



UNDERGRADUATE SEMESTER PROGRAMME

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Crédit photographique: Geneva Graduate Institute

A Semester at the Heart of Global Affairs

Undergraduate students are invited to experience an intellectually stimulating semester in one of the world's most renowned postgraduate institutions in international and development studies.

Through the Undergraduate Semester Programme, students gain an in-depth understanding of today's global challenges — from peace and security, human rights, and global health, to climate change, inequalities, migration, and the future of global governance. Courses are taught by leading faculty members and seasoned practitioners, offering students a rare opportunity to connect theory with real-world practice.

SHAPING GLOBAL DEBATES. INSPIRING CHANGE.

Located in the heart of International Geneva, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a centre of academic excellence and policy dialogue, dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of global affairs. Bridging international relations and development studies, the Institute fosters:

- **innovative research** across disciplines and regions;
- **international cooperation** and policy engagement;
- **critical thinking** on peace, justice, sustainability, and global equity;
- a strong commitment to **diversity, inclusion, and responsibility**.

Programme Content (30 ECTS)

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

- Specialised undergraduate courses on **Global Issues, International Affairs, and Development Studies**, designed specifically for the programme.
- The opportunity to take up to **two master's-level courses**, choosing from a wide range of disciplines.
- Optional **French language course** to enhance cultural immersion and language skills.

IMMERSION IN INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

- Visits to **International Organisations** based in Geneva.
- **Meetings with practitioners** actively engaged in global policymaking.
- **Career workshops** to explore pathways in international cooperation, development, and diplomacy.
- Optional **internship opportunities** during the semester break, to gain hands-on experience in a multilateral environment.



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A Campus in the Heart of International Geneva

“Are you passionate about working in the public or private sector or even a non-profit organisation? Our mission is to prepare you for an international career in the field of your own choosing by offering rigorous, yet analytical courses taught by an outstanding faculty of prominent scholars and practitioners of global affairs. Set in the heart of International Geneva, our dynamic and cosmopolitan learning environment makes the Graduate Institute the ideal place to begin your international path.”

Andrea **Bianchi**
Director of Studies, the Geneva Graduate Institute

WHAT STUDENTS LIKED

“I think the immersion offered by this programme into the heart of what working in international affairs really means is unparalleled amongst opportunities available to an undergraduate. In addition to taking small-sized graduate classes alongside people who have had such a breadth of experiences and perspectives to offer, there are classes that professors have designed specifically for us, from a technical course on macroeconomic policy to a discussion based class on Histories of Globalisation. The programme fosters each student’s individual interest through its mentoring programme. I only had to mention once that I was interested in global health and there was a meeting organised with someone at WHO within a few days. The week before I was sharing lunch and a conversation with the former UNHCR Representative of my country. It has been an incredible, tailor-made experience so far and one I highly recommend to anyone wanting to pursue a life in the international domain.”

Tanisha **Rayamadji**

“My goal was learning what a career in IR would look like and to discover what area of IR I want to have a career in, and this programme has definitely narrowed down my areas of interest and also helped me develop new interests.”

Deborah **Banketa**