



Master of Arts in Sustainable Societies and Social Change

**FACULTÉ DES SCIENCES
DE LA SOCIÉTÉ**

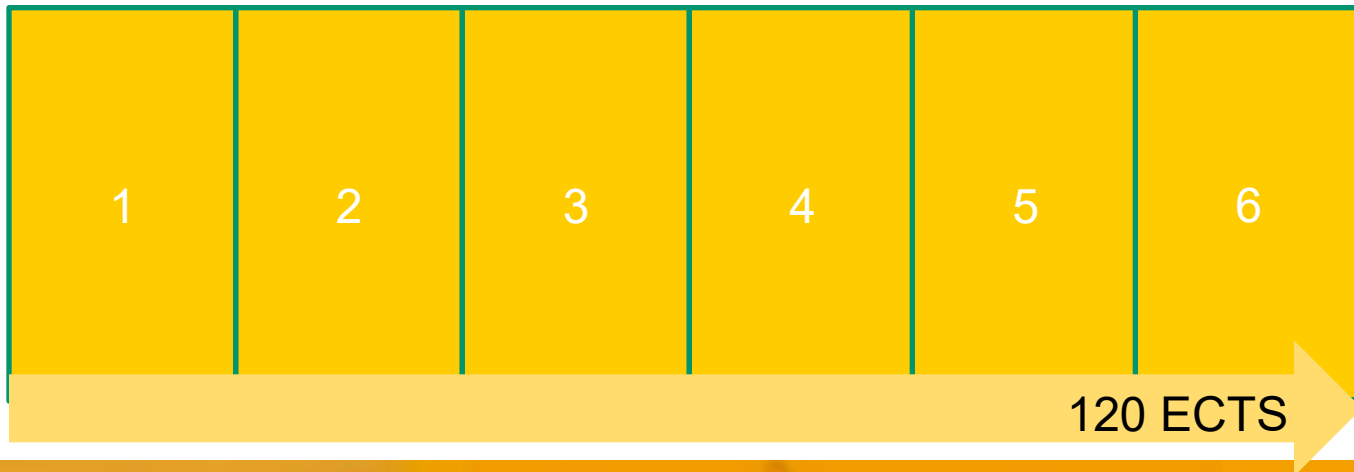
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**UNIVERSITÉ
DE GENÈVE**

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

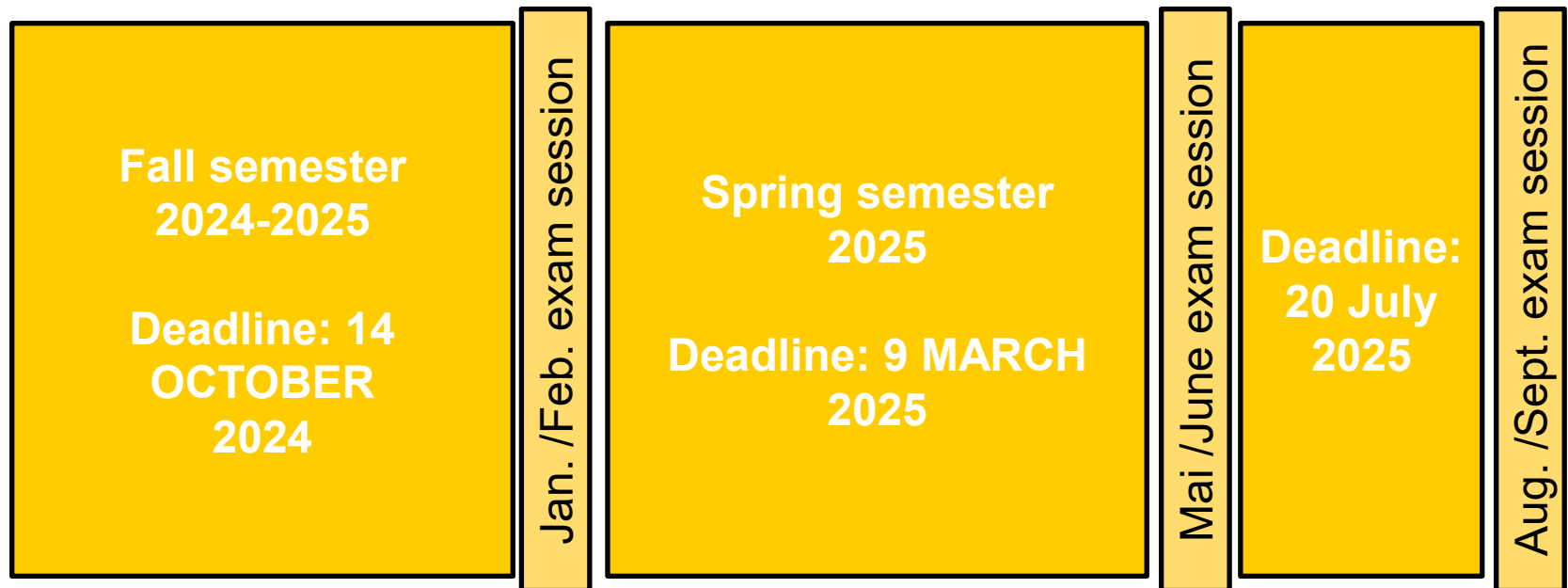
6 credits = 150 to 180 hours of workload

