



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

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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.

Master's Programme

BIOLOGY

The Master in Biology is an advanced training program that allows students to follow theoretical courses, in English (or French for some orientations), in the first year according to a specialized orientation (see below). The Master's program puts particular emphasis on research work, with a two-month pre-internship in the first year, followed by a research project carried out in a laboratory or research group for a full year in the second year. The mathematics and physics orientations allow students to broaden their knowledge in one of these disciplines and to work on a multidisciplinary project.

5 specialized orientations:

- Molecular Genetics and Biosciences
- Molecular Plant Sciences
- Microbiology
- Biodiversity and Systematics
- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis in Biology

STUDY PROGRAMME

4 semesters (max. 8 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Elective or mandatory courses according to the chosen orientation and pre-internship (60 credits)
Research project and dissertation (60 credits)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

No French proficiency test required for non-Francophones.

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The Master of Science in Biology leads to a number of professions both in Switzerland and abroad, including:

- Fundamental and medical research in universities and public institutions
- Scientific research and consulting in biotech and pharmaceutical companies
- Biology teaching in middle school and high school
- Scientific journalism
- Scientific consulting in governmental or private organisations which finance research
- Museums and botanical gardens
- Ecology-oriented services, etc

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline for candidates that hold a foreign bachelor's degree: 28 February 2026
(30 April 2026 for candidates that hold a Swiss bachelor's degree at the start of the next academic year AND, according to their nationality, are not subject to a visa for entry into Switzerland for more than 90 days, according to Swiss government requirements and regardless of their current place of residence, or for candidates holding a Swiss residence permit that is valid beyond 30 April.)

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