



What is the Global Studies Institute?

An interdisciplinary approach to the study of international and regional relations is privileged at the GSI in order to better investigate and understand the new complex challenges of the contemporary world as a whole.

The process of globalization is provoking two major shifts at the international level. On the one hand, there is a softening of the boundaries between what is considering international and national. On the other, there is an emergence of new tools of governance for the global level, as well as for countries, cities and regions. We can simply look at the examples of global health, international trade or terrorism to see that new challenges require novel articulations of knowledge.

Interdisciplinary Training Based on the Diversity of Partner Faculties

GSI students benefit from instruction offered by nearly 150 teaching and research collaborators and some 90 professors from the various faculties of the University of Geneva (Law, Social Sciences, Economics and Management, Letters, Medicine and Science).

Most of the students at the institute are enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BARI) where they have the choice between five different areas of focus: Global, Law, International Economics, International History and International Politics. This enables them to follow courses in these different fields when they participate in a Mobility program exchange.

Postgraduate students could follow four different Master programs specialized in regional studies. These include Europe, Russia and Middle Europe, the Middle East and Africa. It is also possible to earn an interdisciplinary master in global health at the GSI and another one in Global Studies.

In addition, the GSI offers two Master programs of continuing education in International Security and European and International Governance, along with an interdisciplinary PhD in Global Studies.

Dissemination of Knowledge to the General Public

The GSI attaches particular importance to "engagement with the city" as it believes deeply in sharing academic knowledge with the general public. Thus to fulfill this mission, the GSI organizes numerous conferences open to a wide audience. These symposiums promote interdisciplinary approaches and interchange between academics and practitioners, while collaborators from the GSI contribute with their work to enhance intellectual reflection and dialogue with the citizenry.

At the heart of the International City of Geneva

The location of the GSI in Geneva is a unique and extraordinary asset. Indeed, the presence of nearly 100 international organizations, several hundred non-governmental organizations and multinational companies offers a plethora of opportunities to observe the world from a privileged position.

Exchange programs at the Global Studies Institute

As international relations are an interdisciplinary field, GSI programs are composed of courses in Political science, Law, Economics and History.

Being a French speaking university, most programs of the University of Geneva are taught in French. Yet, English is definitely a necessary language for all students studying international relations. Therefore, the GSI has developed a range of courses in English.

Bachelor Courses in English (2024-2025)

- International Environmental Law
- Environmental Diplomacy
- Environmental Economics
- International Geneva
- International Institutional Law
- Economic Analysis in International Organization
- Model United Nations Seminar
- Politics of Contemporary Africa
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Microeconomics I
- Statistics
- Introduction to Econometrics
- International Trade
- International Political Economy
- Early modern economic and social history
- Probability
- Microeconomics II
- International Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Law and Practice of European Union Foreign Policy
- The EU and the return of geopolitics
- Business Analytics
- Computational Social Sciences
- Services: from concept to market



Master Courses in English (2024-2025)

- The Statistical Analysis of Time Series
- History of Global Capitalism
- Comparative Regional Integration
- Global Governance. The Art of Negotiation
- Global Migration Governance
- Labor Economics
- Theories and issues of Global Justice
- Environmental Economics and Climate Change
- Workshop 2C: Urban futures
- Public policies for spatial justice
- Population and development: data sources and analysis methods
- System thinking for global challenges
- Epistemology of Area Studies
- Post-Colonial Approaches to Global Health
- Well-being and sustainability: new topics for demography
- Political Theories in European Integration: insights and limits
- Geopolitical Europe
- Nature, Labour and Capital in Globalization
- Regional Disparities and Urban Economics
- International Relations and Domestic Politics

+ 2 master programs entirely taught in English:

- Master of Arts in Global Studies
(<https://www.unige.ch/gsi/fr/formations/masters/master-of-science-in-global-studies/>)
- Master of Science in Global Health
(<https://www.unige.ch/gsi/fr/formations/masters/master-in-global-health/>)

Full course details can be found on
http://wadme.unige.ch:3149/pls/opprg/w_rech_cours.debut

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