

COURSE

**Urban Design and Active Transportation –
PLAN 305.3**

LOCATIONS

Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

DATES

May 10 – 22, 2026

DEADLINE

February 1st, 2026

FACULTY COORDINATORS

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FUNDING

Undergraduate and graduate USask students are eligible for up to \$2,500 Global Engagement Scholarship to help offset costs related to studying abroad (subject to availability of funds). Students are encouraged to explore other funding opportunities as well. More information: <https://students.usask.ca/academics/study-abroad/awards.php>

COST OF PROGRAM: per student

- **Program fee: \$2,150**
 - It covers accommodation in Amsterdam, course activities, admission fees, on-site transportation for course activities (local transit and trains), and some meals.
- **USask tuition:**
 - Like any other course, students need to register and pay tuition for a 3-credit-unit course.
- **Other personal expenses:**
 - Students should budget \$400–\$600 for food and non-course activities. They are also responsible for flights and transportation to/from the Amsterdam airport.

PREREQUISITES:

- **GEOG 240.3 or 12 c.u. of Social Science and/or Humanities, or permission of the instructor.**
- **Students** must also have a minimum of 30 cu and an overall average no lower than 65%.
- **Note:** This course is offered as a taught-abroad opportunity and involves extensive outdoor physical activity (walking, cycling).



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This experiential learning course encourages students to view the city as a classroom and gain knowledge through lived and shared experiences. It explores how the public realm has been prioritized over private vehicle space to achieve benefits such as public comfort, health and well-being, safety, and enjoyment. The course examines how urban design elements, urban form, and active transportation components are integrated to support these goals. Students will experience human-centered urban design first-hand through innovative public works, pedestrian streets, plazas, urban playgrounds, parks, and amenities, as well as bicycle, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure. The course takes place in Amsterdam, one of the **most bike-friendly cities in the world**, serving as a model for what is possible in other cities globally.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course helps students develop an understanding of the effective urban design strategies and active transportation planning concepts that enhance people's experiences and contribute to overall health and well-being.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A \$750 non-refundable deposit will be due upon acceptance into the program. The remainder of the program fee is due in March 2026 (details will be provided in the acceptance letter). Program fee payments will be made Online through a link provided after acceptance to program.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online:

<https://uofs.moveonca.com/form/690a49fcd31028f4700d3845/eng>

