

International History and Politics (2009-10)

Guidelines for *Plan Détaillé*, MIS Mémoire

Deadline:

February 15, 2010

Handed to the MIS Secretariat (Mme Emmanuelle Olivier, 2nd floor CV)

For useful information see:

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/students/home/infoacademic/memoire.html>

NB: the information below is general; please contact your supervisor before December 18, 2009 to find out whether they have any specific expectations.

Length:

While there is no set length a useful target is 1500-2000 words (6-8 pages), plus bibliography.

Key elements to be included

1. main theme of your thesis
2. justification of your topic selection
3. methodology
4. provisional structure
5. bibliography

You may consider writing your *plan détaillé* including:

1. Introduction: research question(s), brief background of the theme you want to address, its academic importance, delimitation of the topic, definitions of key terms, etc.
2. Literature Review: what has been done on your topic and what originality you want to bring in
3. Methodology & Research Approaches: qualitative or quantitative method? Comparative case studies? Historical Narrative? A mix? Other?
4. Hypothesis: Proposed outcome of your research and its future implications
5. Sources & Annotated Bibliography: explain to non-experts of your topic the utility of primary or secondary sources you have selected! Thematize your references in bloc (put headings for instance) and give some short explanations why and how they are valuable for your research

OTHER relevant info:

The deadline for admissions into the PhD programme (starting in September 2010): **January 15, 2010**