



THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Preparing You for Tomorrow's World

“An institution of advanced research and teaching such as ours can only exist through a commitment to excellence, we demand no less. To this we add a commitment to independence, responsibility and diversity; we seek to remain innovative. It is our firm belief that through this unique combination we can prepare international actors to respond to the challenges of tomorrow's world.”

Professor Philippe BURRIN
Director of the Graduate Institute



MASTER PROGRAMMES

With a worldwide reputation for excellence, our Master programmes are designed for students who seek a rigorous education in world affairs. Taught by a first-rate faculty, the small classes and seminars facilitate dynamic interaction between

professors, lecturers and students. A prestigious network of partner institutions allows Master students to spend a semester abroad in Asia, Europe or North America.

Our two interdisciplinary Master programmes offer students a dynamic and global approach to international and development issues.

MA in International Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Two-year full-time courses (120 ECTS credits) → Attendance of compulsory and elective courses → Pre-professional modules (soft-skills workshops, optional internships) → A 30-ECTS credit MA thesis
MA in Development Studies	

Students may also opt for our **MA in International Studies** and specialise in one of the following key disciplines:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → International Economics → International History and Politics → International Law → International Relations / Political Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Two-year full-time courses (120 ECTS credits) → Attendance of compulsory and additional elective courses → Specialisation in one discipline and complementary courses in at least one other → A 30-ECTS credit MA thesis
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Some Testimonies

Gauri KHANNA

Master in International Economics (India)

“The Institute is a haven for students aspiring to think differently and independently. The classes are small and highly interactive involving professors and students, in and outside formal class settings. The Institute harbours an atmosphere that is uniquely interdisciplinary as students are able to work with professors from other departments to match their interests.”

Rinako OKA

Master in International Affairs (Japan)

“Although the possibilities are diverse, I would especially recommend the Institute to those who want to explore the potential of multilateral initiatives – whether in the economic, political and legal field – in addressing transnational problems. Geneva offers great opportunities for summer and part-time internships to put your academic research into practice.”



INCENTIVES

Scholarships, Awards and Assistantships

Each year the Graduate Institute awards up to 200 scholarships for Master and PhD students. Scholarships are granted on the basis of merit and need. They are given for one year and can be renewed subject to academic results. In addition, students who produce an outstanding Master or PhD thesis may see their research published or receive an academic award.

Teaching and research assistantships are available to students, particularly PhD candidates, either within their own academic unit or in one of the Institute's research centres and programmes.

A variety of short and long-term auxiliary staff positions are offered throughout the year.

Career Development and Employment Opportunities

The Graduate Institute offers comprehensive career development services that lead to unique job opportunities. Our Career Services can help with :

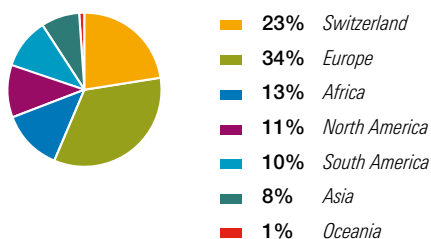
- Individual career counselling
- Career panels and employer information sessions
- Networking events with Alumni
- Professional skills workshops

Graduates of the Institute have distinguished careers all over the world in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Recent statistics show that graduates are drawn to each of these three sectors in equal numbers.

STUDENT PROFILES

In 2008-2009, the Graduate Institute welcomed nearly 800 students from more than 120 countries and from diverse academic and professional backgrounds.

GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGINS OF THE STUDENTS (2008)



ORIGIN OF STUDENTS BY GENDER (2008)





DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

PhD candidates account for a very high proportion (a third) of our postgraduate students. They are attracted to the Institute by the tremendous diversity of expertise in world affairs, the close supervision provided by an international faculty, and the wealth of intellectual and practical resources available in the Geneva area. As part of their doctoral programmes, students gain substantial research experience and are given the

opportunity to make a high-level and original scientific contribution to current issues. They can also take advantage of the Institute's partner networks to further their research or field experience.

Students may choose to follow our PhD in International Studies, with a specialisation in a particular discipline, or our PhD in Development Studies.

<p>PhD in International Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → International Economics → International History and Politics → International Law → International Relations / Political Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Four-year full-time programme → Successful completion of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A series of theoretical and methodological courses; - A preliminary draft thesis to be defended prior to the fourth semester; - A thesis, defended before a public audience prior to the eighth semester.
<p>PhD in Development Studies</p>	

Our doctoral programmes are aimed at students seeking to pursue a career in academia, in research organisations, in public administrations, or in the private sector.

