



MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

- 08 OCTOBER 2018 TO 31 MAY 2019-



The **Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (MAS)** responds to the changing needs of policy-practitioner participants and its inception and gestation itself reflects a transforming security landscape - benefiting from the exceptional academic resources of the University of Geneva and the internationally recognised training expertise of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). It is a **full time course** currently run within the University of Geneva's Global Studies Institute (GSI), reflecting its global outlook.

LEARNING GOALS

The **overall learning goals** for the MAS are to enhance participant understandings of peace and stability in national, 'world-regional' and global contexts by:

- Identifying and characterizing strategic threats to peace and stability;
- Analysing the changing nature of actors that seek to manage existing and emergent threats;
- Assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of current policy responses and debating possible future alternative policy options

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The MAS provides not just space for academic reflection, but also provides participants with **skills, knowledge and networks** that can readily be turned into action once back in national or international institutions and structures, enabling participants as active members of the wider community of security experts to constructively and critically inform policy debates and discourse by:

- Engaging in and influencing decision-making,
- Enhancing their professional development and institutional capacity,
- Leveraging their strengthened skills, knowledge and networks for collaborative leadership and cooperative solutions

COURSE CURRICULUM*

Module 1 (Oct-Dec, GCSP): Provides an overview of the current international security environment and its leadership through an analysis of the different concepts (power, interests, values...) and dimensions (history, strategy, economics, law, governance...) necessary to understand the dynamics of foreign and security policy.

Module 2 (Jan-Mar, GCSP): Focuses on the evolution of warfare, sustainable peace, emerging and re-emerging security challenges.

Module 3 (Mar-May, GCSP): Allows participants to explore security challenges and actors in multiple regions including the Euro-Atlantic Area, Sub-Saharan Africa; the Middle East and North Africa; Latin America, and developments in the Asia-Pacific.

Module 4 (Oct-Feb, UNIGE): Provides a series of conceptual lectures to complement and reinforce, through a theoretical approach, the more policy-orientated approach of the first three Modules on subjects including critical theories, geo-economics, international law, political philosophy, theories of European integration, religion and international security.

Module 5 (Oct-May, UNIGE & GCSP): Allows participants to develop their research and analytical capacity through a 10'000-12'000 word thesis. Participants attend a number of research methods seminars throughout the process to support their progress.

**Note the curriculum will vary each year in accordance with priority issues in international security*

COURSE DESIGN

This intensive 8 month course engages you through academic workshops, classroom analysis, peer to peer networking, and individual skills enhancement.

Conducted by University of Geneva and GCSP faculty, in addition to over 120 visiting academics and practitioners, you will experience a range of activities including presentations, panels and thematic debates. A particular focus is placed on interactive sessions involving case studies, simulations and collaborative peer to peer learning, to turn knowledge into practice. Finally, you will have the opportunity to network with the GCSP and GSI's global expert community, as well as the multitude of actors present in International Geneva.

Participants who complete the programme successfully will be awarded a **Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (60 ECTS credits)** by the Global Studies Institute of the University of Geneva in partnership with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.

This MAS programme has the highest level of accreditation awarded to degrees in Switzerland. As a result, the MAS degree has recognized **equivalence** in most countries worldwide.



APPLICATION PROCESS

The documents required to complete the MAS application are as follows:

- A CV
- Letter of motivation
- 2 Letters of reference
- A copy of relevant university degree(s)
- A writing sample of 1500 words (which we will verify with an anti-plagiarism software) on either:
 - a) *What is the purpose and relevance of reforming the United Nations Security Council? Or*
 - b) *Is the current crisis of the 'liberal world order' a turning point in international relations?*

Deadline: 31 May 2018

Tuition fees: 15'000CHF

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