Master’s Programme

THE MASTER IN BIOLOGY

proposes a number of topics, such as genetics, evolution, molecular and cellular mechanisms, physiology, the environment and biodiversity. The programme is therefore founded on various disciplines, including animal biology, plant biology, anthropology, cell biology and molecular biology. It allows students to increase their practical knowledge, primarily through laboratory work. It also allows students to do work placements in other fields, such as marine biology, ecology and alpine or tropical botany. In addition to the general Master of Science in Biology, which consists entirely of electives, a number of specialisations are available for a more targeted curriculum.

AVAILABLE ORIENTATIONS:

- General (electives)
- Specialisation:
  - Biodiversity and systematics
  - Genetics, development and evolution
  - Bioinformatics and data analysis
  - Molecular plant science

DURATION OF STUDIES
1.5 years (3 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
French, English

ADMISSION CONDITIONS
A Bachelor in Biology or an equivalent degree. Students are required to find a laboratory or group in which to conduct their research project.
STUDY PROGRAMME
3 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 90 ECTS credits
Electives or required courses, depending on the chosen stream
30 credits
Research project and dissertation
60 credits

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS
The Master of Science in Biology leads to a number of professions both in Switzerland and abroad, including:
- Museums and botanical gardens
- Bioinformatics
- Ecology-oriented services
- Scientific journalism
- Scientific consulting in governmental or private organisations which finance or supervise research
- Banking sector (for scientific consulting)
- Fundamental and medical research in public institutions
- Scientific research and consulting in biotech and pharmaceutical companies
- Biology teaching in middle school and high school

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
www.unige.ch/calendar

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE
No French proficiency test required for non-Francophones.

MOBILITY
Students may earn up to 30 credits while on exchange. They may also conduct research outside the university, under the supervision of a faculty member, or do a work placement at an external laboratory in order to complete their Master’s degree.
www.unige.ch/exchange

UNIVERSITY TAXES
500 CHF / semester

REGISTRATION
Deadline for Fall Semester: 30 April 2019
(28 February 2019 for applicants subject to a visa because of their nationality, as set forth in Swiss federal regulations)
Deadline for Spring Semester:
30 November 2019
(30 September 2019 for applicants subject to a visa because of their nationality, as set forth in Swiss federal regulations)
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