



#### DURATION OF STUDIES

1.5 years (3 semesters)

#### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

**French**

#### ADMISSION CONDITIONS

A Bachelor or Master from a Swiss university in law, curative education, psychology, education sciences, humanities, social and political science.

Other diplomas from a Swiss university, HES or HEP may be recognized if equivalencies are established and/ or if certain conditions are met. Foreign students with a Bachelor degree of 180 ECTS or an equivalent degree from a university that is officially recognised by the authorities of the country where the degree was completed may also be admitted.

### *Master's Programme*

## **THE MASTER IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

is built around an innovative and interdisciplinary curriculum that relies upon the theoretical and practical knowledge that has been developed in the area of children's rights, and active student participation is a key aspect of the programme. Classes are held from Monday to Thursday midday. The multidisciplinary profiles of the faculty members (law, psychology, sociology, education sciences), their active involvement in various academic and professional networks, and the programme's close ties with the International Institute for Children's Rights (IDE) in Sion all contribute to the dynamism of this Master's programme.

#### THE INTERFACULTY CENTRE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

With the creation of the new Interfaculty Centre for Children's Rights (CIDE), based in Sion in the Canton of Valais, the University of Geneva has made an important contribution to the visibility and prestige of interdisciplinary training in children's rights, both in Switzerland and abroad.

Building upon the activities of its professors and researchers, who come from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, and mobilising the competencies of its partner faculties (Law, Psychology and Education Sciences, Sciences of Society, Medicine), the CIDE analyses the major transformations that have affected the status of children over time, and in particular the social and legal changes which followed the 1989 Convention on children's rights, the most widely ratified international treaty. Almost every nation now recognises the child as a subject of rights - and no longer just an object of measures of protection - and therefore as an actor in society, capable of exercising the fundamental rights which belong to every human being.

With this new understanding of the status of the child, new professional and institutional practices have developed. Better implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (for example, the situation of the child within the family or the school, the status of children in civil and criminal courts, North-South relations, development cooperation, etc.) involves numerous theoretical, conceptual and practical challenges.

In order to prepare students for careers in the various professional sectors which have been transformed by these changes, the CIDE offers a flagship training programme which has been a resounding success since it was launched in 2008: the Interdisciplinary Master in Children's Rights.

[www.unige.ch/cide](http://www.unige.ch/cide)

## STUDY PROGRAMME

3 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 90 ECTS credits

### Foundation courses (1st semester)

30 credits

- Introduction
- Theoretical foundations of the discipline and interdisciplinarity

### Specialised courses according to subject area (2nd semester)

30 credits

- Interdisciplinary seminars
- Group project

### Specialisation (3rd semester)

30 credits

- Dissertation
- Work placement or research orientation

## PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The MIDE responds to the needs of a wide range of students interested in children's rights. Many institutions and organisations are having to adapt to the new status of the child as a subject of rights. With the knowledge acquired during the MIDE programme, graduates are prepared for diverse professional tracks, and many have found careers in international organisations, NGOs, child protection and child welfare services, universities of teacher education, offices for the advancement of youth, youth counseling services, courts, residential and/or foster care institutions, etc. Some graduates have opted for an academic career by pursuing research activities or a doctorate, while others have returned to their professional functions or previous fields of study with certified, comprehensive knowledge of children's rights.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

[www.unige.ch/calendar](http://www.unige.ch/calendar)

## UNIVERSITY TAXES

500 CHF / semester

## LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

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

[www.unige.ch/frenchexam](http://www.unige.ch/frenchexam)

## REGISTRATION

Deadline: 30 April 2019  
(28 February 2019 for applicants who require a visa under Swiss Confederation regulations)

[www.unige.ch/enrolment](http://www.unige.ch/enrolment)

## MOBILITY

Students may study abroad or in another Swiss university during the third semester.

[www.unige.ch/exchange](http://www.unige.ch/exchange)

## CONTACTS FOR STUDIES

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