



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Bachelor degree in social and political sciences, economics, geography and environment, information technology, engineering and applied sciences.

Certificate of Proficiency in English.

Merit-based admission.

Master's Programme

THE MASTER IN INNOVATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

is part of a University of Geneva (UNIGE) partnership with Tsinghua University (THU), China's top university, on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This highly interdisciplinary master focuses on defining and developing concrete institutional solutions for the SDGs through hands-on, team-based and project-driven activities, in parallel with courses on the fundamentals of sustainable development in all its dimensions - human, environmental and institutional - taught by experts from UNIGE, THU and a range of Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Geneva.

Students will benefit from mentorship from experts in Geneva's international organizations. A special focus of this Master is an intercultural experience between Europe and China, and more specifically between Geneva, Beijing and Shenzhen. Courses given by experts in China provide deep insight into how the world's largest economy is tackling major sustainable development issues. Strong involvement of scholars working with national and regional government institutions on public policy issues related to sustainable development, as well as opportunities to interact with the high-tech entrepreneurial environments in Beijing and Shenzhen, and be part of teams that conceive, design and develop practical hardware, software and policy solutions for tracking progress towards sustainable development.

THREE AVAILABLE SPECIALISATION MODULES:

- Sustainable Human Development
- Standards, Governance and Sustainability
- Future Cities and Regions

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STUDY PROGRAMME

4 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Basic courses

30 credits

- Sustainable Development bootcamp in China
- Sustainable Development and political agendas
- Intercultural issues for sustainability
- Governing through knowledge
- Workshop 1: Making and Doing

Specialization

30 credits

1 workshop per module:

- Practice of Sustainable Human Development
- Standard-Setting for Sustainable Development
- Urban and regional development

Other courses:

- Human development, Concepts and Measures
- Voluntary, consensus-based standards
- Public policies and social justice in the city, etc.

1 semester in Tsinghua University

30 credits

Master thesis or Internship report

30 credits

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/horaires

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

General placement test for non-Francophones is not required.

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

LEVEL OF ENGLISH

For non-native English speakers, a Certificate of Proficiency in English is required.

MOBILITY

Students spend the third semester of the Master in China, either in Shenzhen or in Beijing. The fourth semester (Master thesis) could take place in various institutional (internships) and geographical contexts.

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

Candidates will gain both theoretical understanding and practical field experience that will prepare for employment on sustainable development projects, which are increasingly strategic for both public and private sector institutions as well as in the UN, other IGOs and NGOs.

UNIVERSITY TAXES

500 CHF / semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2019 for all graduates of foreign universities (30 April 2019 for all graduates of Swiss universities/colleges)

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