



Effective date: September 19, 2022

1. Internship

PREREQUISITE

The student should have earned at least 54 ECTS credits.

The internship is not mandatory and does not provide ECTS credits, as it is not included in the study plan. The search for an internship position, work permit issues, etc., are the student's responsibility.

QUESTIONS

All questions can be sent to gsem-economics@unige.ch

2. Master Thesis

The study program for the Master of Science in Economics includes a Master Thesis and is granted 24 ECTS credits. The Master Thesis is conducted under the supervision of one (or more) person(s) teaching in the program for the Master of Science in Economics, who set the conditions under which the Master Thesis is to be composed. The Master Thesis may be linked to an internship outside of the University, with the approval of the Scientific Committee.

PREREQUISITE

To submit the Master Thesis, the student must acquire all core courses of the master's program.

DEADLINE

The student must choose the topic of the Master Thesis during the second semester (deadline May 1) or during the third semester (deadline November 15) and the Scientific Committee must approve the topic.

The Master Thesis Project must have been discussed with a potential director (can be any teacher in the Master's program). The student sends the Master Thesis Project to the Scientific Committee (gsem-economics@unige.ch), with the Master Thesis director in copy. The Scientific Committee examines the Master Thesis Project and can either approve, ask for revision or reject the proposal.

If the student fails to submit a Master Thesis Project by the second deadline or if the Scientific Committee rejects the Master Thesis Project, the student cannot continue in the Master program.

The Master Thesis should be presented to the director no later than eight weeks before the end of the fifth semester. The content of the Master Thesis is detailed in the '**Master Thesis Guidelines**'. The defense may take place outside of official examination periods.

REGISTRATION

No formal online or paper form registration is required.

GUIDELINES

For further details about the content of the Master Thesis Project, the content of the Master Thesis as well as the defense, please consult the '**Master Thesis Guidelines**', available on [GSEM website](#).

EVALUATION

Once the Master Thesis director gives her/his consent and estimates that the student is ready to defend the Master Thesis, the Master Thesis director invites a jury to evaluate the Master Thesis. The defense date is decided between all three parties. The Master Thesis is in the form of a public defense. The grade awarded is based on overall tasks realized during the project. Conditions of success are defined in the document titled '**Règlement d'Etudes de la Maîtrise Universitaire**', Article 17, *alinéa* 2.

Directly after the defense, the form '**Master Thesis Evaluation**' available on [GSEM website](#), is delivered to the GSEM Students Services, Uni Mail, 3287A, in paper form or sent to gsem-economics@unige.ch. The grade may be attributed during the semester but shall be registered on the transcript only at the end of an exam session.

RETAKE PROCEDURE

If the grade is equal to or above 3.00 but under 4.00, the student may ask the jury for permission to provide a written addendum. Should the jury accept this written addendum (no defense required), the grade awarded will be four. If the grade is under three, the thesis is considered as a "Fail" and should be started again. The new version of the Master Thesis is to be sent to the director at least 15 days before the date of the defense. See '**Règlement d'Etudes de la Maîtrise Universitaire**', Article 17, *alinéa* 2.

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3. Mobility

Article 5 of the study regulations is applicable.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

To obtain authorization to undertake an exchange program, the student must have earned a minimum of 30 ECTS credits of compulsory courses by the time of the exchange semester.

If the student is registered in econometrics concentration, the student must have earned the 54 ECTS of compulsory courses, including the core courses of econometrics concentration.

The exchange program becomes possible from the program's third semester for a maximum of 30 ECTS credits, except for student registered in econometrics concentration, for whom the maximum is 12 ECTS.

APPLICATIONS

All relevant information regarding applications, allocation, study contract, academic calendar, verification/amendment of the learning agreement, delivery of the official transcript and consequences of failure of courses during the mobility stay are included in the '**Mobility Guidelines**', available on GSEM website.

QUESTIONS

All questions can be sent to mobility-gsem@unige.ch.