Migration, Climate Change and the Environment (MA)

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and is only available at the Geneva campus in partnership with the UN Migration Agency (International Organization for Migration or IOM).

STEM program

Program Description

The master of arts in migration, climate change and the environment (MAMCE) focuses on the migration, environmental degradation and climate change nexus. It provides tools to better understand and address migration in the context of climate and environmental change.

The MAMCE provides students with an up-to-date and indepth understanding of modern migration dynamics and policy developments and with an original lens of how migration policy connects to other policy areas.

Students will gain specialized expertise in research methodologies, gathering and analyzing data and evidence on migration and environment, and will acquire the skills required to analyze the role of migration in international environmental law, especially climate change law.

Moreover, the program offers the analytical tools to grasp the complexities of different legal regimes such as international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law.

Students will identify the responsibilities of States and also non-State actors such as private companies, vis-à-vis migrants. The program also aims to help students gain insights into what it means in our contemporary world to work with migrants and communities, and to better understand how policy responses are evolving as migration trends are also changing.

The program also prepares students for more advanced studies and advanced research on migration.

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- INTL 5585 Food and Water Security (3 hours)
- INTL 5595 Energy Security (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)

Migration and Environment Electives (2 courses)

Any additional courses from the two clusters above, or any of the following:

- INGO 5600 Principles of Negotiation (3 hours)
- HRTS 5610 International Humanitarian Law (3 hours)
- HRTS 5600 International Human Rights Law and Organizations (3 hours)
- INTL 5300 Field Work (3-6 hours)
- INTL 5500 Professional Seminars (1-3 hours)
- INTL 6500 Internship (3 hours)
- Any other graduate elective course (3 hours)

If a requisite course is waived, the student must choose an elective course from this major.

Admission