



GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY
& INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE



Welcome to GSD

*Doctor of International Relations
by Research and by Dossier*

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The Doctor of International Relations (DIR) Programme is the highest degree offered by the Geneva School of Diplomacy (GSD). It develops academic excellence through meticulous independent research and real-world applicability. GSD Doctor degree can be pursued on two tracks: by Research or by Dossier.

The Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations

The Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations is a private boutique university specialised in the teaching of International Relations & Diplomacy. We are acknowledged for our location in the very heart of the diplomatic world and our achievements.

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 prepares future world leaders for their roles on the world stage to advance peace and human rights. Based on its core values of Academic & Vocational Excellence, Integrity, and Professionalism, GSD provides high quality and praxis-orientated education combined with a commitment to student support, and promotes a philosophy rooted in the School's motto 'serviendo guberno' – that to govern is to serve.

Choosing GSD is also deciding to dive into the world of International Relations in addition to learn and train effectively, productively, and pleasantly!

Programme Overview

- Rolling admissions
- Duration: Three years full-time (for DIR by Research)
- Duration: N/A, Awarded by GSD (for DIR by Dossier)
- Credits : 240 ECTS (for DIR by Research)

Focus Areas*

- Diplomacy
- International Relations
- Economics & Development
- Conflicts & Security Studies
- International Law
- International Trade

*Not exclusive



H.E Yerlan Alimbayev

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

"The Geneva School of Diplomacy builds upon this wealth of academic excellence and professional expertise, whilst providing its students with substantive knowledge, practical skills and real-world experience to address pressing international issues (...)

As a native of Kazakhstan, a country that is known as a melting pot of different languages, religions and cultures, I found it natural to study at the multicultural environment fostered by the GSD with its rich international student body representing over 45 countries."

Push ambition beyond limits!

The Doctor of International Relations and Diplomacy course brings together academic excellence through meticulous independent research and real-world applicability. Besides deepening and strengthening IR knowledge, the DIR programme is all about research work, teaching, discovering, and learning new things but also having a wider choice of career options.

Why International Relations?

In our increasingly globalised society, a thorough understanding of International Relations is key to effectiveness and career advancement in both public and private sectors.

Students come to the Geneva School of Diplomacy from all over the world. They yearn to acquire a deeper understanding of global Diplomacy and necessary skills to find solutions to global problems.



Student Environment

GSD post-graduate students work closely with their assigned supervisor who in turn collaborates intensively with each candidate to achieve the highest quality research work.

Student qualifications upon termination of the DIR Programme

- International Relations deep understanding and mastery of research skills and methods.
- Ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process or research with scholarly integrity.
- Critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas.
- Promote within academic and professional contexts, technological, social or cultural advancement in a knowledge-based society.





Admission criteria

- A BA and a MA degree in a field related to International Relations. (Equivalent overseas qualifications are acceptable.)
- English language proficiency.

Tuition fee

| Programme | Tuition fees | Application fees |
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| DIR by Research | CHF 11,000 per year | CHF 500 |
| DIR by Dossier | CHF 9,000 | CHF 500 |

Programme structure

DIR BY RESEARCH

The DIR research programme offers a unique and exciting intellectual environment for an in-depth interdisciplinary study of International Relations & Diplomacy. The programme has already attracted highly skilled and experienced students worldwide coming from Kazakhstan, South-Africa, Spain, Russia and the USA among others.

Students conduct a research in diverse areas such as traditional and new security issues, diplomacy, political economy, human rights, geopolitics, and post-colonial studies. Doctoral students are expected to contribute to the GSD research profile by being affiliated as research fellows to the **Globecraft® Institute**.

Globecraft® Institute is part of GSD and is an autonomous research organisation working on avant-garde and world pressing issues in the political, legal, and economic areas.



Application process

To apply, upload the following documents via our [website](#):

- CV/Résumé
- Passport copy
- Research Proposal (4,000- 5,000 words)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official grade transcripts and Diplomas
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Interview Schedule (if applicable)
- Application fee payment

DIR BY DOSSIER

The DIR by Dossier is awarded by GSD to leading authorities in the field of study concerned. This prestigious doctorate degree only recognises high-level scholarly work which is distinct, impactful, and original.

The candidate submits a dossier to GSD presenting their scholarly papers published by a renowned representative international journal or a book from a top publishing house. A commission formed by GSD and external examiners will be created to assess each particular case. Only an outstanding work will be considered.



