DURATION OF STUDIES
2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
French
Some courses are given in English.

ADMISSION CONDITIONS
Bachelor’s degree in geography, architecture, landscape architecture, environmental studies, law, political science, sociology, history, anthropology, ethnology or an equivalent degree.

Merit-based admission.

Applicants from universities of applied sciences whose prior course of study is related to urban planning may be accepted for the Master’s programme if their application is approved and they pursue a complementary programme of co-requisites (between 10 and 30 credits).

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**Master’s Programme**

**THE MASTER IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

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

**CONCENTRATIONS UNIGE:**

Regional Development I Territorial Development in Global South I Urban Planning and Design

**CONCENTRATIONS HES-SO:**

Geomatics Engineering I Landscape Architecture I Land Management

**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

First semester
Basic courses common to all concentrations (18 to 30 credits):
- Practical workshop
- Theoretical courses

Second and third semesters
Teachings specific to each concentration (48 to 60 credits):
- Practical workshops
- Theoretical courses
- Electives courses related to the chosen concentration (12 credits)

Fourth semester
30 credits
Research thesis or work placement dissertation, or thesis related to an individual or a collective project. The thesis is related to the chosen concentration.

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.

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

UNIVERSITY TAXES

500 CHF / semester

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