



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

French

Candidates must have Level A2 language skills in German and English in accordance with the Common European Framework of References for languages.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Candidates must hold a recognised ordinary teaching diploma for pre-school, primary or secondary school teaching

or, must take 30 to 60 credits of supplementary study courses, BA in a related field (for example: Educational Sciences, Social Education, Special Education, Speech Therapy, Psychology or Occupational Therapy) awarded by a recognised Swiss or foreign third-level institution.

Admission is application-based.

Master's Programmes

THE MASTER IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

trains special needs teachers to carry out full teaching responsibilities for students aged 4 to 20, taking into consideration academic targets and the particularities of special education contexts (assistance with integration into ordinary classes, specialised classes, specialised institutions). At once academic and vocational, this Master's programme trains professionals by giving them scientific knowledge of the facts of special needs education. A particular stream is reserved for students with ordinary teaching diplomas who are working professionally as special needs teachers.

STUDY PROGRAMME

4 semesters (max. 8 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Section 1

9 credits

Political, social and historical context of special education.

Section 2

12 credits

Professional role and identity of the special needs teacher.

Section 3

42 credits

Training in research in special needs education:

- Training in methodology
- Thesis

ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE MASTER

As there are a limited number of places in practical training, the admissions process takes place during the spring semester preceding the academic year in question. This process includes a written application and complementary interview.

Registration deadline 28 February 2024.

unige.ch/iufe/formations1/mesp/procedure-dadmission

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/calendar

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

Eliminatory general test for non-Francophones, with the exception of the following cases:

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY

The exchange programme runs for one semester and carries up to 30 credits.

Alternatively, students may complete an internship with the same amount of credits.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

This Master's degree qualifies the holder to work as a special needs teacher in various public, subsidised and private organisations.

UNIVERSITY TAXES

500 CHF / semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline for enrolment at the University: 30 April 2024 (28 February 2024 for applicants subject to a visa because of their nationality, as set forth in Swiss federal regulations)

Deadline for applications at the Institut: 28 February 2024

www.unige.ch/enrolment

CONTACTS FOR STUDIES

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