

MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

MINT

The Graduate Institute transdisciplinary program offers a groundbreaking two-year master degree intertwining international and development studies. Located in the heart of International Geneva, the Graduate Institute has direct access to the actors and organisations that shape international and development policies, processes and practices. The Institute builds on a double heritage – we have been a pioneer in the exploration of global affairs since 1927 and of development issues since 1961.

We produce and share academic knowledge on international relations and development issues – with particular attention to global challenges and their systemic dynamics. Through a combination of scientific excellence, transdisciplinarity, and critical thinking, we nurture future professionals and decision makers open to the world and able to understand and embrace complexity. Our trans-disciplinary program intertwines international and development issues because we believe that our integrated approach will offer our students the competences, confidence, and sense of responsibility necessary to drive positive transformation. Whether prospective students consider professional careers in the private or in the public sector, as policy-makers or as field workers, they have today to develop adequate knowledge and appropriate command of international governance and of sustainable development.

The Master in International and Development Studies – also known as MINT – is by far the largest programme of the Institute. The MINT programme is the main producer of alumni – who are key ambassadors of the Institute in the world. The MINT is a major connector to international Geneva, to the policy world in general and, increasingly to private organisations (through teaching, applied research projects, internships, and recruitment).

Starting in September 2022, a reinvented MINT curriculum will propose a critical analysis of alternative paradigms, methodological competences and substantive knowledge, articulated in thematic specialisations. Together with professional [skills workshops](#), the use of interactive pedagogical methods, an applied research project (also known as [capstone project](#)) and a Master thesis, [students](#) will gain the conceptual and practical tools they need to pursue successful careers in government, international organisations, the non-profit sector, as well as the private sector.

The MINT is a trans-disciplinary program structured around a common core and seven thematic specialisations. The latter are both the expression of key domains of expertise of our faculty and of what the Institute considers as fundamental issues to be taught and researched. These seven specialisations are embedded in a set of transversal themes that frame a common core. Transversal issues include: Sustainability; Global Governance; Technology; Democracy and Inequalities; Justice; Education.

The seven specialisations and the transversal themes anchor the Institute as strongly as ever within Genève internationale, whilst projecting it globally and affirming its long-standing reputation as a trailblazer in the exploration of global challenges.

THE MINT STRUCTURE

Current and future global challenges call for a new generation of professionals engaged in the development of new solutions for a more sustainable, equitable and peaceful world. We believe that the best preparation for this world and its challenges is a deep understanding of systemic interdependencies enriched with thematic professionalisation on the one hand, and the fostering of creative and innovative thinking on the other.

1. A Common Core

Trans-disciplinarity; a core-course and shared transversal themes; a set of professionalising workshops for all students; some common research approaches course/experiences and the possibility of tailoring to students' individual preferences.

2. Seven Specialisations

3. and Flexible Paths

Flexible paths concerning the possibility of a major and a minor; and the number of credits allocated to the Applied Research Projects (aka Capstone) and the Master thesis. Cross-listings of seminars and courses as evidence that specialisations are not silos but porous entities.

COMMON CORE

CORE COURSE

Followed by all MINT students

Encompassing transversal themes and following a trans-disciplinary approach, this course aims to offer a creative space to reflect on global challenges and foster the understanding of our world by drawing on the expertise of the Graduate Institute and International Geneva.

Transversal themes

- > Sustainability
- > Democracy and Inequality
- > Fairness and Justice
- > Digital & Emerging Technologies
- > Global Governance
- > Education

DISCIPLINARY COURSES FOR MINT

Disciplinary courses offered in the five disciplines of the Institute

- > Anthropology and Sociology
- > International Economics
- > International History and Politics
- > International Law
- > International Relations/Political Science

allow student to strengthen their disciplinary knowledge and to strive for scientific excellence.

RESEARCH APPROACHES

These seminars offer qualitative, quantitative and integrated approaches to research.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

These workshops provide students with the competences sought by employers from the private and public sectors. Examples of such workshops are:

- > writing for policy and practice
- > leadership
- > negotiation
- > podcast, etc.

SEVEN SPECIALISATIONS

Specialisations enable students to develop expertise in one thematic by taking a compulsory course in the chosen specialisation and a number of elective seminars, of which two can be taken in other specialisations.

- > Environment and Sustainability
- > Global Health
- > Human Rights and Humanitarianism
- > Mobilities, Migrations and Boundaries
- > Sustainable Trade and Finance
- > Conflict, Peace and Security
- > Gender, Race and Diversity

MASTER THESIS & ARPs

Within each specialisation, an Applied Research Project (or Capstone Project) and a Master Thesis allow for the synthetic mobilisation of the conceptual and practical tools needed to pursue successful careers in government, international organisations, the non-profit sector, as well as in the private sector.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships give students the opportunity to connect to the rich international Geneva microcosm to gain professional experience and to put into practice the professional skills, knowledge and expertise acquired in the MINT programme.

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