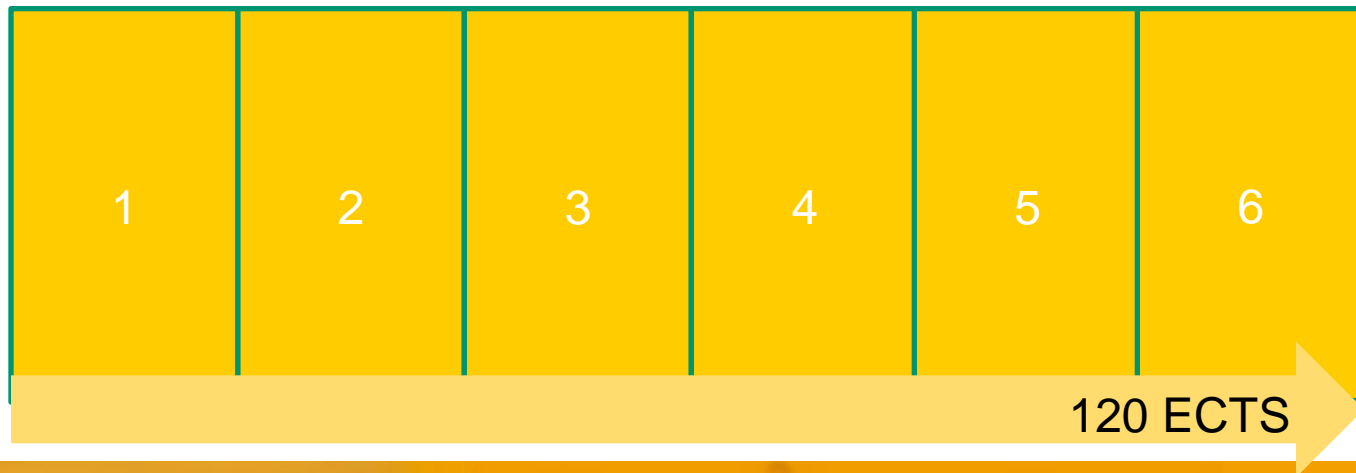




Master of Arts in Sustainable Societies and Social Change

Structure and calendar

- [Program of courses](#) (UNIGE website)
- Regular duration : 4 semesters
- **Maximal duration: 6 semesters**



Structure of the programme

Enseignements obligatoires
/Compulsory courses
(96 ECTS, incl. 24 ECTS thesis/internship)

Options libres /Free elective
courses
(24 ECTS)

Options libres /Free elective courses

- You can take elective courses in any Master program of UNIGE
- Elective courses of the Geneva graduate institute

Definition of ECTS Credits

1 ECTS Credit = 25 to 30 hours of workload

Credits are not a grades.

Grades of minimum 4.00 or «pass» secure the credits for a course

3 credits = 75 to 90 hours of workload

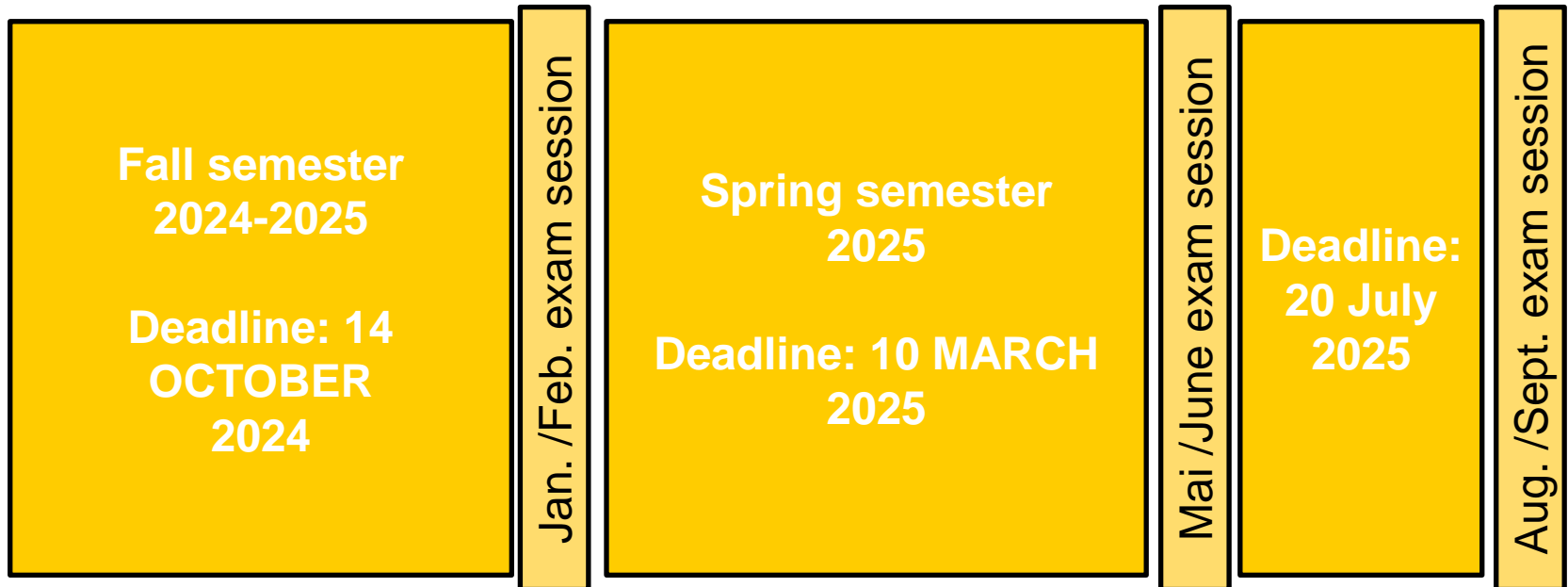
6 credits = 150 to 180 hours of workload

