

Master in Economics Application Directives

Effective date: 16 September 2024

1. Internship

PREREQUISITE

The student should have earned at least 54 ECTS credits, including all core courses.

The internship is not mandatory and does not provide ECTS credits, as it is not included in the study plan. The search for an internship position, work permit issues, etc., are the student's responsibility.

QUESTIONS

All questions can be sent to gsem-masters@unige.ch

2. Master Thesis

The study program for the Master of Science in Economics includes a Master Thesis and is granted 24 ECTS credits. The Master Thesis is conducted under the supervision of one (or more) person(s) teaching in the program for the Master of Science in Economics, who set the conditions under which the Master Thesis is to be composed. The Master Thesis may be linked to an internship outside of the University, with the approval of the Scientific Committee.

PREREQUISITE

To submit the Master Thesis, the student must acquire 54 ECTS credits, including all core courses of the Master's program.

DEADLINE

The student must choose the topic of the Master Thesis during the second semester (deadline 1 May) or during the third semester (deadline 15 November), and the Scientific Committee must approve the topic.

The Master Thesis Project must have been discussed with a potential director (this person can be any teacher in the Master's program) and must be submitted online on the <u>GSEM Student Intranet</u>. Consult the section entitled "*Master Thesis/Internship/Traineeship*," under "*My studies*." The Scientific Committee examines the Master Thesis Project and can either approve, ask for a revision of, or reject the proposal.

The Master Thesis should be submitted to the director in accordance with the agreed deadline. However, the Master Thesis must in any event be submitted no later than four weeks before the end of the fifth semester, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3 of the Study Regulations.

REGISTRATION

To register for the Master Thesis, the student must follow the online process on the <u>GSEM Student Intranet</u> before or at the commencement of the Master Thesis. Consult the section entitled "Master Thesis/Internship/Traineeship," under "My studies."

GUIDELINES

For further details about the content of the Master Thesis Project, the content of the Master Thesis itself, as well as the defense, please consult the **Master Thesis Guidelines**, available on the <u>GSEM website</u>.

EVALUATION

Once the Master Thesis Director gives their consent and estimates that the student is ready to defend the Master Thesis, the Master Thesis Director invites a jury to evaluate the Master Thesis. Members of the defense jury should comply with Article 70, paragraph 2 of the University Statutes. The defense date is decided upon in consultation with all three parties. The defense may take place outside of official examination periods.

The Master Thesis is in the form of a public defense. The grade awarded is based on overall tasks realized during the project. Conditions of success are defined in the document entitled "Règlement d'Etudes de la Maîtrise Universitaire" Article 17, alinéa 2.

Immediately after the defense had been completed, the form entitled **Master Thesis Evaluation** must be submitted online by the Master Thesis Director. The grade may be recorded during the semester but shall be registered on the transcript only at the end of an exam session. The final grade must be submitted by the supervisor on the last day of the exam session at the latest as indicated on the GSEM Academic Calendar.

If the grade is received after the last day of the exam session, the grade will be linked to the next semester.

RETAKE PROCEDURE

If the student fails within the meaning of Article 17, paragraph 2 of the Program Regulations, this provision applies for the second and last attempt.

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3. Mobility

Article 5 of the Study Regulations is applicable.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

To obtain authorization to undertake an exchange program, the student must have earned a minimum of 30 ECTS credits of compulsory courses by the time of the exchange semester.

If the student is registered in the econometrics concentration, the student must have earned the 54 ECTS credits of compulsory courses, including the core courses of the econometrics concentration.

The exchange program becomes possible from the program's third semester for a maximum of 30 ECTS credits, except for student registered in the econometrics concentration, for whom the maximum is 12 ECTS credits.

APPLICATIONS

All relevant information regarding applications, allocations, the study contract, the academic calendar, the verification/amendment of the learning agreement, the delivery of the official transcript, and the consequences of failing courses during the mobility stay are included in the **Mobility Guidelines** available on the **GSEM website**.

QUESTIONS

All questions may be sent to mobility-gsem@unige.ch