



Information Sheet 2021-2022



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Academic Calendar 2021-2022	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
Class dates	September 20, 2021 – February 11, 2022	February 21 – June 24, 2022
Exam dates	January – February	May - June
Orientation	September 17, 2021	February 18, 2022

Nomination, Registration, Acceptance	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination Deadline	March 31	August 31
Nomination Process	<p>Please provide for each student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAST NAME (in capital), First name, Email, Period of study, Field of study <p>Send by email to: nomination@unige.ch</p> <p>Once a nomination is received, we will send the students instructions & links to register online for their exchange and for their accommodation.</p> <p>As rooms are allocated on a first-come first-served basis, kindly send us your nomination as soon as possible.</p> <p>Students with special needs must be announced at the time of their nomination.</p>	
Student's Registration Deadline	April 10	September 10
Registration Process	<p>Students must fill in a provisional study plan during online registration (more information in the next section "Academic Preparation").</p> <p>Mandatory documents to be uploaded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivation letter in French* or English(*if students take courses taught in French) - Official transcripts - Photo (passport or ID size) - A copy of the student's passport - French or English level: official test results or official letter – except if it is the language of instructions of the current studies 	
Acceptance Letters sent by	May 15	October 15

Academic Preparation

Students should select the courses they wish to attend using the [course catalogue](#) or the website of the Faculty. The yearly course catalogue is published every summer. Applicants must base their course selection on courses from the previous year and adjust later if necessary.

Study plans are approved by our academic advisors before the semester starts. If needed, students will be able to adjust it once in Geneva.

Main academic restrictions

- Bachelor level students are not allowed to take courses at Master's level.
- Courses may be chosen from two different Faculties/Institutes at the most.

Please refer to our website for [general and particular restrictions](#) by faculties:

Recommended language skills

The main language of instruction is [French](#); however, a wide range of courses are given in [English](#).

French

Students taking courses in French are expected to have a good command of French - level B2 at the beginning of the exchange).

Level B2 mandatory for the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.

Level C1 for students in French Literature.

Students are requested to provide either official test results (from a recognised language test provider or from our online test), or an official letter from a professor attesting their French level. The link to our French test is provided to students once they have been nominated; the cost is CHF 30.-.

English

Students taking courses in English are expected to have a good command of English (level B2). Please provide either official test results or an official attestation form a professor.

Improving French skills

During the exchange: [2 free French support courses per week](#) are available during each semester (3 ECTS each or 4 ECTS if students present a small extra work).

Our "[École de langue et de civilisation françaises](#)" offers intensive French language course modules of one or two semesters – French level B1 is requested for the **Année propédeutique** / A2 for the **Année d'immersion** (linguistic and cultural courses).

Before the exchange: [French courses](#) are available during the summer and winter holidays, with special rates for exchange students*

>select *Member rate*

The link is provided to nominated students along with online registration instructions.

Grading system

	ECTS Scale	UNIGE Grading Scale
Excellent	A	6.00, 5.75, 5.50, 5.25
Very good	B	5.00, 4.75
Good	C	4.50
Satisfactory	D	4.25
Pass	E	4.00
Fail	F	< 4.00

Additional Information

N.B. More details are provided to students with their acceptance letter.

Visa and Residence Permit

Non-EU citizens may require a visa and must contact the nearest Swiss embassy **3 months before entering Switzerland** in order to inquire about the visa procedure.

Visa request for students over 30 is subject to a specific approval. Visa allowance is not guaranteed.

Overview of ID and visa provisions according to [nationality](#).

The visa will allow entry into Switzerland. Students will also need to request a residence permit from the Geneva Migration Office (OCPM) upon their arrival in Geneva.

Housing

As soon as your student is nominated, she/he will get a link to register online for the [Cité Universitaire de Genève](#) to ask for a room.

Students over 34 can not apply for a room at the Cité Universitaire. Please contact our office for more information.

Rooms are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. **Please send us your nomination as soon as possible.**

Cost of living in Geneva

The average [cost of living](#) for a student in Geneva is approximately CHF 2,000 per month.

Students will have to prove financial capacity (statement of account and assets), both for visa and residence permit requests.

Insurance

[Health insurance](#) is mandatory in Switzerland (accident and health). Students may request recognition of their private insurance or subscribe to a Swiss student insurance policy upon arrival in Switzerland (about CHF 120.- per month).

Transcripts

A transcript will be issued about 6 weeks after the assessment period has finished at our institution. Transcripts will be sent to partner universities.