



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

Candidates must have Level A2 language skills in German and English in accordance with the Common European Framework of References for languages.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Candidates must hold a recognised ordinary teaching diploma for pre-school, primary or secondary school teaching or, must take 30 to 60 credits of supplementary study courses, BA in a related field (for example: Educational Sciences, Social Education, Special Education, Speech Therapy, Psychology or Occupational Therapy) awarded by a recognised Swiss or foreign third-level institution.

Admission is application-based.

Master's Programme

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

The Master in Special Needs Education trains special needs teachers to carry out full teaching responsibilities for students aged 4 to 20, taking into consideration academic targets and the particularities of special education contexts (assistance with integration into ordinary classes, specialised classes, specialised institutions). At once academic and vocational, this Master's programme trains professionals by giving them scientific knowledge of the facts of special needs education. A particular stream is reserved for students with ordinary teaching diplomas who are working professionally as special needs teachers.

STUDY PROGRAMME

4 semesters (max. 8 semesters) | 120 ECTS credits

Section 1 (9 credits)

Political, social and historical context of special education.

Section 2 (12 credits)

Professional role and identity of the special needs teacher.

Section 3 (42 credits)

Training in research in special needs education:

- Training in methodology
- Thesis

Section 4 (57 credits)

Teaching and learning in special needs education contexts:

- Contributions to cooperation, teaching and learning in various professional contexts
- Internships and analysis of professional activity

ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE MASTER

As there are a limited number of places in practical training, the admissions process takes place during the spring semester preceding the academic year in question. This process includes a written application and complementary interview.

Registration deadline 28 February 2025.

www.unige.ch/iufe/formations/specialise/inscriptions

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.unige.ch/calendar

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

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

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

MOBILITY

The exchange programme runs for one semester and carries up to 30 credits.

Alternatively, students may complete an internship with the same amount of credits.

www.unige.ch/exchange

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

This Master's degree qualifies the holder to work as a special needs teacher in various public, subsidised and private organisations.

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

www.unige.ch/enrolment

CONTACTS FOR STUDIES

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