



DURATION OF STUDIES

2 years (4 semesters) for the standard program, Single Degree track program

3 years (6 semesters) for the special Dual Degree track, leading to both a diploma from UNIGE and a diploma from Tsinghua University

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

www.unige.ch/conditions/MA

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

Wide range of Bachelor's degrees, including Political Science, Economics, Geography, Environment, Information Technologies, Engineering, or Applied Sciences.

English language certificate .

Merit-based admission.

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

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

Master's Programme

INNOVATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (MIHDS)

The MIHDS stems from a partnership between the University of Geneva and organizations from International Geneva in the framework of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This highly multidisciplinary Master's degree aims to train students to analyze problems and identify innovative solutions in terms of the governance of sustainability. The curriculum contains a high proportion of practical courses (project workshops), but also fundamental courses on sustainability development in all its dimensions (social, economic, and environmental). This Master's programme was created in partnership with Tsinghua University (Beijing). Students can apply either to the Dual or the Single track. The Dual track links two complementary programs, one in Geneva and the other in Beijing (minimum 1 year each), to earn two diplomas after two and a half years of study. Students of the Single track (UNIGE diploma) are required to do an exchange semester at one of the partner universities (currently Tsinghua, Ashoka, Bogotá, Dakar, Exeter, Los Angeles, Medellín, Pisa, Yonsei, Manizales).

THREE AVAILABLE SPECIALISATION MODULES:

- Sustainable Human Development
- Sustainable consumption, production and organizations
- Future cities and regions

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STUDY PROGRAMME

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

Compulsory core courses (24 credits)

- Sustainable Development and Political Innovation
- Workshop: Innovation for Sustainable Development
- Research and Innovation Methodology

Elective core courses (12 credits)

22 courses, including for example:

- Social and environmental dilemmas in capitalism
- Theories and issues of Global Justice

Specialization (30 credits)

- 1 Compulsory Workshop per Specialization (12 credits)
- 1 Compulsory Course per Specialization (6 credits)
- Specialisation electives (12 credits)

Mobility (30 credits)

1 year at Tsinghua University (Dual degree)

1 semester at a partner university (Single degree) University of Exeter, Università di Pisa, Université Cheikh Anta Diop/Dakar, Tsinghua University (Beijing and Shenzhen), Yonsei University, Universidad Los Andes/Bogota, EAFIT/Medellin, University of Caldas (Manizales), UCLA/Luskin (Los Angeles), Ashoka University (India)

Master's thesis or Internship's thesis/report (24 credits)

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

Students acquire theoretical and practical skills that allow them to apply in UN agencies, NGOs, the public sector (national, regional and local administrations) and the private sector.

TUITION FEES

500 CHF per semester

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 28 February 2026

www.unige.ch/enrolment

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

LEVEL OF FRENCH REQUIRED BY UNIGE

General placement test for non-Francophones is not required.

www.unige.ch/frenchexam

LEVEL OF ENGLISH

Very good level of English required.
See conditions of registration.

MOBILITY

Dual Degree track students spend 1 year in Tsinghua University, and do their Master's thesis under the supervision of a Tsinghua professor. Single Degree track students spend the third semester of the Master in one of the partner universities.