

ACCELERATED MA DEGREE PROGRAMME INFORMATION SHEET

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THE PROGRAMME

[This Accelerated Master](#) provides students with the possibility of obtaining an MA degree from the Graduate Institute, Geneva in one year. Students admitted to the programme will transfer the equivalent of 60ECTS credits from their BA programme towards the relevant Master programme at the Graduate Institute: These credits will count towards both the student's BA degree at the Jackson School and MA degree at the Graduate Institute. Students can therefore obtain both degrees in five years as opposed to the regular 6 year period.

Years 1, 2 and 3	BA at the Jackson School
Year 4	BA at the Jackson School (credits transferred to MA programme)
Year 5	MA at the Graduate Institute <i>Autumn Semester: Course Requirements (30ECTS)</i> <i>Spring Semester: MA Dissertation (30 ECTS)</i>

The Jackson School will provide students with a link to the application form.

MA STUDY PROGRAMMES

Students may apply to one of the following Master Programmes:

- [Interdisciplinary Master](#): Master in International and Development Studies.
- [International History and Politics](#)

- [International Relations/Political Science.](#)

Prerequisites: 4 years study at bachelor level in a relevant discipline

Exact details of the curriculum and course offerings of each programme are available on the Institute's [online course catalogue](#). For general information on the Institute, see our [prospective students' pages](#).

TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

Admitted students will pay regular tuition fees of 8'000CHF to the Graduate Institute for their final MA year.

Students with financial needs may apply to the Graduate Institute for financial aid during the online application process. While the Institute is affiliated to the US Direct Loan program, unfortunately the US regulations consider any program, of which part is taken in the US, as ineligible. Private loan applications can, however, be certified through the Institute.

[Click here](#) for full details on the Institute's tuition fees and financial aid options.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Candidates should apply via a dedicated application link which will be communicated by the Jackson School. Candidates to this programme should, therefore, **not use** the application form on the Institute's [admission pages](#) but are advised to consult all the other general information on these pages. See Annex 1 for the complete list of supporting documents required.

The application deadline is January 15th (for programmes beginning in September of that same year)

Admission decisions are communicated by mid-March.

FRENCH COURSES

The Institute wishes to ensure that students with a limited or no knowledge of French can develop their French language skills during their studies. Accordingly, French courses and French tests are organized at the Institute. In this respect, students will be classified into 3 groups:

1. Students with little or no prior knowledge of French; automatically enrolled in an intensive French course taking place during the 3 weeks before the beginning of the academic year. This course will be followed by weekly classes at the Graduate Institute.
2. Students with a good level of French but without a language certificate will be required to take the French test in September. They will not be enrolled in the intensive course.
3. Students with a certified B2 level in French will be exempt from taking the intensive course and language test.

Explanations and instructions on how to proceed will be visible to candidates on the online application form.

STUDENT VISA

Most non-EU citizens require a visa to enter and study in Switzerland. A visa request should be filed with the local Swiss embassy further to receipt of the confirmation of admission.

Please note that it can take up to 3 months to process visa applications. Additionally, all non-Swiss students must apply for a residence permit on their arrival in Geneva. Residence permits are issued by the Office Cantonal de la Population (OCP).

Full details and instructions regarding the visa and residence permit procedures will be provided to admitted students.

HOUSING

If possible, accommodation will be reserved for admitted students at the [Institute's Student Residence](#) in Geneva.

LIVING EXPENSES

1'800CHF – 2'000CHF per month will allow for a modest student lifestyle in Geneva. A [Monthly Student Budget](#) estimate compiled by the Graduate Institute's Students Association (GISA) provides an overview of living costs in Geneva. You will also find a lot of information regarding [life in Geneva](#) from our website.

Accelerated MA Degree Programme List of Application Supporting Documents

The following documents must be uploaded onto your online application.

- Motivation letter describing why you wish to study at the Institute (approximately 800 words, in English or French)
- Curriculum vitae/resume (in English or French)
- Official academic transcripts to date (in English or French)
- Copy of all university diplomas and qualifications obtained
- French language certificate(s), if applicable
- Copy of passport - personal details page
- Two academic references:
Please provide the names and professional e-mail addresses of two academic referees. The Institute will write to these referees to request recommendation letters.
It is the candidate's responsibility to check online whether referees have submitted their recommendation letters within the deadline, and to send them a reminder if necessary.
- Portrait photograph (headshot)

The Institute's admission office provides technical support and information to applicants throughout the process. The International Programme's Office is also available to provide candidates from partner institutions with information and advice on all aspects of their studies and life in Geneva.

Admitted students will be required to present their Bachelor's Degree transcript and diploma to finalise their enrolment at the Graduate Institute. Instructions will be provided by the Institute's Admission Office