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)

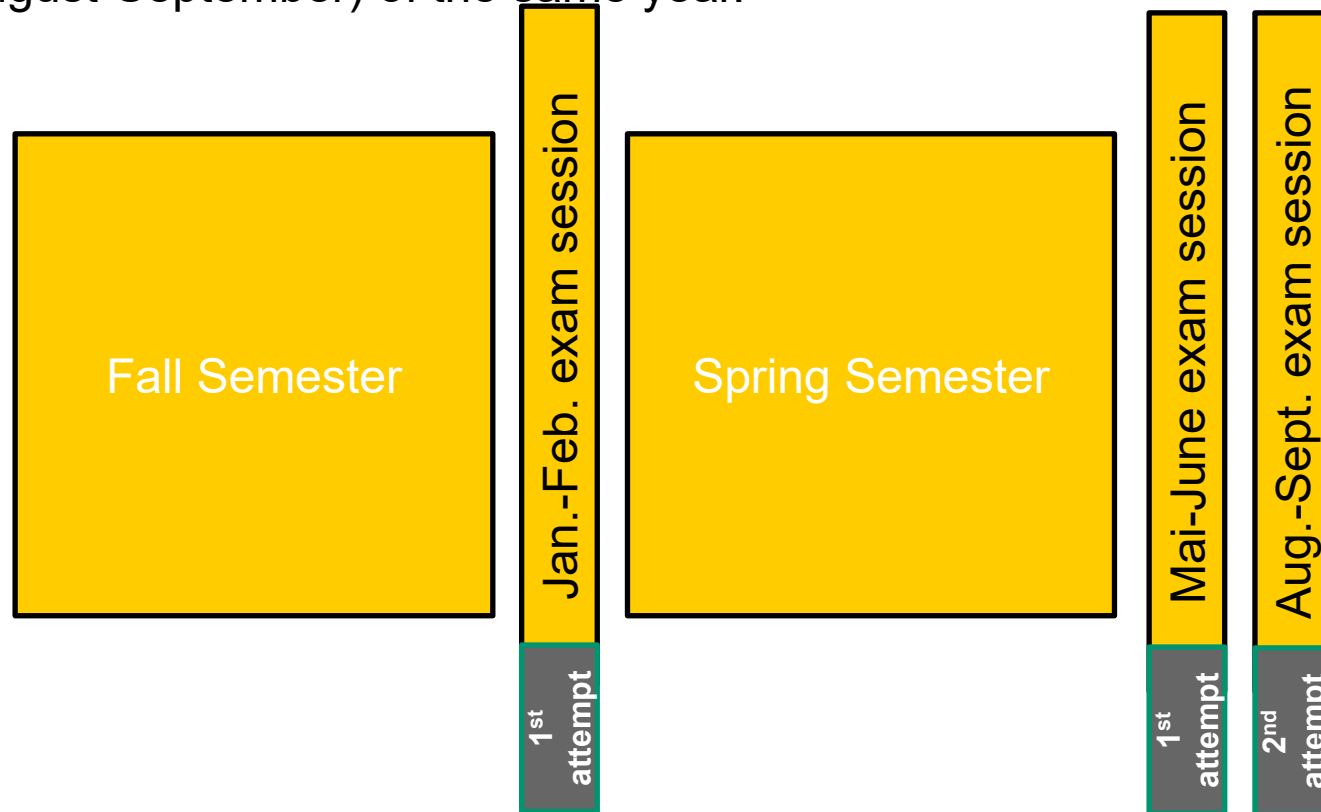
- Register online for all the courses you are taking: including courses outside the Faculty
- Registration on Moodle is NOT sufficient and does not serve as an official registration
- Once the official deadline has passed, registration becomes final
- Print your registration to control it, and keep it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