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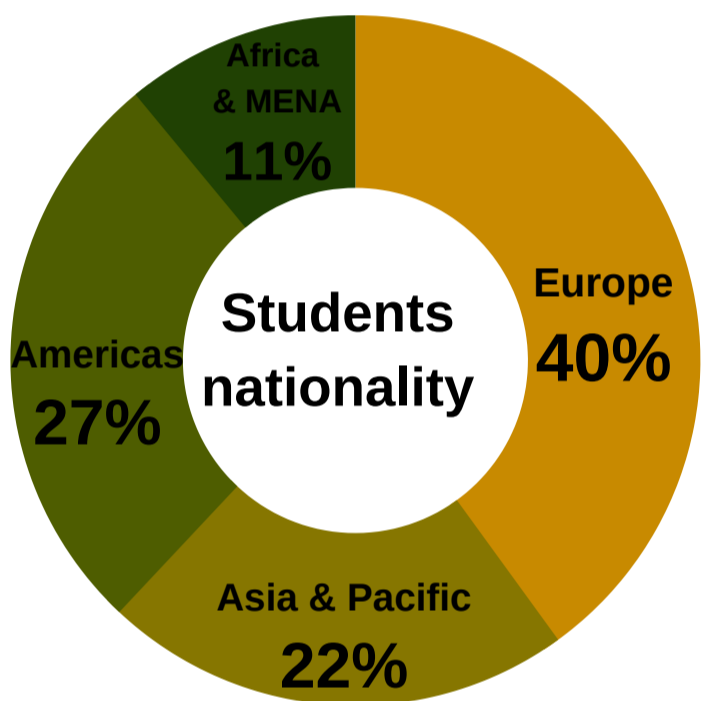
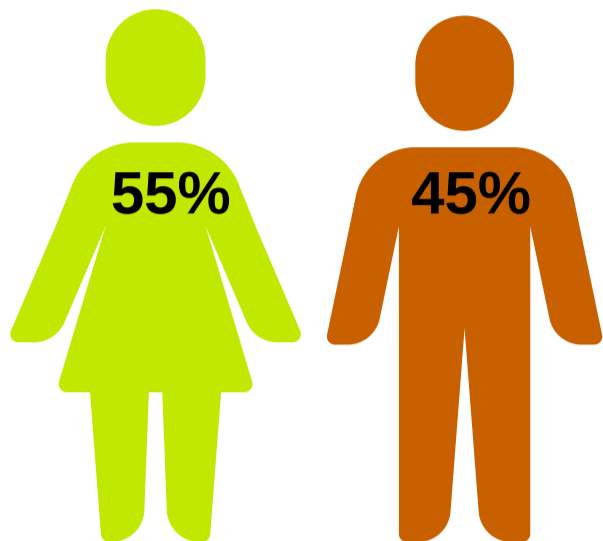
- CV/Résumé
- Passport copy
- Statement of 1,000 words explaining the justification for the GSD DIR by Dossier award
- A collection of minimum 8 scholarly papers published in top international journals or a solely authored book published by a prestigious publishing house or university press (published a maximum of 3 years in advance to the year of the application).
- Interview Schedule (if applicable)
- Application fee payment

For a full overview of the entry requirements, please visit our website www.genevadiplomacy.ch

GSD interesting facts

Students

Students Gender



4+

Average spoken languages per student



Students on internship in Geneva

15

Average number of students per class*

*Average student numbers may vary slightly every semester

Alumni

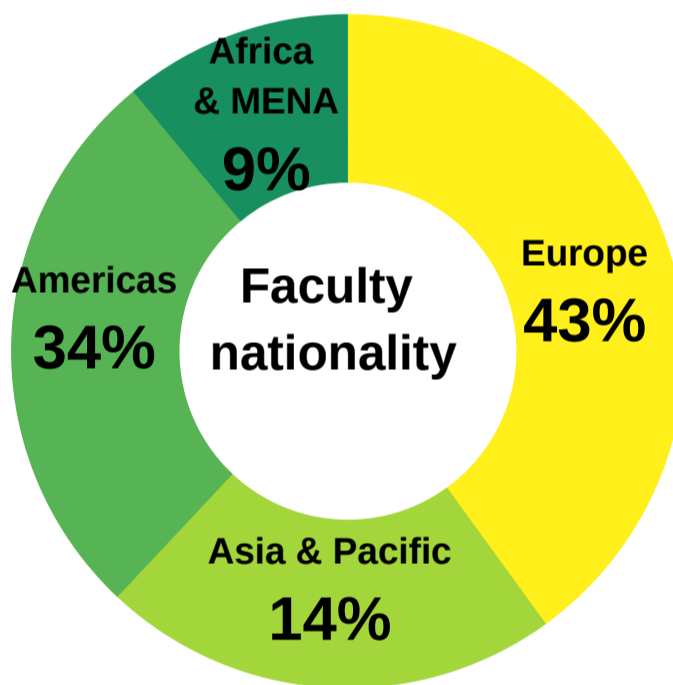
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Alumni's Nationality

Our alumnis in the market



Faculty



44+

Faculty active members

90%

Faculty members holding PhD

20+

Faculty average years of working experience

Some of the GSD Recruiters





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