



#### DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

#### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

##### **French**

Some courses are given in English.

#### CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

[www.unige.ch/conditions/MA](http://www.unige.ch/conditions/MA)

#### ADMISSION CONDITIONS

##### FOR UNIGE CONCENTRATIONS

Bachelor's degree in political science, sociology, ethnology/anthropology, law, geography, history, economics, international relations, development studies, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, or an equivalent degree. Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in a subject that is not directly related to urban and regional planning may be required to complete an additional programme (corequisites or prerequisites).

Bachelor's degree from a university of applied science in a subject related to urban and regional planning (architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, environmental studies, social work, etc.). Students may be required to complete an additional programme (corequisites or prerequisites).

Merit-based admission.

[www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/reglements](http://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/reglements)  
[www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/formations/inscription/admissionmaster](http://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/formations/inscription/admissionmaster)

### *Master's Programme*

## URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

The Master in Urban and Regional Planning is a joint Master's run by UNIGE and HES-SO. It offers in-depth training in the areas of land-use planning, urban development and landscape planning, both in the northern and southern hemispheres. The programme focuses on providing students with practical experience (through internships or project-based workshops) so that they obtain the expertise they need to make territorial diagnoses, design and implement urban planning projects, and coordinate urban and regional development.

Students also acquire in-depth knowledge of the technical, legal and practical tools frequently used by professionals. Critical thinking is another major focus of the programme: in addition to mastering various tools and techniques, students must also be able to analyse current and future issues affecting urban and regional development in order to put forward innovative solutions.

The programme prepares students for the job market, with a sharp focus on practical work (workshops, case studies and internships).

[jmdt.ch](http://jmdt.ch)

#### UNIGE CONCENTRATIONS:

Regional development | Territorial Development in the Global South | Urban Planning and Design  
[unige.ch/gedt/formations/maitrise-en-developpement-territorial](http://unige.ch/gedt/formations/maitrise-en-developpement-territorial)

#### HES-SO CONCENTRATIONS:

Geomatic engineering | Landscape architecture | Operational urban planning

#### COMPLEMENTARY TRAINING:

As a complement to the Master's in Territorial Development, students have the option of taking the Complementary Certificate in Geomatics (30 credits). The certificate is designed to provide students with training centred on new simulation technologies which use spatial referencing, in a practical, interdisciplinary setting.

[unige.ch/cgeom](http://unige.ch/cgeom)

## STUDY PROGRAMME

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

**Required classes each concentration (78 credits)**

**Electives (12 credits)**

**Master's thesis (30 credits)**

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

[www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/etudiants/horaires](http://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](http://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](http://www.unige.ch/exchange)

## PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The Master in Urban and Regional Development prepares graduates for careers in regional and urban planning, landscape architecture and environmental management. Graduates find work in a variety of settings: specialised consulting firms, cantonal or municipal planning offices, local planning bodies, regional parks, development cooperation agencies, research agencies, etc.

## TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

## REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

[www.unige.ch/enrolment](http://www.unige.ch/enrolment)

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