



Factsheet Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP/ex-Erasmus)

Academic year 2022-2023

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1. Institutional Information [COVID-19 latest information](#) / see page 5 for more details

1.1. Institutional details

Name of the institution	University of Geneva (official name: Université de Genève)
Code	CH GENEVE01
Institution website	http://www.unige.ch
Mobility website	http://www.unige.ch/exchange/
Online course catalogue	http://www.unige.ch/progcours

1.2. Main contacts

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NOTE: the SEMP traineeship is designed for an exchange without courses and focused on academic research. A supervisor from the UNIGE willing to be responsible of the trainee is mandatory. It is the responsibility of the future trainee to contact the potential supervisor. See details: <https://www.unige.ch/exchange/en/incoming/why-geneva/internships-european-students/s/>

2. Academic Calendar 2022-2023

Fall Semester	September 19, 2022 – February 10, 2023 (courses end on December 23, 2022)	
Spring Semester	February 20, 2023 – June 23, 2023 (courses end on June 2, 2023)	
Exam Sessions	January – February May – June August – September	Exact dates vary for each Faculty/Institute Exact dates vary for each Faculty/Institute Retake exams only
Welcome sessions	Fall: Friday 16 September, 2022 Spring: Friday 17 February, 2023	

A mandatory Welcome and Orientation Session is organized by the International Affairs Office at the beginning of the Semester to guide exchange students through the main administrative matters relating to their stay (residence permit, health insurance, banking, etc.). For academic purposes, the exchange students will also be invited to attend a Faculty welcome/information session.

3. Recommended language skills

The main language of instruction is French. Specific courses are given in English (for more details on the language of instruction, please refer to our course catalogue).

Students taking courses in French are expected to have a good command of French (level B2*).

Mandatory B2 level for Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.

Mandatory B2 level for Faculty of Arts/Humanities (Lettres).

Strongly recommended C1 level for French literature courses in Faculty of Arts/Humanities.

Our “École de langue et de civilisation française” (ELCF) offers modules of one or two semesters with credits that can help you improve your French. French level B2 is required.

Improve French skills:

Before the exchange:

Fee-paying French courses during the summer and winter holidays (see <http://www.unige.ch/lettres/elcf/coursete/>) just before the beginning of the semester. Exchange students may benefit from a discount on fees (registration link for discount provided after registration).

During the exchange:

Exchange students can attend a free French support course each semester (we offer up to two courses of two hours each per week). The course starts after the beginning of the semester (more information during the orientation session). <https://mdl.unige.ch/french-support-courses/>. It is possible to receive 3 ECTS for each course.

Students taking courses in English are expected to have a good command of English (level B2*).

* Level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

4. Academic Preparation

Before coming to Geneva, students should select the courses they wish to attend using the course catalogue: www.unige.ch/progcours.html or the website of the Faculty/Institute/Department. The yearly course catalogue is published every summer. Autumn Semester applicants must base their course selection on courses from the previous year and adjust later. It is possible to browse by faculty, department, semester, teaching language and level.

We invite the students to pay special attention to the semester (automne/fall or printemps/spring) and the level (Bachelor, Master) of each course they would like to attend.

Students must fill in a provisional list of courses (study plan) during online registration process. The academic advisors in Geneva may suggest amendments and will validate it (see below 6. Acceptance Process).

4.1. Restrictions

- Students at the Bachelor's level are not allowed to take courses at Master's level (there may be exceptions depending on the courses and/or Faculty; the exchange students should consult the detailed guide sent by us after the nomination).
- Courses may be chosen from two different Faculties/Institutes at the most.
- The students have to choose courses mainly in the Faculty/Institute of the agreement.

[See details on our webpage](#)

5. Nomination, Admission and Registration Procedure:

NEW: Please nominate your students online

English version: <https://formulaire.unige.ch/outils/limesurvey3/index.php/472999?lang=en>

French version: <https://formulaire.unige.ch/outils/limesurvey3/index.php/472999?lang=fr>

NEW: Once a nomination is received, we send to the student a link for the online registration.

5.1. Partner university nomination deadlines:

Please send us each student's name - email – period of study – field of study
Applications/information on students nominated must reach our institution by:

Autumn Semester/Full Year	April 15
Spring Semester	October 15

5.2. Online Student registration deadlines and requirements:

Autumn Semester/Full Year	May 1	(registration opens February 1)
Spring Semester	November 1	(registration opens February 1)

Students will receive a personal email requesting them to register online, with the link and an access code to the registration platform.

During online registration, the following documents **MUST** be uploaded:

- Transcripts of records (copy of the official grades/courses from your university) (PDF format)
- Photo: high quality and respecting the same requirements as for an official ID/passport (JPG format, exact ration 3:4)
- Copy of the data and picture pages of your passport (PDF format)
- For courses in French: test certificate or UNIGE French test result (PDF format)

Reminder: Students must fill in an expected list of courses (provisional study plan) during online registration. Even if changes might be done once in Geneva, we asked the students to draw a study plan the most suitable for them. The study plan is submitted to the academic advisors for approval then we send the validation and comment as well as a Learning agreement for signature to the students.

6. Acceptance Process

Applications are sent to Faculties for approval. Academic advisors in Geneva may suggest amendments to the provisional list of courses and will validate it.

