



DURATION OF STUDIES

1.5 years (3 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

Except for disciplines involving modern languages (Spanish, Italian, English and German), where courses are offered in the relevant language.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

A Bachelor of Arts with at least 60 credits in the given discipline, or an equivalent degree. Additional courses may be required depending on prior studies.

Master's Programme

GENERAL HISTORY

General history is organized around five fields of study. On the one hand, four periods: ancient history, medieval history, modern history and contemporary history. Secondly, the department is the only one in the French-speaking part of Switzerland to have a transperiodic Swiss history unit. Geographically, the focus is not only on Switzerland and Europe, but also on the Americas, Africa and Asia. Within the Department, historical events are often explained in a transnational context. The teaching focuses on a variety of approaches: gender history, environmental and social history, media and cultural history, humanitarian, conceptual and political history, as well as the history of inter- and supranational relations. An abundant and varied range of courses also enables students to work in close contact with teachers and receive personalized support. Master's programs allow for periodic and thematic specialization. A new module, "Public History, Media and Archives", is aimed at the multimedia transmission of history to a wide audience.

STUDY PROGRAMME

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

Chosen discipline (36 credits)

3 teaching modules.

2 elective modules (24 credits)

Dissertation (30 credits)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/calendar

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

Eliminatory general test and additional written test for non-Francophones, with the exception of the following cases:

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY

Master's students are encouraged to go on exchange, if possible for a single semester, given the duration of the programme. Students may go on exchange regardless of how many credits they have completed at the Faculty. Under regulations, students may earn no more than 24 credits (2 modules) while on exchange. The dissertation cannot be substituted.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

Unlike other fields of study, Arts degrees are not geared toward a specific career and graduates generally need to gain additional experience on the job.

Job opportunities may be found in the following areas: teaching, journalism, radio, television, publishing, libraries, documentation centres, archives, bookshops, museums, heritage protection organisations, international organisations, diplomacy, private companies, banks, administration, staff management, tourism, public relations, cultural activities, art dealerships, galleries, and literary, linguistic or philosophical research and writing, etc.

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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