Some Testimonies

Bernhard BLUMENAU
PhD in International History and Politics,
Teaching Assistant (Germany)

“I decided to pursue a PhD at the Graduate Institute because of the positive experiences I have already had here during the two years of my Master's programme. I enjoy the interdisciplinary nature of the Graduate Institute, which allows students to look beyond the narrow limits of their own topics and to broaden their horizons. I particularly enjoy the international spirit of the Institute, which has a plethora of many different cultures and experiences. Now, I have friends from many different parts of the world and good reasons to visit these places in their company.”

Marlyne SAHAKIAN
PhD in Development Studies,
Teaching Assistant (USA)

“When you're doing a thesis, you're very much involved in an independent process. At the Institute, the innumerable conferences and wealth of experience among our teaching staff give me constant opportunities for exchanging ideas and broadening my perspectives. As a Teaching Assistant I really value the interaction with students, as well as the opportunity to work with professors on course curriculum and content.”



Future "Maison de la paix"

FIVE REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE

The mission of the Graduate Institute is to provide independent and rigorous analyses of current and emerging global issues with a view to promoting international cooperation and making a contribution to the development of less fortunate societies.

Although it was officially established in 2008, its legacy dates back to 1927 and the founding of the League of Nations. Today, Europe's oldest graduate school of international and development studies, the Institute continues to respond to the demands of a complex and changing world.

- **A leading research and academic institution** with an international reputation for academic excellence
- **A unique offer of degree programmes** dealing with some of the most challenging global issues
- **A creative and stimulating intellectual environment** which encourages interaction between a first-rate faculty and our cosmopolitan student body
- **Competitive tuition fees and a wide range of funding options** (scholarships, assistantships, on-campus employment)
- **A bilingual English-French working environment** that encourages widespread cross-cultural intellectual exchange and debate

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE IN 2008

Student body	→ 271 PhD and 494 Master's students
Faculty to student ratio	→ 1 to 7 students
International students	→ 77%
Scholarships	→ 24% of students
Worldwide Alumni	→ 10992
Exchange programmes	→ 12

Geneva : an Ideal Setting

The Graduate Institute's location at the heart of international Geneva combines the vibrancy of a major centre of diplomacy, finance and trade, with the advantages of a small, safe and friendly city. Geneva is also :

- An easily accessible city, well-served by public transport and communications

- A cultural and social centre with an unmatched quality of life
- A cosmopolitan community with nearly 150 nationalities
- A wealth of professional opportunities in key international and non-governmental organisations, banks and multinational companies

Our campus is situated on the shores of Lake Lemman, in a beautiful park, at the foot of snow-capped Alps. In 2012, the Graduate Institute will move to new premises in the "Maison de la paix".

Admissions

Admission to the Institute is based on a rigorous application process in which candidates are assessed according to intellectual aptitude, cultural awareness and commitment to

dealing with the major challenges of our times. Applications are processed in February-March for the following autumn.

To be eligible for a Master or PhD programme, candidates must meet the following criteria :

- For Master's applicants, hold a Bachelor's degree, or international equivalent, in a relevant discipline or field
- For PhD applicants, hold a Master's degree, or international equivalent, in a relevant discipline or field
- English language proficiency for non-English speakers
- Passive knowledge of French for non-French speakers (this is not an admission requirement and can be obtained during the first year of study)
 - + Submit a GRE (for applicants to the International Economics programmes)
 - + Submit a thesis proposal (for PhD applicants)

Application forms and information on admissions and financial aid are available online at :

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/admission>

For additional information, please contact the Admissions

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Applications must be received no later than 15 January.

Other Study Programmes

SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Every year, the Graduate Institute organises one-to-six-week intensive programmes open to senior undergraduates, Master students and young professionals with a strong interest in international affairs.

- **International Affairs and Multilateral Governance**
- **WTO, International Trade and Development**

JOINT PROGRAMMES

Joint programmes are organised with the University of Geneva :

- **Master of Advanced Studies in Asian Studies**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law**

A **Joint Master of Laws in Global Health and International Institutions** is also offered in collaboration with Georgetown University Law Center (Washington DC).