

THE INSTITUTE IN 2025-2026

GENEVA
GRADUATE
INSTITUTE

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a leading institution of research and higher education dedicated to the study of world affairs and located in the heart of International Geneva.

STUDENTS

Students enrolled: **1040**

Master students: **760** | PhD students: **280**

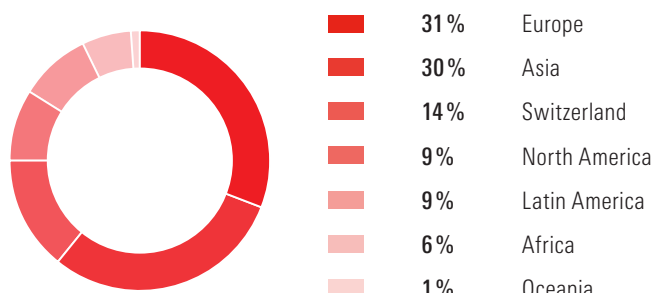
Nationalities: **89**

Students residing outside of Switzerland at time of application: **79 %**

Women: **68 %** | Men: **32 %**

Number of applications in 2025: **2104**

Geographic Origins (students enrolled)



ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Professors: **70**

Lecturers: **11**

Visiting Faculty: **49**

Visiting Researchers: **38**

Number of Institute employees (mandates and research grants included): **599** (492.87 full-time equivalent)

Number of people employed for research: **126** (102,06 full-time equivalent)

Figures as of 15 October 2025

MASTER AND PHD PROGRAMMES

Interdisciplinary Master

- Master in International and Development Studies

Disciplinary Masters and PhDs

- Anthropology and Sociology
- Development Economics (PhD only)
- International Economics
- International History and Politics
- International Law
- International Relations/Political Science

A fast track option to complete the master and PhD curricula in five years instead of six exists. There is a possibility to choose a minor in another discipline in PhD programmes.

JOINT, DUAL, BA + MA PROGRAMMES

With the University of Geneva

- LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)
- LL.M.-MAS in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (The Geneva Academy)
- Master of Advanced Studies in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law (The Geneva Academy)
- Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict (The Geneva Academy)
- Dual Master in Global Health

Throughout the world

- China Foreign Affairs University (BA + MA)
- Colgate University (BA + MA)
- Georgetown University Law Centre, United States (Joint Degree)
- Harvard Kennedy School, United States (Dual Degree)
- Jackson Institute of Global Affairs, Yale University, United States (Accelerated MA Degree Programme)
- McGill University (BA + MA)
- Mount Holyoke College, United States (BA + MA)
- Peking University, School of International Studies, China (BA + MA)
- Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Collaborative Master)
- Seton Hall University, United States (BA + MA)
- Smith College, United States (BA + MA)
- Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (BA + MA)
- University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Social Sciences (BA + MA)
- Wellesley College, United States (BA + MA)

Academic partnerships in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe: **55**

OTHER PROGRAMMES

- Summer Programme on International Affairs
- Undergraduate Semester Programme

RESEARCH CENTRES

- Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy
- Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism
- Centre for Finance and Development
- Centre for Trade and Economic Integration
- Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding
- Gender Centre
- Global Governance Centre
- Global Health Centre
- Global Migration Centre
- Hoffmann Centre for Global Sustainability
- NORRAG Global Education Centre

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Degree-granting Programmes

- Executive Master in International Relations
- Executive Diploma in Diplomacy, Negotiation and Policy
- Executive Diploma in Development Policies and Practices
- Executive Diploma in Development Policies and Practices – Conflict and Fragility Management
- Executive Diploma in Advocacy and International Public Affairs
- Executive Diploma – Genre et développement
- Executive Certificate in Advocacy and International Public Affairs
- Executive Certificate in Nature Positive Economy
- Executive Certificate in Development Policies and Practices
- Executive Certificate in Development Policies and Practices – Conflict and Fragility Management
- Executive Certificate – Genre et développement
- Executive Certificate – Género y Desarrollo
- LL.M. in International Law
- LL.M. in Global Health Law and Governance