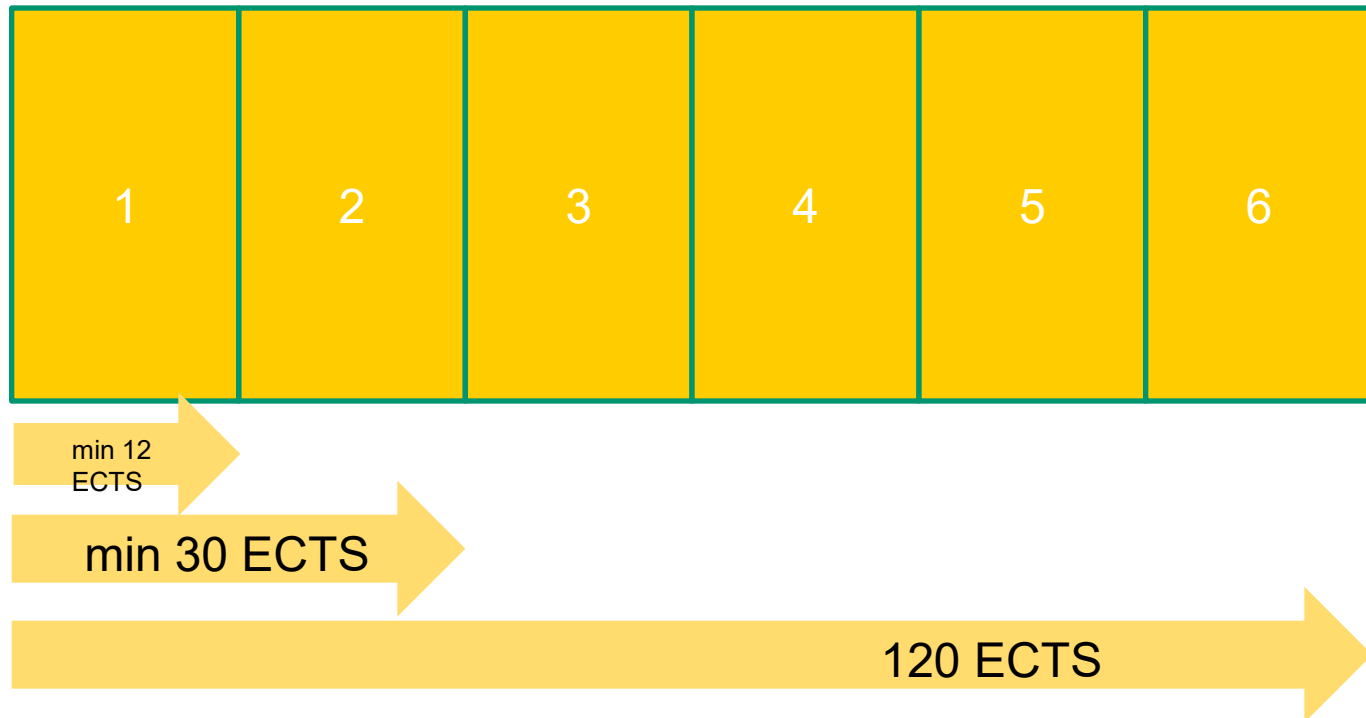
Academic thesis or internship report

- 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 2025-2026
 - Host-universities choices
 - Information session 9 October 2025 at 4:15 pm, MS130
 - 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

Intelligences artificielles génératives (IAG)

- <https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/faculte/organisation/commissions-de-la-faculte/commission-dethique/principes-et-directives-de-la-faculte-des-sciences-de-la-societe-sur-lutilisation-des-intelligences-artificielles-generatives-ia/>
- **Directives pour l'utilisation de l'IAG en Faculté des SdS**

Fraude et plagiat

- 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](#)

Fraude et plagiat (2)

- Le plagiat consiste à insérer, dans un travail académique, des formulations, des phrases, des passages, des images, ou des chapitres entiers, de même que des idées ou analyses repris de travaux d'autres auteurs, en les faisant passer pour siens. Le plagiat est réalisé soit par l'appropriation active des textes ou idées d'autrui, soit par l'omission de la référence correcte aux textes ou aux idées d'autrui et à leurs sources (<https://www.unige.ch/universite/politique-generale/plagiat/etudiants/>).
- 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. Il s'agit aussi d'une tentative de plagiat qui sera sanctionnée comme tel

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