



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

Passive knowledge of French is recommended. Academic work may be submitted in either English or French. The entire programme can be followed in English, and some of the third semester specialisation courses may be available only in English as well.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

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ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Bachelor or equivalent degree.
Admission based on application file.
The MScGH welcomes application from students interested in global health with a background in any academic discipline.

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Master's Programme **GLOBAL HEALTH**

The Master in Global Health of the University of Geneva is a two year full time programme which aims to study contemporary health issues from interdisciplinary and international perspectives. The MScGH mission is to provide students the toolbox to understand and analyse health issues whose determinants are interlinked and whose complexity transcends borders and sectors of activity.

In our interdependent world, significant health issues such as emerging and reemerging infectious diseases, the rise of chronic conditions, and the impact of climate change on health are intersectoral and transnational challenges which require collaboration and cooperation among multiple actors. To respond to these challenges, new educational opportunities are needed in addition to traditional training programmes in medicine or public health.

The MScGH seeks to combine the most relevant approaches on global health drawing on the perspectives of all relevant academic disciplines and global health actors based in Geneva. The MScGH is specifically designed to take advantage of the rich international environment of Geneva. It provides an opportunity to study where many health issues are discussed at the global level and to accomplish practical training in different setting such as NGOs and international organizations.

STUDY PROGRAMME

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

Disciplinary and methodological foundations (30 credits)

3 Disciplinary courses (18 credits)
2 Methodological seminars (12 credits)

Interdisciplinary integration of knowledge (30 credits)

Required interdisciplinary courses.

Specialization (30 credits)

Variable with at least one methodological seminar.

Applying knowledge and skills (30 credits)

Master Thesis and work placement/internship.

Upon validation by the program coordinator, students who already hold a Master's degree related to the themes addressed in the program may request equivalencies for the 3rd semester of the program, up to 30 credits. This request is made during the first year, after students have been accepted into the program.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

General placement test for non-Francophones is not required.

LEVEL OF ENGLISH

Students must be proficient in English. With the exception of students whose mother tongue is English or who have successfully followed at least one year of secondary or tertiary (University level) education in English, all applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements (minimal score):

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Internet-test 100, Paper-test 600, Computer based test 250
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 7.0
- Certificate of Proficiency in English of the University of Cambridge (CPE): A-B-C
- Cambridge Advanced English (CAE): A-B

MOBILITY

Master's students are permitted to go on exchange for one semester maximum, as early as their third semester of study, and may earn no more than 30 credits at another university. Neither the thesis nor the internship cannot be substituted.

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The MScGH aims to prepare students to work in organizations such as international organizations (e.g. WHO, UNICEF, ICRC...), civil society such as non-governmental organization (e.g. MSF, Care, Oxfam...), public sector at national (e.g. Ministry of health of foreign affairs, development agency) or local level (e.g. public health authorities), public private partnerships and private sector (e.g. pharmaceutical industry).

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

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