

CALL FOR
APPLICATIONS

MAS | Master of Advanced Studies
Maîtrise universitaire d'études avancées

Children's Rights

2027 - 2028

Within the distinguished context of Geneva, the hub for children rights with the widest network of child rights specialist and advocates, the University of Geneva's Centre for Children's Rights Studies offers the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR). The MCR is an interdisciplinary and international part-time, two-year postgraduate master programme, which attracts a large range of graduate students from all over the world. The 13th cycle of the MCR will begin in February 2027 and the deadline for online applications is **15 November 2026**.

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

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, monitoring and evaluation 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 from different backgrounds and levels of professional experience in an interactive learning environment, helps to foster exchange at both theoretical and practical levels.

Teaching staff

Being embedded within the distinctive setting of Geneva and benefiting from the strong ties of the UNICEF with the many international governmental and non-governmental Geneva-based organizations, the MCR programme exposes students to international expertise with unique networking opportunities. 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 venues

The programme takes place over a two-year period and requires participants to attend seven week-long modules combined with the completion of exercises and examinations based on the required readings. Students are also expected to: write a paper, complete a group project, participate in an external seminar/ conference and write a master's dissertation. A team of professors and academic staff members will guide them through the process.

- Module 1 | Children's rights and childhood studies | 22-26 February 2027 | Online learning**
- Module 2 | International children's rights law | 10-14 May 2027 | University of Geneva, Switzerland**
- Module 3 | Child protection strategies and policies | 20-24 September 2027 | Online learning**
- Module 4 | Children's rights and migration | 22-26 November 2027 | Online learning**
- Module 5 | Child labour and education | 27-31 March 2028 | Online learning**
- Module 6 | Children's rights and criminal justice | 29 May - 2 June 2028 | Online learning**
- Module 7 | Children's rights policy implementation and monitoring | 6-10 November 2028 | Valais Campus (Bramois / Sion, Switzerland)**

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