MAS
Master of Advanced Studies
Maîtrise universitaire d'études avancées

International Security

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8 MONTHS, FULL TIME

GCSP
Geneva Centre for
Security Policy

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Audience
International security professionals who wish to enhance their capabilities and academic qualifications to advance in their career in government, IO's, and all agencies (private/public/civil society) engaged in peace and security related policy-making.

Objectives
- Build your knowledge of key international security issues – both traditional and emerging – across national, regional and global contexts.
- Enhance your ability to analyse the evolution of contemporary security challenges, their interconnections, and assess the effectiveness of current policy responses.
- Strengthen your leadership skill-set within a multi-cultural and cross-sectoral environment, integrating into a wide community of experts and policymakers in international security.

A Transformative Professional Development Opportunity at the Heart of International Geneva

The MAS in International Security is an extensive full-time programme that prepares professionals to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global security landscape. Created over 20 years ago, it combines academic depth from the University of Geneva's Global Studies Institute with policy relevance from the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, offering both space for reflection and direct engagement with practitioners.

Participants engage with pressing global challenges, from, for example, conflict and terrorism to geo-economics, climate and health, through a multidisciplinary lens that blends academic rigour with policy applicability. They are equipped with the analytical depth and practical tools to navigate today's complex security landscape.

Structure
8 months full time | 4 thematic modules | Final study work | 60 ECTS credits

1. The Evolving Dimensions of Security Policy

Gain a solid foundation in how today's international system has developed, and analytical frameworks to build understanding of the current trajectory, turning points and leadership approaches. This module equips you to understand and navigate the drivers of global security policy in a rapidly changing world.

2. 21st Century Security Challenges

Examine the critical issues shaping security today: from conflict management to the impact of new technologies, while exploring transnational threats such as terrorism, cyber risks, health crises, and climate change. You'll strengthen your ability to analyse these challenges and assess the effectiveness of policy responses.

3. A World of Regions?

Explore how regional dynamics influence global security. This module looks at diverse contexts — including Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, the Euro-Atlantic area, and Asia— helping you compare trends, actors, and responses across regions and multi-stakeholder settings.

4. Issues and Concepts in International Security

Deepen your conceptual and analytical skills through a series of advanced lectures. This module sharpens your ability to connect theory and practice, reinforcing the academic rigour that underpins the policy focus of the programme.

MAS Research Paper

Undertake an independent research project (10,000–12,000 words) that integrates academic analysis with policy relevance. This is your opportunity to produce work that speaks to both scholarly debates and real-world policy challenges, guided by expert faculty.

Practical Information

- Deadline for application: 1 June 2026
- Tuition Fees: CHF 17,900
- Alumni Network: Graduates may join the expanding Alumni Network
- Location: GCSP and GSI Campuses

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