Registration for courses and exams

- You have received your student address with the semester tax/ fees document
- ...@etu.unige.ch with your login.
- Access via <https://portail.unige.ch>
- Your sign up for courses / exams through this platform = IEL
- E-mail is an official channel for information

Registration for courses and exams (1)

- Registration for exams online (IEL)
- [Portail](#)
- [Registration deadline](#)



Registration (2)

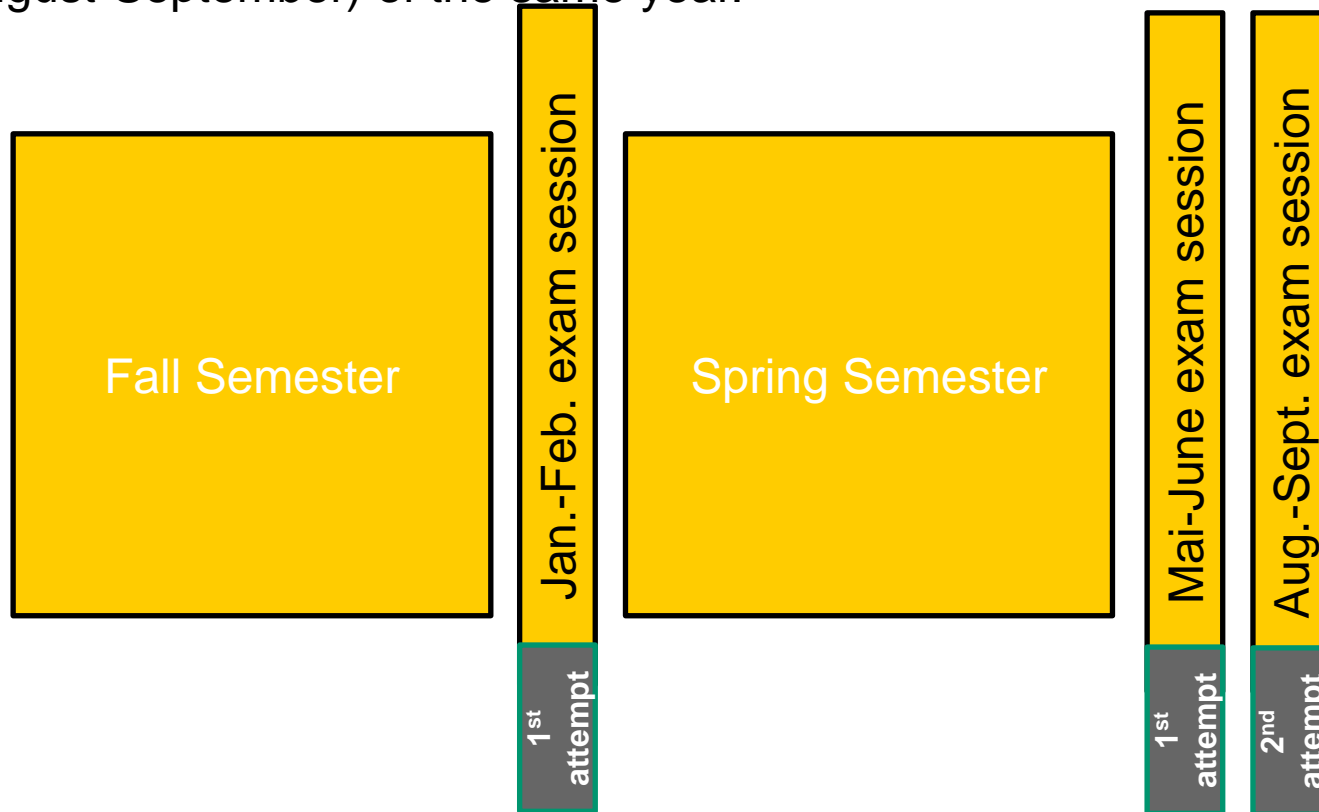
- Register online for all the courses you are taking: including courses outside the Faculty
- Registration on Moodle is NOT sufficient and does not serve as an official registration
- Once the official deadline has passed, registration becomes final
- Print your registration to control it, and keep it as proof for the day of the exam

