Master’s Programme

THE MASTER IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

With its ethnic, religious, economic and political diversity, the Middle East is both a culturally rich and an extremely complex region. It is also a strategic region, vulnerable, and full of promises. Recently, the Arab Springs have put the Middle East in the media spotlight. The challenges of transition in the region come at a time of accelerating economic, political and cultural change, both on the national and the global levels.

The Master’s programme in Middle Eastern studies allows students to an in-depth understanding of the issues the region is facing, from a historical, cultural and geopolitical perspective. Within this programme, students will study social mobilizations and democratisation processes in the Middle East, the stability in Maghreb and Mashreq countries and the rising of the areas as major player in the field of the arts and heritage. This Master also analyses the influence of new players on the regional stage, including Turkey and the Gulf states, and addresses the economics of oil revenues.

This programme is designed for students who want to specialise in issues related to the Middle East through an open and interdisciplinary approach.
STUDY PROGRAMME
4 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Required courses in the core curriculum
30 credits
- History of the Contemporary Middle East
- Geopolitics and Middle Eastern political regimes
- Orient, orientalism(s) and the West
- Political Economy
- Globalization and cultural issues in Middle East

Specialised courses
48 credits
Concentration in one or more areas of the core curriculum.

Electives
12 credits

Internship or dissertation
30 credits

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
www.unige.ch/calendar

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

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

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS
Students from diverse academic backgrounds will benefit from an in-depth understanding of the issues surrounding the Middle East, and such knowledge is essential for anyone going on to a career in diplomacy; NGOs and international organisations; the media; companies with economic ties in the region; cultural heritage and the arts.

UNIVERSITY TAXES
500 CHF / semester

REGISTRATION
Deadline: 28 February 2019
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