



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

Passive knowledge of English is required.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Bachelor's in Educational Sciences or Psychology. Candidates who hold Bachelor's degrees in Human Sciences other than Educational Sciences and Psychology but who can prove 60 credits in education or psychology in their curriculum, may be admitted subject to approval by the programme committee. If admitted, said students must simultaneously enrol, from the first semester, in the non-specialised Complementary Certificate in Educational Sciences.

Master's Programme

EDUCATION - PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL APPROACHES TO DISABILITIES

The Master in Education - Psychoeducational Approaches to Disabilities trains students to treat and find responses to a multitude of challenges in the field of special education. This may consist of current questions surrounding the inclusion of children, adolescents and adults who have serious difficulties, disorders or impairments at school, in institutional settings and/or in the working world, as well as in society at large. It may also involve helping to rebuild the social connections of people who, as a result of various difficulties over the course of their lives, now find themselves on the margins of society. In this Master's programme, students develop their theoretical knowledge and their analytical and intervention skills with regard to these issues, with the primary aim of improving the living standards of people who frequently find themselves in situations of disability. This MA offers several internships to help students translate what they learn into practical skills.

STUDY PROGRAMME

4 semesters (max. 6 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Foundations of psychoeducational perspectives (12 credits)

- Concepts, systems of classification and methods of evaluation of situations and types of disability
- Multiple viewpoints and collaborations
- Social welfare, legislation and service quality management

Lectures in thematic areas (30 credits)

- Early inclusion and intervention
- Juvenile delinquency and deviance
- Learning disabilities
- Cognitive intervention for individuals suffering from learning difficulties
- Autism: education-based research and intervention
- Social and adaptive skills and integration in people with special education needs
- Psychological approaches to visual impairments, etc.

Practical domain (21 credits)

Research preparation (21 credits)

Option classes (12 credits)

Thesis (24 credits)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/calendar

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

Eliminatory general test for non-Francophones with the exception of the following cases:

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY

Students may go on exchange regardless of how many credits they have completed at the Faculty. A maximum of 30 credits can be acquired outside the Faculty.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

- Research in a university, higher-education institute or research centre
- Education at a university or higher-education institute
- Reintegration counseling
- Project management
- Educational management at a specialised or ordinary institute of education
- Management of communal, cantonal or federal administrative services/structures
- Advise for a regional or national association protecting the rights of people in situations of disability
- Education within a teaching staff

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline for Fall Semester 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.)

Deadline for Spring Semester: to be checked on the website of the Admissions Office

www.unige.ch/enrolment

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