



# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



## Programme Focus

Our profound desire to introduce international relations to students at an undergraduate level inspired us to create the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations, a benchmark in Switzerland and throughout the world. Our three-year undergraduate programme will provide the student with an advanced understanding of international relations, and prepares them both practically and intellectually, for further studies and a wide choice of career options.

## Why International Relations & Diplomacy?

In our increasingly globalised society, a thorough understanding of international relations is essential for career advancement in both the public and private sector.

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

## Learning Outcomes

- Prepare for further education and a career in diplomacy, politics, international relations, journalism, the private sector and beyond.
- Increase understanding of international relations and geopolitics.
- Understand strategies for optionally managing events in our contemporary global environment;
- Develop students' analytical skills and improve their interpretation, critical evaluation, selection and synthesis, reasoned argument, research and problem-solving.

## Programme Overview

Credits: 180 ECTS

### Duration

3 years (6 semesters)

Intakes in September and February

### Application Fees

300 CHF.-

# Programme Structure



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## Core Courses

- Contemporary international relations: framework and issues
- Diplomatic neighborhood: intergovernmental organizations
- Academic writing and critical thinking: core principles
- International economics
- International law for diplomats
- Theory and practice of diplomacy
- International history: from 1500 to modern times
- Applied macro-economics
- International Trade
- Geo-Economics
- Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Political Analysis
- Research methodologies
- and more...

## Specialised Courses\*

- International migration: current challenges and policy responses
- Global health diplomacy
- Business diplomacy
- Small States in International Law
- Humanitarian Diplomacy
- Russia: Quo Vadis?
- and more...

\* List of courses may vary

## Internships

GS D Bachelor students are required to do at least one internship as part of their curriculum in international relations. This is an ideal way for our students to gain practical experience, apply theoretical knowledge to real-world issues, and fast track their careers.

With over 190 international organisations located throughout the city, Geneva is the preeminent diplomatic crossroads of our time. This environment provides our students with the opportunity to build an international network and gain valuable work experience in IR-related fields.

## Workshops

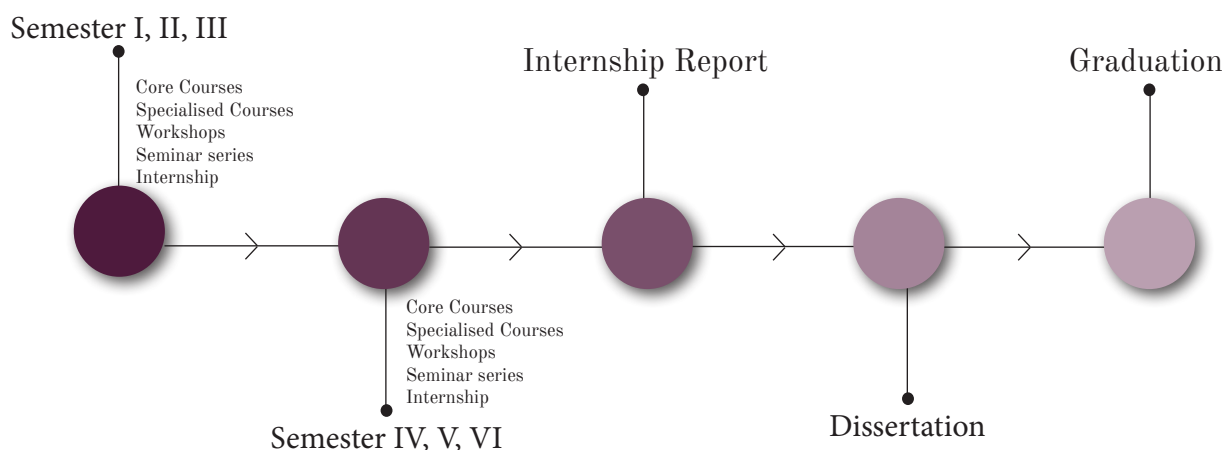
- Essential skills for future diplomats: Diplomatic Communications
- Essential skills for future diplomats: Influence, Persuasion, and Impact
- Gender and Diplomacy
- Ethics in UN, IOs and NGOs
- Religions, Ethics, and International Politics

Bachelor students during their programme also have to take part in our Seminar Series: Emerging Issues and Persistent Challenges, as well as producing a dissertation / thesis at the end of the course.

