

Monthly budget estimate for students in Geneva

Rent: CHF 700 - 1,200

Monthly rental charges vary widely in Geneva, both in private accommodation and student residences. At the Graduate Institute Student House, single rents range from CHF 700 to 1,200 per month. Flats and shared accommodation range between CHF 1,000 and 1,200

Food: CHF 600 - 800

Savings can be made by shopping at discount supermarkets or seeking the best deals for food. Eating out in Geneva can be expensive and weigh heavily on a limited budget. Students benefit from a permanent 10% reduction at the cafeteria on the Maison de la paix campus.

Public transport: CHF 45 - 70

Public transport costs vary depending on age (students under 25 pay CHF 45, while older students pay CHF 70) and location (Geneva only or including suburban tariff zones). Year-long subscriptions are more budget efficient if used over 12 months. Daily and weekly passes are also available. You can see the various options [here](#).

Health insurance (illness and accidents): CHF 100 - 500

Minimum coverage is a legal requirement for each individual living in Switzerland. Some providers offer cost-effective student packages. Cost variables might include the annual deductible amount (not covered), non-mandatory options for additional coverage and a choice of private or semi-private hospital options. For PhD students, health insurance plans can cost up to CHF 500 per month.

Mobile phone: approx. CHF 30

Most students purchase either a prepaid or monthly cell phone plan. In addition to the one-time cost of buying a phone, which can range between CHF 0 - 300 depending on the type of contract, brand and model, most students pay around CHF 30 per month for standard cell phone service.

Other costs: CHF 200+

In general, you will need to plan for additional costs which may include day trips, going out with friends, shopping and unpredictable expenses. Note that like most other budget items, this cost is variable depending on your financial ability and circumstances.

Purchase of software: CHF 100 - 150 (annual expenses)*

*not applicable for all programmes

Total monthly cost: CHF 1,685 – 2,815+

NB: Non-resident students pay CHF 4,000 for IHEID tuition fees per semester while resident students pay CHF 2,500 per semester. Students receiving full financial support must pay CHF 500 per semester.