

# Postgraduate Degree | BASEhabitat

## Master of Advanced Studies - Architecture



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The built environment has an enormous role in the way we live together in this world. Today`s construction activities are extremely resource-intensive and harmful to the environment and our climate.

BASEhabitat invites built environment professionals to develop radically new ideas for dealing with these global challenges.

**Become a builder of change!**



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## Basics

### Degree

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS)

### Duration

3 terms (fulltime)

### Credits

90 ECTS

### Language

English (level B2)

### Tuition Fee

9.000€ (100€/ECTS)

### Places

max. 20

### Required Qualification

Graduate Degree or University BA+ MA Degree  
in architecture or a comparable branch

### Admission

1st Admission Call

Interviews: Sept. 25 + 26, 2019

2nd Admission Call

Interviews: Nov. 14 + 15, 2019

Register and submit your documents from  
Sept. 30 – Nov. 08, 2019

### Further Information

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## Objectives

- Enhance the awareness of the global challenges we face in relation to the built environment:
  - climate change
  - environmental destruction
  - diminishing resources
  - prolonged poverty
  - growing inequality
  - exacerbating exclusion
  - vanishing knowledge, skills and techniques
- Develop and widen the scope of action for architects and related professionals in order to develop alternative concepts as well as to implement them
- Join efforts from different disciplines and include distinct cultural peculiarities without hierarchies
- Raise the level of professionalism in built environment issues in development

## Qualification

- The programme qualifies its graduates for design and implementation processes related to the built environment, such as architecture, urban planning and regional development.

## Who should apply

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- addresses built environment professionals with dedication and commitment to social and sustainable architecture and spatial development
- invites those interested to pool forces with likeminded people and professionals in order to work on alternative approaches
- provides participants the opportunity to work on radically different approaches in tackling global challenges

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### What do participants learn?

- Experience built environment matters in theory and practice from various perspectives. Understand different places and contexts and their dynamics.
- Manage socially responsible planning and building processes. Work together in interdisciplinary teams.
- Integrate architectural quality in functional necessities. Develop sustainable architectural solutions that are also convincing with their quality and aesthetic.
- Design and build with sustainable building materials. Know about the wide range of possibilities these materials offer for contemporary architecture.

### Teaching Principles

- Practice driven and hands-on approach in a setting of international participants and teachers from various disciplines.
- Integrating different cultural peculiarities. Facilitate mutual learning and a lively exchange of ideas.
- Focus on design processes accompanied by a diverse setting of seminars, workshops, lectures and spatial practise. Design experience on-desk and on-site.
- Groupwork and individual work, including possibilities of specialisation according to own interests.
- Sharpen your individual profile and develop your own portfolio throughout the programme.

### Teaching Team

A team of outstanding and internationally renowned guest professors:

- Anna Heringer
  - Helena Sandman
  - Jan Jakob Glasmeier
  - Nina Pawlicki
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- An experienced and skilled team at BASEhabitat
  - Guest lecturers from different disciplines

## Structure Postgraduate Degree|BASEhabitat

The Postgraduate Degree is a full time programme that consists of 3 terms.

1 Design + Theory in Linz  
February - July 2020

2 Design + On-Site Experience, on a BASEhabitat construction site  
Mid-September - Mid-December 2020

3 Master Thesis , not bound to a certain location  
February - May 2021

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<b>1 Design + Theory</b> 40 ECTS	5,5 months - in Linz 4 guest professors + lecturers + BASEhabitat team short designs including theory, discussion and hands-on input
<b>2 Design + On-Site Experience</b> 20 ECTS	3 months - on a BASEhabitat construction site 1 guest professor + BASEhabitat team building practice combined with research and design aspects in a global context
<b>3 Master Thesis</b> 30 ECTS	4 months - thesis writing supervised and marked by one of the guest professors not bound to a certain location



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### **BASEhabitat**

BASEhabitat is a studio at the University of Art and Design Linz' Department of Architecture. Founded in 2004, it is concerned with sustainable architecture and a spatial development of buildings, settlements and cities that follow ecological and social principles.

A particular focus lies on local, natural and affordable construction materials, on the participation of users and of those affected in planning and construction processes.

BASEhabitat makes these attributes integral parts of the training of young architects.

# BASEhabitat: an internationally recognised hands-on architectural studio

## International Experience

BASEhabitat works in research, planning and implementing architectural projects. The worldwide positive feedback and reputation and multiple international awards, like the World Energy Globe, are rewards for our dedication and work. Our projects have taken us in countries around the world, such as Ecuador, India and South Africa.

## Global Network

BASEhabitat is a member of the UNESCO Chair Earthen Architecture, Building Cultures and Sustainable Development and maintains excellent relations with international schools and research facilities. Our work and projects have put us in touch with a large number of architects, designers, craftswomen and -men from around the world. This means we are able to tap on an extraordinary group of experts from a range of disciplines for research, guest lectures and workshops.