Letters of acceptance will be sent on a first come – first served basis

7. Additional Information

Please consult [our webpage](#). More details will be provided with the acceptance letter.

7.1. Visa and Residence Permit

Non-EU citizens may require a visa and must contact the nearest Swiss embassy 3 to 5 months before entering Switzerland in order to inquire about the visa procedure.

Overview of ID and visa provisions according to nationality:

https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/publiservice/weisungen-kreisschreiben/visa/liste1_staatsangehoerigkeit.html

To assess your options for how to apply for a visa based on your legal residence:

<https://www.swiss-visa.ch>

The visa will allow entry into Switzerland. Students should also request a residence permit from the Geneva Migration Office (OCPM) prior to arrival in Switzerland, by regular mail.
More details: <https://www.ge.ch/demander-permis-sejour-etudiant/je-suis-ressortissant-etat-hors-ue/aele> (in French only)

EU and EFTA citizens do not need a visa to enter Switzerland, but like all foreign citizens, they need a residence permit. EU and EFTA citizens apply once arrived in Geneva for a residence permit.

7.2. Housing

It is difficult and expensive to find accommodations in Geneva. The University Housing Office (“Bureau des Logements”) and “Cité Universitaire” provide student residences. Nonetheless, there is no guarantee to receive an offer for all the applications.

Please check following links for details and registration deadlines:

UNIGE Bureau des Logements (BLOG):
<https://www.unige.ch/batiment/service-batiments/logements/en/>

Cité Universitaire :
<https://www.cite-uni-geneve.ch/en>

7.3. Cost of living in Geneva

The average cost of living for a student in Geneva is approximately CHF 2,000 per month. This includes rent (~CHF 500*), food and basic necessities (~CHF 600), and health insurance (~CHF 100).
*Housing in student residences.

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

7.4. Insurance

Health insurance is mandatory in Switzerland (accident and health). Students may request recognition of their private insurance or subscribe to a student insurance plan upon arrival in Switzerland (about CHF 100 per month). European Health Insurance Card is recognized in Switzerland for health and accident insurance.

7.5. Termination of Agreement

In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 20XX will only take effect as of 1 September 20XX+1.

7.6. Transcripts of Records

A Transcript of Records will be issued no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at our institution. Transcript will be sent by the Faculties to the student’s address in Europe.

7.7. Grading system

The University of Geneva uses a grading scale ranging from 0 to 6.00, with 4.00 representing a passing grade. Furthermore, grades are converted into a letter system ranging from A to F (hereafter known as the ECTS scale), in line with one of the objectives of the Bologna reform. This conversion facilitates comparison amongst different European grading scales.

ECTS Scale and equivalent UNIGE Grading Scale

	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

Scholarships

Unless stated otherwise, eligible students selected for a Swiss-European Mobility Programme exchange at the University of Geneva will receive a scholarship from the University of Geneva. This is contingent upon having a signed valid agreement. The scholarship is given for 5 months (1 semester) or 10 months (2 semesters). Please consult the table on the next page (annex).

7.8. Other

Contact for disabled students: <https://www.unige.ch/dife/en/campus-life/>

For nomination related to a student with special needs, please contact first Arnaud.Waeber@unige.ch

COVID information:

- **Travelling:**
 - [Entering Switzerland COVID](#)
 - [Travelling abroad from Switzerland COVID](#)
- **General information (situation, rules, measures, new announcements, FAQ):**
 - [Federal Office of Public Health \(FOPH\)](#)
 - [UNIGE COVID information](#)
- **Vaccination (open for foreigners):**
 - [Regular registration](#)
 - [Registration for UNIGE students \(choose an appointment\)](#)
- **Testing:**
 - [Official places to be tested](#)
 - [UNIGE testing campaign](#) (voluntary, without appointment, fast & free)
- **Certificate/Sanitary Pass:**
 - [Where can/must the COVID certificate be used](#)

The way of teaching and examination may change depending on the situation. Please consult [COVID-19 latest information](#) from the UNIGE webpage.

If entering Switzerland or leaving your country is not possible, the exchange might be recognized when the courses are taken online and if the home university agrees and validates the ECTS planned.

Incoming students: no scholarship will be paid if the courses are taken online from a different place than Geneva/neighboring France.

UNIGE Outgoing students: no scholarship if the courses are taken from a different place than the city of the partner host university.

ANNEX: SEMP Scholarships according to the sending institution.

The monthly amounts for 2022-2023 might change and will be updated once available.

Home country (sending institution)	Student mobility for studies (per month)
DK, FI, IE, IS, LI, LU, NO, SE, UK	380 CHF*
AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MK, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SI, SK, TR	440 CHF*

*5 months for 1 semester, 10 months for 2 semesters

AT	Austria	LI	Liechtenstein
BE	Belgium	LT	Lithuania
BG	Bulgaria	LU	Luxembourg
CY	Cyprus	LV	Latvia
CZ	Czech Republic	MK	Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia
DE	Germany	MT	Malta
DK	Denmark	NL	Netherlands
EE	Estonia	NO	Norway
EL	Greece	PL	Poland
ES	Spain	PT	Portugal
FI	Finland	RO	Romania
FR	France	SE	Sweden
HR	Croatia	SI	Slovenia
HU	Hungary	SK	Slovakia
IE	Ireland	TR	Turkey
IS	Iceland	UK	United Kingdom
IT	Italy		