

Children's Rights

2019-2020

The Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) is a part-time two-year postgraduate programme in children's rights. The MCR is an interdisciplinary and international master, which attracts a large range of graduate students from all over the world. The 9th cycle of the MCR will begin on 11 February 2019 and the deadline for online applications is 1 December 2018.

Applicants are required to hold a university degree (or equivalent), and are expected to have at least two years of professional experience that is relevant to the programme.

The Master is organised by the University of Geneva's Centre for Children's Rights Studies in collaboration with the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE), Switzerland.

The MCR combines residential teaching and distance learning. It privileges both an international and an interdisciplinary approach of children's rights. The learning objectives of the MCR are:

- To acquire extended and specialised knowledge in children's rights in their theoretical and practical dimensions;
- To deepen understanding of the role of international instruments on children's rights in the implementation and monitoring processes;
- To develop critical thinking on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



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Participants

The MCR is designed for professionals who work with children's rights, these may include: lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, judges, social workers, government officials, staff from non-governmental organisations, academics and journalists. The participation of students with different backgrounds and levels of professional experience in an interactive learning environment helps to foster exchange at both theoretical and practical levels.

Teaching staff

Lectures are given by international experts in the field of children's rights from the academic world, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental institutions. The participation of these prominent academics and highly skilled field experts with various types of expertise and from different countries ensures multidisciplinary and cultural perspectives on children's rights.

Study programme and venue

The programme takes place over a two-year period and requires participants to attend seven-week long residential modules combined with completion of exercises and examinations based on the required readings. Students are also expected to write an essay, to participate in an external seminar or conference, and to draft an analytical report.

Module 1 | **Children's rights and childhood studies** | 11-15 Feb. 2019 – Valais Campus (Sion)

Module 2 | **International children's rights law** | 20-24 May 2019 – University of Geneva

Module 3 | **Child protection strategies and policies** | 9-13 Sept. 2019 – Valais Campus (Sion)

Module 4 | **Children's rights and criminal justice** | 25-29 Nov. 2019 – Valais Campus (Sion)

Module 5 | **Child labour and education** | 9-13 March 2020 – Valais Campus (Sion)

Module 6 | **Children's rights and migration** | 15-19 June 2020 – University of Geneva

Module 7 | **Children's rights policy implementation and monitoring** | 23-27 Nov. 2020 – Valais Campus (Sion)

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