme content also includes projects and practice modules carried out in specialised institutions.

Duration:

The programme is currently offered as a full-time two-year course comprising three semesters along with compulsory practical experience and Master's Thesis/ State Exam.

Practical experience:

During the programme, students are given the opportunity to obtain practical work experience through a Master's placement scheme implemented in partnership with companies and organisations specialised in housing management based in Bulgaria and the Netherlands.

International mobility:

Erasmus Programme

Skills portfolio of the programme graduates:

The Master in Housing Policy and Property Management provides the highest standard of knowledge and skills development for specialists in the area. Programme graduates acquire knowledge about:

- the specificities of the functioning of (residential) real estate determined by the ownership type;
- the interconnection between the adequate functioning of the housing sector and the country's social and economic development;
- the importance of effective housing management and maintenance as a specific segment of the public service domain.

Programme graduates are ideally placed to:

- participate in the development and implementation of housing policy and strategy at central and local level;
- participate in activities relating to the residential housing management and maintenance.

Programme completion:

Upon successful completion of the required number of course modules and credits and following a public thesis defence or a state exam, students are admitted to the degree of Master in Housing Policy and Property Management. The successful completion of the programme is in compliance with the "Standard for completing a Master's degree prescribed by the New Bulgarian University".

Career prospects:

The programme prepares highly qualified specialists in the field of housing management and maintenance that are ideally placed to gain employment in the public sector (at central and local level) as well as in the private sector, more specifically in the facilities management sector. From a longer term perspective, following the anticipated adoption of legislation dedicated to affordable housing supply in Bulgaria, programme graduates will also be able to seek professional realisation in the specialised firms for social rented housing management.

Entry requirements & Application procedure:

Bachelor's degree in a technical, social science (economics), public service or management discipline.

Structure overview**Preparation modules/ foundation semester**

Class-based modules – credits

RESM001 Information technology in architecture and urban development 30h. 3 credits

Designed to provide an introduction to the programme to students with a Bachelor's degree in disciplines in the field of public services and management

RESM002 Economics of urban development 30h. 3 credits

Designed to provide an introduction to the programme to students with a Bachelor's degree in disciplines in the field of public services and management

RESM003 Role of housing in sustainable urban development 30h. 3 credits

Designed to provide an introduction to the programme to students with a Bachelor's degree in technical or social science (economics) disciplines

Year One

Compulsory modules:

150h. class-based activities (15 credits) + 150h. non-class based activities (15 credits) = 30 credits

Semester One

Class-based lectures and practicals – 5 programme modules (out of 7 available) – 15 credits

RESM100 Research methods in housing 30h. 3 credits

RESM101 Building construction – Part I 30h. 3 credits

RESM102 Residential buildings and complexes – Part I 30h. 3 credits

RESM103 Contemporary architecture and urban development – Part I 30h. 3 credits

RESM104 Housing policy in the wider context of social policy and management – Part I
30h. 3 credits

RESM105 Development of neighbourhood communities – Part I 30h. 3 credits

RESM106 Housing market and housing finance – Part I 30h. 3 credits

Non-class based activity

5 non-class based activities (out of 7 available) – 15 credits

RESM010 Project: Research methods in housing 30h. 3 credits

RESM011 Project: Building construction 60h. 6 credits

RESM012 Project: Residential buildings and complexes 30h. 3 credits

RESM013 Project: Contemporary architecture and urban development 30h. 3 credits

RESM014 Project: Housing policy in the wider context of social policy and management
30h. 3 credits

RESM015 Project: Development of neighborhood communities 30h. 3 credits

RESM016 Project: Housing market and housing finance 30h. 3 credits

Semester Two

Class-based lectures and practicals – 5 programme modules (out of 7 available) – 15 credits

RESM200 Housing management – Part I 30h. 3 credits

RESM201 Building construction – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM202 Residential buildings and complexes – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM203 Contemporary architecture and urban development – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM204 Housing policy in the wider context of social policy and management – Part II
30h. 3 credits

RESM205 Development of neighborhood communities – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM206 Housing market and housing finance – Part II 30h. 3 credits

Non-class based activity

5 non-class based activities (out of 7 available) – 15 credits

RESM020 Project: Housing management 30h. 3 credits

RESM021 Project: Building construction – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM022 Project: Residential buildings and complexes – Part II 60h. 6 credits

RESM023 Project: Contemporary architecture and urban development 60h. 6 credits

RESM024 Project: Housing policy in the wider context of social policy and management
30h. 3 credits

RESM025 Project: Development of neighborhood communities 30h. 3 credits

RESM026 Project: Housing market and housing finance 30h. 3 credits

Year Two

Compulsory modules:

150h. class-based activities (15 credits) + 150h. non-class based activities (15 credits) = 30 credits

Semester Three

Class-based lectures and practicals – 5 programme modules (out of 7 available) – 15 credits

RESM300 Housing management – Part II 30h. 3 credits

RESM301 Sustainable construction, maintenance and refurbishment of the housing stock
30h. 3 credits

RESM302 Sustainable development and regeneration of urban neighbourhoods 30h., 3 credits

RESM303 Legal and regulatory framework in the housing sector 30h, 3 credits

RESM304 Economics of housing management 30h. 3 credits

RESM305 Information technology in housing maintenance and management
(CAD и GIS software, Excel based software for residential housing) 30h., 3 credits

RESM306 Housing market and housing finance – Part III 30h. 3 credits

Non-class based activity

RESM333 Internship 150h. 15 credits

THESIS SEMESTER (free):

Internship 15 credits

Master Thesis/State Exam 15 credits

Option:

THESIS SEMESTER (free):

Master Thesis/State Exam

30 credits