Registration (3)

- It is not possible to take an exam for the first time in the additional exam session (in August-September).
- The transcripts must be kept carefully: you are the only person to have the original transcripts.
- Grades of 4.00 or above secure the credits for that course
- Exams for which you have obtained at least 4.00 are definitively acquired.

Attempts

2 attempts for each compulsory exam : if you do not obtain the credits for the course in the ordinary exam session (January-February and May-June) you are automatically signed up to take the exam in the following retake exam session (August-September) of the same year.



Attempts – conditions of successful completion

- **Compulsory courses: Maximum 2 attempts**
 - 1 registration = 2 attempts during the year (art. 18 al. 3 et 22 al.1 e) RE SdS)
 - Compulsory courses
- **Elective courses/ Free elective courses: maximum 2x2 attempts**
 - 2 registrations = 2x2 attempts (art. 18 al.4 RE SdS) during a studies-deadline of 5 semesters
 - Elective courses, Free elective courses

Grading system

- Courses are assessed with grades that range from 0.00 to 6.00.
- Grades of **4.00/6** or above secure the credits for that course
- Grading is by $\frac{1}{4}$ point, for example : 3.75, 4.00, 4.25, 4.50...
- When you obtain the minimum grade of 4.00, you cannot retake the exam

Validation

- You have a provision of 18 credits that you can use to keep grades between 3.00 and 3.75 (art. 18 al.1 RE SdS)
- Fill in the [form](#) available in Secretariat des étudiants
- Any kept grade becomes the final grade
- Deadlines to keep grades (see [academic calendar](#))

Exams schedule

You will receive your exam schedule approximately 3 weeks before the start of the session on your [portail étudiant UNIGE](#)