## Summer School

The BASEhabitat Summer School is a biennial set of workshops, where like-minded professionals from all over the world come together to learn from and work with renowned experts in earthen architecture and bamboo construction. Participants from usually more than 40 countries get a chance to discuss their ideas and network in an open-minded, inspirational and productive environment in the beautiful Austrian mountains. One key element of the Summer School is daily lectures, held by both the participants and renowned guest speakers.

## Unique Learning Platform

Over more than 15 years, BASEhabitat has acquired expertise in professionally initiating, accompanying and leading architectural and spatial development projects.

On the one hand the postgraduate degree sets out to share this experience with those who join the programme, and on the other hand provides a platform for professionals to exchange ideas and to learn from each other.

# Structure of the Postgraduate Degree|BASEhabitat

## Detailed description of the 3 terms

		week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	2020
Feb	<b>Introduction Week</b> 1st week of February		<b>Guest Professor A</b> impulse workshop (1 week)	design, specialisation, analysis, theory, hands-on various inputs, individual and group work		
Mar		2-days wrap-up	<b>Guest Professor B</b> impulse workshop (1 week)	design, specialisation, analysis, theory, hands-on various inputs, individual and group work		
Apr		2-days wrap-up	<b>BASE Lectures</b> blocks on different topics (theory, hands-on, reflection)			
May	<b>Guest Professor C</b> impulse workshop (1 week)		design, specialisation, analysis, theory, hands-on various inputs, individual and group work		2-days wrap-up	
Jun	<b>Guest Professor D</b> impulse workshop (1 week)		design, specialisation, analysis, theory, hands-on various inputs, individual and group work		2-days wrap-up	
Jul	<b>General Wrap-Up</b> discussion, conclusions		<b>Final Presentations</b>	<b>BASEhabitat Summer School</b> (optional, participation fee not included in the tuition fee!)		

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Sept				<b>Understanding of Contexts</b> Guest Professor E, BASEhabitat	
Oct	<b>Inputs, Design, Specialisation</b> Guest Professor E, BASEhabitat		<b>Work on a BASEhabitat Construction Site</b> BASEhabitat Assistant + Construction Manager		
Nov	<b>Work on a BASEhabitat Construction Site</b> BASEhabitat Assistant + Construction Manager				
Dec	<b>Design, Specialisation</b> Guest Professor E, BASEhabitat Assistant + Construction Manager			<b>Closing Session</b>	

		week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4
Feb	<b>Thesis Writing</b> individually supervised by a Guest Professor, group settings for mutual exchange and feedback				
Mar					
Apr					
May		<b>Thesis Submission + Final Examination</b>			
Jun/ Jul		<b>Final Presentation</b> Linz July 2021 (optional)			

# 1 Design + Theory

## at the University of Art and Design in Linz

### Team:

4 guest professors,  
basehabitat team and  
lecturers

### Blocks taught by guest professors

- The core part of the term in Linz consists of 4 blocks led and organised by guest professors in their individual way. Participants will benefit from the different knowledge, experience and teaching methods from each professor.
- Every block starts with an intensive week (impuls workshop), followed by various input days over the next weeks. Participants will work individually and in groups. Every guest professor's block is closed with wrap-up sessions. Each guest professor's teaching includes a short design and individual specialisation as core elements, completed by analysis, theory and/or hands-on experience.
- Every guest professor is going to work with you on a different project with a different focus in the wide field of sustainable architecture.

### Basic framework by basehabitat

- The BASEhabitat team keeps everything together and is in charge of connecting elements: introduction week, 3 weeks of inputs, general wrap-up and final presentations.

### Renowned experts as guest lecturers

- To complete the programme, we will invite a range of experts as guest lecturers, in order to ensure an active exchange and inspiration.
- The first term is closed with a public final presentation, as we want to show, what we are working on!

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## 2 Design + On-Site Experience on a BASEhabitat construction site

### Team:

1 guest professor,  
BASEhabitat assistant  
and construction manager

- The second term takes you to a BASEhabitat construction site. The next one is planned to be located in the north of Thailand, in the border region of Myanmar and Laos.

