Master’s Programme

THE MASTER IN INNOVATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

This highly multidisciplinary Master’s degree aims to train students to analyze problems and identify innovative solutions in terms of the governance of sustainability. The Master’s degree comprises a high proportion of practical courses (project workshops), but also fundamental courses on sustainable development in all its dimensions (social, economic, and environmental). This Master’s degree was created in partnership with Tsinghua University (Beijing), and students have the possibility of linking two complementary programs, one in Geneva and the other in Beijing (minimum 1 year each time), and earning both diplomas after two and a half years of study. It is also possible to complete this program alone; in this case, students are required to spend one semester in one of the partner universities (Tsinghua, Dakar, Bogotá, Exeter, Sydney, Yonsei, etc.).

THREE AVAILABLE SPECIALISATION MODULES:

- Sustainable Human Development
- Standards, Governance and Sustainability
- Future cities and regions


DURATION OF STUDIES
2 years (4 semesters) for the standard program
2.5 years (5 semesters) for a special program leading to both a diploma from UNIGE and a diploma from Tsinghua University

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
English

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION
www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS
Bachelor’s degree in Social Science, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Environment, Information Technologies, Engineering, or Applied Sciences. English language certificate.

Merit-based admission.

www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/reglements
www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/formations/inscription/admissionmaster

GENEVA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
STUDY PROGRAMME
4 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Basic courses
30 credits
• Sustainable Development and Political Agendas
• Education and Culture for Sustainable Development
• Science, Expertise and Sustainable Development
• Workshop 1: Innovation for Sustainable Development

Specialization
30 credits
1 workshop per module:
• Practice of Sustainable Human Development
• Voluntary Standards, Governance and SDGs
• Urban Futures

Other courses:
• Human Development, Concepts and Measures
• Voluntary, Consensus-based Standards
• Public Policies for Spatial Social, etc.

1 semester at a partner university
30 credits

Master’s thesis or Internship’s thesis
30 credits

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS
Students acquire theoretical and practical competencies that allow them to apply for positions both in the public sector (e.g., UN agencies, NGOs, and national, regional, and local government) and in the private sector.

UNIVERSITY TAXES
500 CHF / semester

REGISTRATION
Deadline: 28 February 2021
www.unige.ch/enrolment

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LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE
General placement test for non-Francophones is not required.
www.unige.ch/frenchexam

LEVEL OF ENGLISH
For non-native English speakers, a Certificate of Proficiency in English is required.

MOBILITY
For the Dual Degree track, students spend 1 year in Tsinghua University, then do their master thesis under the supervision of a Tsinghua colleague. For the Single Degree track, students spend the third semester of the Master in one of the partner university.

All programs are subject to changes. Please consult the program regulations.