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Master of Advanced Studies

Maîtrise universitaire d'études avancées

# Children's Rights

2017-2018

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 8th cycle of the MCR will begin on 6 February 2017 and the deadline for online applications is 1 November 2016.

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

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. The first three Modules are focusing on theory and research methods and are providing a theoretical framework on the interdisciplinary field of children's rights studies. Modules four to seven are focusing on selected themes considered relevant to current children's rights practice and policy: child labour, education, health, criminal justice and migration.

## Schedule and venue

- Module 1 | **Children's rights studies** | 6-10 Feb. 2017 – Valais Campus (Sion)
- Module 2 | **Interdisciplinary childhood studies** | 15-19 May 2017 – Valais Campus (Sion)
- Module 3 | **Children's rights and international law** | 18-22 Sept. 2017 – University of Geneva
- Module 4 | **Child labour and education** | 27 Nov.-1 Dec. 2017 – Valais Campus (Sion)
- Module 5 | **Children's rights and health** | 12-16 March 2018 – Valais Campus (Sion)
- Module 6 | **Children's rights and criminal justice** | 4-8 June 2018 – University of Geneva
- Module 7 | **Children's rights and migration** | 26-30 Nov. 2018 – Valais Campus (Sion)

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