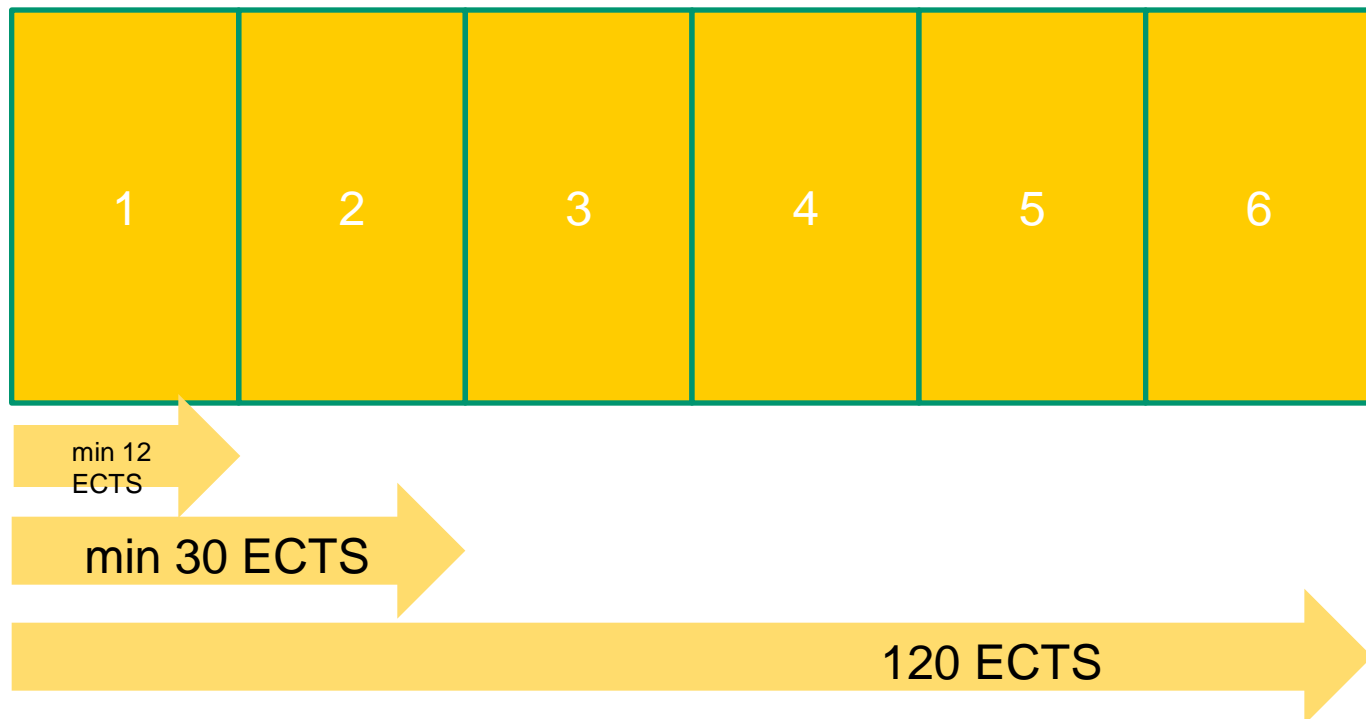
Academic thesis or internship report

- Compulsory (24 credits), 2 attempts
- No online registration, the grade obtained will be recorded in the transcript following the communication of the result by director.
- The thesis can be defended in the 3 exams sessions, the August-September session can be the first attempt

Minimal requirements

- After the 1st semester of the 1st year, you must obtain at least 12 credits in the ordinary exam session; if not you will be eliminated from the Master's program (art 22 al.1 a) RE SdS)
- After the retake exam session at the end of the first year, you must obtain at least 30 credits; if not you will be eliminated from the Master's program (art. 22 al.1 b) RE SdS)
- 6th semester you must have obtained 120 credits (art 22 al.1 h) RE SdS)
- Part-time possible (on request)

Minimal requirements



Mobility project

- The mobility begins in the third semester for the 120-credits Masters
- The mobility cannot exceed 1 semester and 30 credits maximum
- Your UNIGE transcript only shows the titles of the Geneva courses, and no grades. It is indicated "Equiv"
- The courses taken in mobility do not enter into the calculation of the general average

Mobility project

- Project to be established during this fall semester 2024-2025
 - Host-universities choices
 - Information session 10 October 2024 at 4:15 pm, MS150
 - Get intouch with the Unige Service of International affaires
 - Prepare documents for the 30 November 2024
- During your mobility you remain subject to the study regulations of your MA SdS

Complementary Certificates

- Études de la citoyenneté
- Etudes visuelles
- Géographie et histoire économique
- Méthodes quantitatives pour sciences sociales
- Méthodes qualitatives pour sciences sociales

Fraud and plagiarism

- La Faculté met en garde les étudiant-e-s contre tout type de **fraude ou tentative de fraude** (dans le cadre des examens, de la rédaction de travaux académiques, etc.)
- La Faculté rappelle à ses étudiant-e-s que **le plagiat est une forme de fraude particulièrement grave** et qu'il est sanctionné comme tel conformément au Statut de l'Université et du Règlement d'études de la Faculté.
- Lors de vos inscriptions aux examens, **un texte vous rappelle l'engagement que vous prenez de respecter la déontologie universitaire**. Lisez-le attentivement.
- [Directive sur le plagiat](#)

Fraud and plagiarism (2)


- Conformément à la déontologie académique et aux dispositions juridiques relatives à la propriété intellectuelle, est considéré comme plagiat toute phrase, ensemble de phrases ou paragraphes emprunté à un texte (dont l'étudiant-e n'est pas l'auteur) sans les assortir des guillemets et de la référence bibliographique d'usage. De même, la paraphrase, la traduction et/ou la reprise d'un texte dans sa substance ne sont pas davantage acceptables, à moins de les préciser et de les référencer.
- Il n'est également pas permis de « recycler » un travail écrit déjà utilisé pour l'obtention de crédits sans en avoir informé au préalable l'enseignant responsable. En cas de ré-utilisation sans accord, cela sera assimilé à une tentative de plagiat et sanctionné comme tel

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