### Understanding of the context

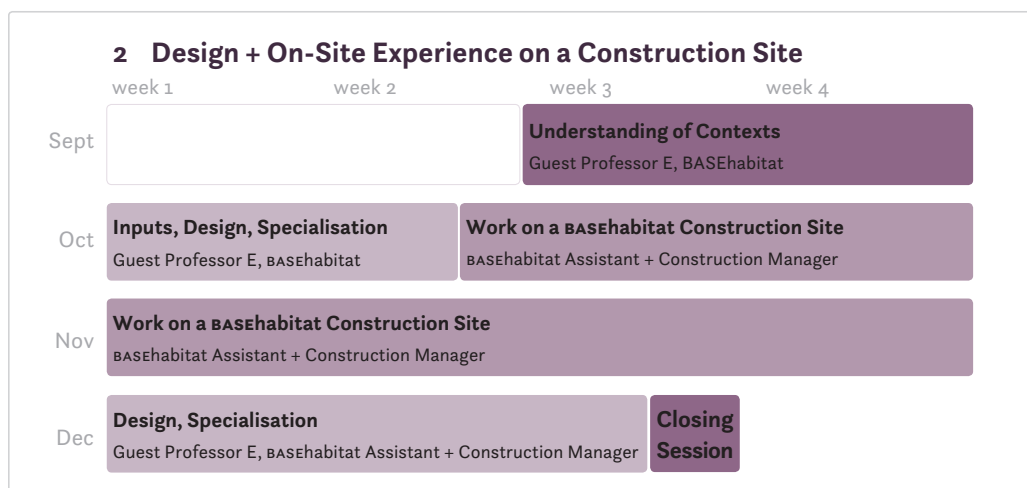
- Participants will first get an impression of the local context of the project. Visit examples of vernacular and high quality contemporary architecture. Learn about social, cultural, climate conditions, about available natural building materials and construction techniques.

### Work on a construction site

- In a second step you will get to know the current BASEhabitat project. As a team you will be in charge of a building phase, under the guidance of the BASEhabitat construction manager. You will learn how to build with bamboo and earth in a real project.

### Design and input

- Participants will develop details for existing plans as well as create new architectural designs, following the principles of sustainable architecture. You will get inputs from a guest professor and from local experts and partners. Critical reflection is a central part of this term.



### 3 Master Thesis

not bound to any location

**Team:**

1 guest professor,  
BASEhabitat team

- The term of thesis writing comprises an individual work of the participant under the guidance of one of the guest professors.
- Participants can write their thesis at a location of their choice. The supervision will happen via online communication, if possible also personal. BASEhabitat will organize some group settings for mutual exchange and feedback.
- The thesis can be a theoretical work, an architectural design, and / or the documentation of a practical project.
- In the master thesis all the inputs you got during the post-graduate course are merged. A portfolio of the project work completed in the programme must be prepared.
- The final exam consists of the presentation of the work and thesis book in Linz. In exceptional cases the presentation and exam can be realized through an online conference.
- At a public conference in Linz in July 2021 you will have the chance to present your thesis in front of an audience.

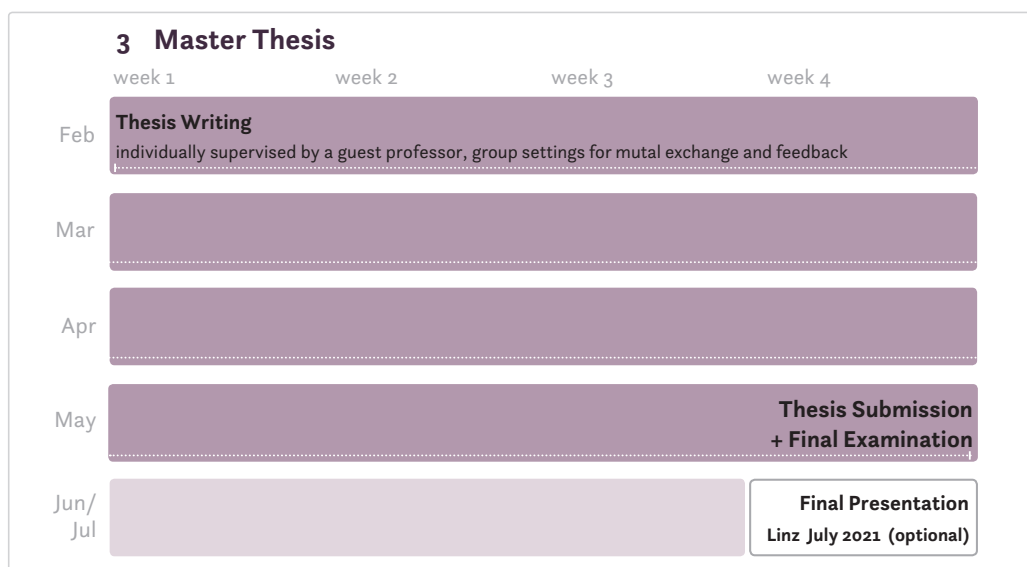




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## Study at the University of Art and Design Linz

There are many reasons to study architecture at the University of Art and Design Linz.

- The small number of students makes for a familiar atmosphere in the studios and workshops and ensures close interaction with supervisors and professors.
- The light-flooded studios and the location in the heart of the city are a great source of inspiration.
- Linz, with its young and vibrant art scene, is a great place to study.
- Those factors create an encouraging environment for you to thrive both in teams with fellow students and individually.

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