Master's Programme

THE MASTER IN URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

offers in-depth training in the areas of town and country landuse planning, urban development and landscape planning, in the North and in the South. The programme puts a strong emphasis on practical experience (through project-based workshops or internships, for example), allowing students to develop the expertise necessary to make territorial diagnoses and to design and implement urban planning projects or coordinate the processes and stakeholders involved in urban and regional development. Students also acquire in-depth knowledge of the technical, legal, and practical tools used by professionals on a daily basis.

The critical thinking aspect of these activities is another major focus of the programme: while students are required to master various tools and techniques, they must also develop reflective and critical approaches to urban and regional development in order to anticipate current challenges.

SPECIALISATION OPTIONS:

• Regional and urban planning
• Landscape architecture
• Regional development in the South

OBJECTIVES:

The Master in Urban and Regional Development provides comprehensive training in the areas of regional, city and landscape planning. Training is provided via workshops which foreground the methods and tools used in urban and regional planning professions (diagnostics, projects, drawings, mapping, scale models, etc.).

The aim of the programme is to provide in-depth initial training that prepares graduates for the job market.

COMPLEMENTARY TRAINING:

As a complement to the Master's in Territorial Development, students have the option of taking the Complementary Certificate in Geomatics (30 credits). The certificate is designed to provide students with training centred on new simulation technologies which use spatial referencing, in a practical, interdisciplinary setting.

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

Required classes
30 credits
2 workshops (18 credits)

Thesis
30 credits

Specialisation classes
60 credits
1 workshop (9 credits)

Most classes are held in Geneva (University of Geneva and Hepia). Some classes are offered by the University of Neuchâtel and the EPFL.

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

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE
Eliminatory general test for non-Francophones, with the exception of the following cases:
www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY
Master’s students are permitted to go on exchange for one semester. Students may go on exchange as early as their second semester but may earn no more than 30 credits at another university. The dissertation cannot be substituted.
www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS
The Master in Urban and Regional Development prepares graduates for careers in regional and urban planning, landscape architecture, and environmental management. Graduates find work in a variety of settings: specialised consulting firms, cantonal or municipal planning offices, local planning bodies, regional parks, development cooperation agencies, research agencies, etc.

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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