Executive Courses

- AI Governance, Standards and Policy (Upskill series)
- Practical AI for Diplomats and Civil Servants (Upskill series)
- Leadership for Advocacy (Upskill series)
- Applied AI for Negotiation (Upskill series)
- Advocacy around the World (Upskill series)
- Storytelling for Advocacy (Upskill series)
- AI-Enhanced Negotiation Tools and Techniques (Upskill series)
- Diplomatic Influence (Upskill series)
- Decoding Migration Governance
- Diplomacy in a New International Order
- Strategic Project Management for Development
- Mastering Fundraising Practices
- Theories and Practices of International Relations
- Foresight and Science for Policymaking
- High-Stakes Diplomacy: Crisis Negotiations and Peace Mediation

Customised Programmes: for organisations in the public and private sectors

ALUMNAE-I

Alumnae-i throughout the world: **28,535**, including **23,991** full alumnae-i Groups (including chapters): **114**

A selection of alumnae-i

- Kofi Annan (1962), UN Secretary-General (1997–2006)
- Micheline Calmy-Rey (1968), Swiss politician; Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (2003–2011)
- Patricia Danzi (2001), humanitarian; former Olympic athlete; first woman Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Patricia Espinosa (1987), Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2016–2022); Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (2006–2012)
- Saul Friedländer (1963), 2008 Pulitzer Prize Winner; Emeritus Professor of History, UCLA
- Rafael M. Grossi (1991, 1997), Argentinian Diplomat; Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Leonid Hurwicz (1940), 2007 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics
- Nobuyuki Idei (1962), Founder and CEO, Quantum Leaps Corporation, Tokyo; Chairman and Group CEO, Sony Corporation (1998–2005)
- Pierre Krähenbühl (1991), Director-General, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Andréa M. Maechler (1994), first Swiss Deputy General Manager, Bank for International Settlements (BIS); first woman to sit on the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank (SNB) (2015–2023)
- Vera Michalski-Hoffmann (1978), president of several publishing houses in Switzerland, France and Poland, which are grouped together in the holding Libella SA and the Jan Michalski Foundation
- Hans J. Morgenthau (1932), pioneering figure in international relations, lawyer, philosopher, writer, professor at the University of Chicago
- Brad Smith (1984), President, Microsoft
- Hernando de Soto (1967), President, Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Peru
- Lan Yan (1991), Managing Director, Head of Greater China Investment Banking, Lazard Ltd



David Colon, Professor and Researcher, Sciences Po Paris, and Marie-Laure Sales, Director, Geneva Graduate Institute, at the opening of the Academic Year on 2 October 2025.

PUBLIC EVENTS

A Selection of Recent Guest Speakers

- Prince Hussain Aga Khan, Photographer; Environmentalist; Founder, Focused on Nature
- Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Senegalese Philosopher; Professor Emeritus of French and Philosophy, Columbia University
- Alain Berset, Secretary General, Council of Europe
- Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union
- Johann Chapoutot, Professor of Contemporary History, Sorbonne University
- David Colon, Professor and Researcher, Sciences Po Paris
- Melissa Fleming, UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications
- Lisa Garnier, former Journalist, Biodiversity Specialist
- Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression
- Jürg Lauber, President, UN Human Rights Council
- George Papandreou, former Prime Minister of Greece; Member of the Hellenic Parliament; General Rapporteur on Democracy, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Meron Rapoport, Co-founder, A Land for All
- Kenneth Roth, former Executive Director, Human Rights Watch; Visiting Professor, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
- Quinn Slobodian, Professor of International History, Boston University

CAMPUS DE LA PAIX

In the Heart of International Geneva with more than

- 40 international organisations
- 476 non-governmental organisations
- 184 permanent missions

Buildings

- The Maison de la paix is the academic centre of the campus
- The Edgar and Danièle de Picciotto Student Residence houses 250 residents
- The Grand Morillon Student Residence houses 650 residents
- The Villa Barton hosts Executive Education activities
- The Villa Moynier hosts the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Geneva and the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS)
- The Rothschild Building notably hosts NORRAG and the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)

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