

Procedure Double Tracks ABP 2023-2024

See also appendixes 7 and 8 from the Program and Examination Regulations ABP 2023-2024. These texts in de appendixes 7 and 8 from the Program and Examination Regulations ABP 2023-2024 are always leading.

Introduction

Just like an Honors Program the double track combinations are intended for a select group of excellent students.

Within the program ABP the department BE offers 4 double track combinations:

1. AUDE / BPS
2. AUDE/ SED
3. AUDE/ USRE
4. Double Register Program Architecture +Urbanism (A+U)

All double track combinations are 150 ECTS instead of the regular 120 ECTS. Students who want to develop themselves in both disciplines, must be prepared to extend their studies by at least 6 months. All double track combinations qualify (after completing the professional experience period) for registration as an architect in the Architects Register. The double track AUDE-Architecture with AUDE -Urbanism also qualifies (after completing the professional experience period) for registration as an urban designer.

Students who are graduating in a double track program receive one diploma (of ABP) on which both tracks are mentioned. This is in contrast to a double degree program where the student receives two diploma's.

Previous education

Bachelor students AUBS who are interested in a double track combination have the freedom to fill in their elective space with coherent packages of one of the two tracks or with coherent packages of both tracks.

International students are assessed by the Departmental Admissions Committee on their suitability for ABP. This is accompanied by an advice of the Departmental Admissions Committee regarding the track the student indicated in Studielink. Because only single tracks are listed in Studielink, not the double track combinations, an advice from the Departmental Admissions Board is also required for the second track when a student wants to participate in a double track combination.

Since we don't offer double track premaster programs, premaster students follow the premaster program associated with the track they chose in Studielink. For a double track an advice from the Departmental Admissions Board with regard to the second track is required.

Application

Students contact the academic advisor prior to beginning the master's program or no later than 3 months after enrolling in the master's program. The academic advisor:

1. Checks the entrance requirements.
2. Introduces the Personal Study Plan (double track version).
3. Refers the student to the mentor.

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Ad 1 Entrance requirements.

The academic advisor verifies that the student meets the entrance requirements:

- *AUBS students:* average grade of at least 7.5. This information is available in Osiris and accessible to the student administration of ESA-BE.
- *Premaster ABP students:* average grade of the HBO program 7.5 or higher and an average grade of the premaster program of at least 7.5. The grade average of the premaster is available in Osiris and accessible to the student administration of ESA-BE. The grade point average of the HBO premaster program can be determined on the basis of the grade list, which is available in Osiris and accessible to the Departmental Admissions Board. Also, the Departmental Admissions Board must make a recommendation regarding the student's suitability for the second track.
- *International students:* CGPA of at least 80% of the maximum scale and a positive advice from the Admission Board of the Built Environment. The GPA of the foreign previous education is available in Osiris and accessible to the Departmental Admissions Board. On the basis of the existing application file the Departmental Admissions Board formulates an advice with regard to the second track.

If a student does not meet the cumulative grade point average, the academic advisor will discuss with the student whether special circumstances or other arguments could lead the Examination Committee to admit the student anyway. The student can report this (without addressing it in terms of content) on the Personal Study plan (PSP) which is provided by the academic advisor (version for 'double track').

Ad 2 Personal Study Plan

The AA introduces the personal study plan (PSP). A special version for double track students is available.

Ad 3 Double track Mentor

The academic advisor refers the student to the double track mentor. Separate mentors have been designated for double track students:

- Maarten Willems for AUDE/BPS, AUDE/SED and AUDE/USRE.
- Haike Apelt for the Double Register Program A+U.

The double track mentor discusses the student's PSP and decides whether advice from a representative of the second track (for instance a mentor) is necessary or not. After completing the PSP according to the rules of the double track, the student submits it, including the advice of the mentor, as a provisional version to the Examination Committee for approval. After approval, which will take one month at the most, ESA-BE will enter the double track program in Osiris.

Interim evaluation

During the program interim evaluations will be held to determine if continuation of the double track is possible and appropriate. A+U students have two interim evaluations, other double track students have one evaluation.

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First interim evaluation for A+U students

This evaluation takes place before starting with the combined master project A+U. A+U students must participate in both one Urbanism master project and one Architecture master project. After having successfully finished both disciplinary master projects, students send their design portfolio to the responsible professors (one from Architecture and one from Urbanism), with the mentor in cc, immediately after the registration for the desired project has been opened. The professors will invite the students to discuss the portfolio as well as their expectations and interests in order to determine if the choice of the combined track is a fitting one. The professors will assess whether the design project work is sufficient to enter into the combined master project and whether the student will be able to achieve its learning objectives. If the assessment of the first two projects is negative, students will have to adjust their study plan to continue either in architecture or in urban design, following the mandatory curriculum for the chosen track. The project from the other track that the student completed and passed may count as a (specialization) elective.

Second interim evaluation for A+U students

After having successfully finished the combined master project, students send their (now extended) design portfolio to the responsible professors and the mentor immediately after the registration for the graduation project has been opened. The professors will again invite the students to discuss their progress in order to determine the feasibility of their choice. If the assessment after the combined project is negative: the student adjusts his personal study plan to continue in architecture or urban design. The combined project may count as a core project for either Architecture or Urbanism. It may also be added as a (specialization) elective.

Interim evaluation for double track students AUDE/BPS, AUDE/SED and AUDE/USRE

For continuation of the double track program in the second year a positive advice is needed from representatives of both tracks; the double track mentor can be one of them. The student takes the initiative to plan a meeting with his/her double track mentor to discuss the study results. The possible outcomes of this discussion are:

- The double track mentor (being from Architecture) is positive about the study results the student has obtained in the Architecture track and refers the student to a representative from the second track (preferably a mentor), who informs the double track mentor after speaking with the student.
- The double track mentor and/or the consulted mentor of the second track are not positive about the results so far. In that case the double track mentor refers the student to the academic advisor who will discuss the personal circumstances with the student and the steps to be taken (which may result in adjustment of the personal study plan from a double track to a single track study program).
- The advice of both mentors is positive. In that case the double track mentor will discuss with the student the steps to be taken in preparation of the combined graduation project.

Combined graduation project

A separate combined graduation studio of 60 EC has been set up for A+U students. The other double track students enroll in one of the regular graduation studios of Architecture (of 45 EC). In consultation with the mentor, the student decides which studio is most suitable for a combination with the second track.

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The study load of the graduation project is 60 x 28 hours which should be divided equally between the two tracks. Because the student (except those from A+U) participates in a regular graduation studio of 45 EC and the total size of the graduation project is 60 EC, the graduation part of the second track must be partly integrated into the regular graduation studio; the remaining 15 EC are completed separately. For reasons of content, it is preferable for the double track AUDE/USRE to start with the USRE part; for AUDE/BPS and AUDE/SED it's preferable to end with it.

Composition of thesis supervisory committee

For the combined graduation project, one graduation supervision committee is composed in such a way that each track is represented by a (associate) professor.

For the assessment a specially developed assessment form should be used.

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