



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

Working knowledge of English is recommended.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

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

Merit-based admission.

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

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

Master's Programme

SOCIO-ECONOMICS

The Master in Socio-Economics equips students with the theoretical and practical skills needed to analyze and combat social inequalities in a world in rapid transition. This interdisciplinary Master's program stands out by offering advanced training in quantitative and mixed methods, and by preparing students for public action aimed at acting on these inequalities, whether through public social policies or citizen and associative alternatives. In addition, the Master's program offers the opportunity to study these issues in Switzerland, elsewhere in Europe or on other continents (Latin America, Africa, Asia), always in conjunction with local players. The Master's degree is geared towards the transition from theory to practice, through research (dissertation) or the concrete valorization of knowledge at the frontier between studies and working life (internship).

SPECIALISATION OPTIONS:

- Social Policy
- Development and Solidary Alternatives
- Demographics and Quantitative Methods

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STUDY PROGRAMME

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

Required courses (60 credits)

- Survey Data Analysis
- Socio-Economics Workshop
- Well-being and Sustainability: New Topics for Demography
- Economics of Development and Emerging Countries
- Demographic Challenges in Industrialized Countries
- International Migration Issues
- Socioeconomics of Development
- Socio-Economics of Social Policy
- Social Science Data Sources
- Survey Data Analysis, etc.

Other courses and electives (36 credits)

Thematic and methodological courses, depending on the specialisation option:

- Social Analysis Clinic
- Public Policy Evaluation
- Socioeconomics of Inequalities
- Inequality, Public Revenues and Development
- State, Territory and Development in Africa
- Population and Development: Data Sources and Analysis Methods
- Longitudinal Data Analysis, etc.

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

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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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 from their 3rd semester but may earn no more than 30 credits at the host faculty. The Master's thesis may not be substituted.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The Master in Socio-Economics leads to a number of opportunities both in Switzerland and abroad in:

- Local, national or international administration and institutions
- NGOs and, more generally, associations within the social and solidarity economy
- The private sector: social and environmental responsibility and intercultural dimensions
- Secondary schools

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

www.unige.ch/enrolment

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