



GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY
& INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BA-IR)

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BA-IR) Programme is challenging, stimulating and practical. The three year programme aims to introduce students to the broad field of International Relations, its basic concepts, theories and methods, as well as specialised and interdisciplinary fields. Students will also gain practical experience by fulfilling a mandatory internship as part of their curriculum.

The BA-IR programme has been established to cater for the interest of students seeking both a broad scholarly understanding of the way the world works, and/or for those preparing for a variety of employment options related to international careers in government, business, non government organisations (NGO's), media and international agencies.

The BA-IR courses embrace various disciplinary traditions as the curriculum is taught by faculty members with varied backgrounds, including history, economics, political science, law, philosophy and sociology. Students will be trained in research, analytical, and presentation/communication skills.

BA-IR PROGRAMME AIMS

GSD focuses very clearly on preparing individuals for a successful career within management-level positions within the public and private sectors, principally through its combined theoretical and practical approach in our teaching methods.

We therefore offer a unique combination of conceptual courses focused on theory and the development of essential diplomatic skills.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The GSD curriculum is based on three pillars: International Relations, International Law and International Economics. Moreover, a number of general social science courses are offered as a part of the curriculum.

Duration: 3 years

ECTS: 180 ECTS

Intakes: February & September

- Located in the heart of the most diplomatic neighbourhood in the world
- Highly distinguished faculty & small, interactive classes
- Internship & networking possibilities
- Theory & praxis-oriented curriculum

CORE MODULES OF THE BA-IR PROGRAMME:

- Diplomatic neighbourhood: intergovernmental organisations
- Academic Writing
- Introduction to International Relations
- Research Methodologies
- International Economics
- International History
- Introduction to Political Science
- Introduction to International Law
- Introduction to Security Studies
- Applied Macro-Economics
- Internship



INTERNSHIP

GSD students of the Bachelor and Master level have to fulfil an internship as part of their curriculum in International Relations. With more than 190 international organizations, Geneva is the pre-eminent diplomatic crossroads of our time. This gives students the opportunity to build an international network and gain valuable work experience in the fields of human rights, disarmament, investment, trade, international law, conflict resolution and many other related fields.

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The Geneva School of Diplomacy is a small, private university specialized in the teaching of International Relations & Diplomacy. We are located in the very heart of the diplomatic world. Our connections with surrounding international organisations, United Nations offices, missions and NGO's, the small, interactive classes with highly distinguished faculty members and the many lectures hosted by high profile guest speakers, give our students the ability to create a network that can be life-lasting and life-changing. GSD graduates will possess academic, vocational and practical diplomatic skills needed to enter their professional field of preference.

For more information about the BA-IR programme, please go to our website www.genevadiplomacy.ch or contact us via info@genevadiplomacy.ch.

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“ I was born in Switzerland, to a Swiss mother and Algerian father. Having moved to Dubai, United Arab Emirates at an early age, I learned that it was important to keep an open mind on the current events across the globe.

By living in an international community, I gained insight into the advantages and challenges of being in a multicultural environment. This is the most prominent reason as to why I chose the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations; I wanted to stay in a cosmopolitan environment but also learn more about the field of International Relations. This is exactly what I found at GSD, a grasp of students from all the continents, but also professors that have worked and come from all around the world.

LOUISA DJERROUD (Swiss/
Algerian)

BA-IR 2016 and Student Body
Ambassador BA Year II & III