## Teaching Methodology

- Multi-stakeholder simulations
- Conferences and Seminars
- Roundtable discussions and debates
- Brainstorming
- Case studies and role games
- Group projects

## Programme Timeline



# Admissions Criteria

## Documents required:

- CV / Résumé
- Color Passport Copy
- Cover Letter (approx 500 words)
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of Official Grade Transcripts and Diplomas
- Proof of English Language Proficiency level (min. score required : 6.5 IELTS)
- Application fee payment

## Student Application Criteria

Minimum age: 17 years old

Official proof of English language proficiency, minimum score of 6.5 IELTS or equivalent

Appropriate and official school qualifications and diplomas

## Tuition Fees and Course Material

Application Fees	300
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Tuition Fees	28,900 / year
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Administration and learning resources fees	1,200 / year
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Prices are in CHF

## Application Process

To apply, upload the necessary documents via our website at:

<https://genevadiplomacy.ch/application-forms/>



Scan to check the application guide

## Financing your studies \*

GSD is committed to excellence and service. To promote our values, GSD has established three competitive financial aid programmes to assist qualified students with excellent academic profiles.

### The financial aid programmes are:

- Fellowship Programme
- GSD Academic Excellence Scholarship Programme
- Refugee Scholarship Programme

Students wanting to apply for financial aid programme are advised to launch their application well in advance.

For more information, please visit our website at: [www.genevadiplomacy.ch/admissions/financing-your-studies/](http://www.genevadiplomacy.ch/admissions/financing-your-studies/)

\* Financial aid programmes based on available quota

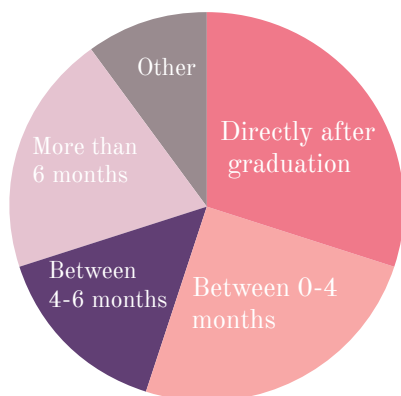


“My favourite thing about GSD is the long list of professors that have an insight into the work of the international community, through working at the Human Rights Council, to managing NGOs and sharing their experiences as Ambassadors, they have the best advice you could possibly find in Geneva. It is also such a thorough and accessible way for starting your own network.”

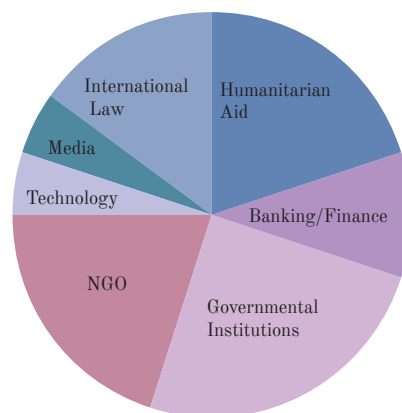
—Louisa Clark - Operations Manager at Orah  
Bachelor Of Arts in International Relations, Class of 2017

# GSD Interesting Facts

## How long a student takes to find a job after graduation



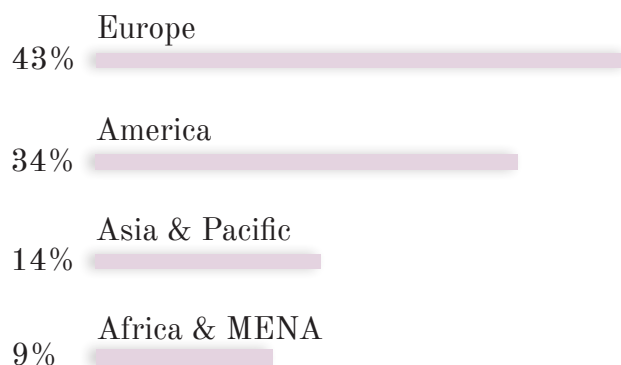
## Sectors alumni are working in



## Alumni Origins



## Faculty Origins



## 15-20

### Average number of students per class \*

\*Average student numbers may vary slightly every semester

## Students on an internship in Geneva



## Some GSD Recruiters



44 +

Active faculty members

20 +

Faculty average years of work experience

90%

Faculty members holding PhD

3 +

Average spoken language per student/ faculty staff