



DURATION OF STUDIES

1.5 years (3 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

Working knowledge of English is recommended.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

A Bachelor's in Geography or an equivalent degree in another field, by successful completion of co-requisite courses (6 to 30 credits).

www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/reglements

www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/formations/inscriptions/admissionmaster

Master's Programme

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

The Master in Political and Cultural Geography teaches students to adopt a critical approach that is inherently political and cultural and has profoundly changed the face of human geography in recent years. Students will learn to analyse the relationship between imagined geographies, social practices and systems of power and domination, and how they are involved in creating geographical realities.

The programme takes an innovative approach to teaching, with workshops on how to make documentary films, podcasts and comics, as well as a field trip lasting several days. In addition to the compulsory courses, students can choose from an array of electives offered by the University of Geneva. Students can opt to take the Complementary Certificate in Visual Studies to strengthen their visual analytical skills, or the Complementary Certificate in Geomatics to obtain more practical know-how that is highly sought-after by employers.

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STUDY PROGRAMME

3 semesters (max. 5 semesters) | 90 ECTS credits

Required classes (30 credits)

- Social and Spatial Issues
- History and Epistemology of Geography
- Critical Approaches to the Division of the World
- Territories and Borders, etc.

Workshops (12 credits)

- Documentary Film-Making Workshop (singular documentary film)
- Identities and Civility Workshop
- Terrain Workshop

Option classes and electives (24 credits)

- Visual Culture and Social Sciences: the World in Films and Cartoons
- Exoticism: from «Discovery» to Tourist Attraction
- Mountains: Imaginary Geographies and Planning
- Geographies of Gender and Sexualities: Body, Spaces, and Social Relationships
- Indigenous Peoples, Territories and Knowledge: Decolonial and Postcolonial Perspectives

Master's thesis or work placement dissertation (24 credits)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/horaires

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

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

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY

Master's students are permitted to go on exchange for one semester. Students may go on exchange as early as their second semester but may earn no more than 30 credits at another university. The dissertation cannot be substituted.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

A Master in Political and Cultural Geography leads to a number of opportunities both in Switzerland and abroad in:

- Secondary-school education
- The international sector (UN agencies, NGOs and international cooperation), the not-for-profit sector and the public sector
- Research

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

www.unige.ch/enrolment

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