



AB+MA PROGRAM

The AB+MA Program offers up to five Colgate students per year an opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree from Colgate University and a Master's degree from The Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (IHEID) within a five-year period.

“The AB+MA program is a unique and exciting opportunity for Colgate students interested in international affairs to advance their intellectual and career aspirations. This collaboration with the Graduate Institute—a top-tier global institution—reflects Colgate’s enduring commitment to rigorous academic training that gives its students all the tools they need to succeed in an interconnected world.”

Brian Casey
President of Colgate University

The Program

This joint program provides students with the possibility to begin their Master at the Graduate Institute, Geneva during their fourth year of Bachelor studies. During this fourth year of studies, students spend one semester at each institution and benefit from the mutual recognition of credit for the entire academic year. Students can therefore obtain both degrees in five years as opposed to the regular six-year period.

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| Years 1, 2 & 3 | AB at Colgate University |
| Year 4 | AB + MA: Autumn Semester at the Graduate Institute, Spring Semester at Colgate University |
| Year 5 | MA at the Graduate Institute |

“I am pursuing a Master’s degree at the Institute because it is a really interdisciplinary program and gives me lots of freedom to shape my studies. The student body is incredibly diverse, and the location offers many opportunities to develop a career in the international field.”

Quanzhi (‘Q’) Guo, Colgate ‘18

MA Study Programs

The Graduate Institute offers the following Master Programs:

One Interdisciplinary Master:

[Master in International and Development Studies](#)

Prerequisites: 3 years of study at Bachelor level in Social Sciences

Five Disciplinary Masters:

[Master in Anthropology and Sociology](#)

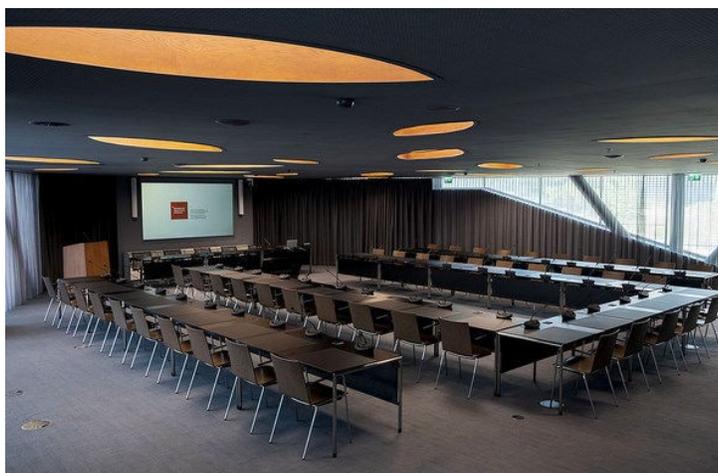
[Master in International Economics](#)

[Master in International History & Politics](#)

[Master in International Law](#)

[Master in International Relations/Political Science](#)

Prerequisites: 3 years of study at Bachelor level in a relevant discipline. In particular, admission to the programs specializing in law and economics require a solid background in these fields of study.



Exact details of the curriculum and course offerings of each program are available on the Institute’s online course catalogue. Students enrolled in an interdisciplinary MA are exempted from certain components of the study plan, such as the capstone project and the choice of a specific track.

For general information on the Graduate Institute, visit its website at graduateinstitute.ch.

Practical Details

Tuition Fees and Financial Aid

Tuition fees for the fourth year of study (Autumn Semester at the Graduate Institute and Spring Semester at Colgate University) are paid directly to Colgate University. Students pay regular tuition fees of **8,000 CHF (about \$8000)** to the Graduate Institute for their final MA year.

Students are also eligible to apply for financial aid from the Graduate Institute for year 5—i.e. the second year of the graduate program. While the Institute is affiliated to the US Direct Loan Program, unfortunately the US regulations consider any program, of which part is being given in the US, as ineligible. Private Loan applications can, however, be certified through the Institute.

Student Visa

Most non-EU citizens require a visa to enter and study in Switzerland. A visa request should be filed with the local Swiss embassy upon receipt of the confirmation of admission. **Please note that it can take up to six months to process visa applications.** Additionally, all non-Swiss students must apply for a residence permit upon their arrival in Geneva. Residence permits are issued by the Office cantonal de la population et des migrations (OCPM).

Full details and instructions regarding the visa and residence permit application procedures are provided to admitted students.

HOUSING



Admitted students can apply for an accommodation at the Institute's Student Residence, for the Autumn Semester of the first year in Geneva as well as for their second year.

Living Expenses - Fifth Year

1,800 CHF – 2,000 CHF (about \$1800-2000) per month allow for a modest student lifestyle in Geneva. You will also find a lot of information regarding life in Geneva on the Graduate Institute's [website](#).

Application Process

Students applying to the AB+MA program must prepare **two** applications—the first is to be nominated by Colgate for the program, and the second is to be formally admitted to The Graduate Institute. (Students receiving a Colgate nomination are typically accepted at IHEID.) Many documents are common to the two applications.

Colgate application: Students will apply online via the Off-Campus Study website, uploading the following materials:

- Letter of motivation, describing why you wish to study at The Graduate Institute and which degree program you would like to pursue (approximately 800 words)
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Two academic references

All Colgate applications must be submitted by **January 1**.

Nominated candidates apply through the Institute's central online application system via the link they receive directly from Colgate University.

Graduate Institute application: The following documents must be uploaded to your online application once nominated by Colgate University:

- Letter of motivation, describing why you wish to study at The Graduate Institute (approximately 800 words)
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Copies of official transcripts to date (duly stamped by Colgate University)
- Any previous university diplomas and qualifications obtained
- French language certificate(s), if applicable
- Copy of passport personal details page (not visible to the evaluation committee)
- The names and professional email addresses of two academic references. The Institute will write to these references to request recommendation letters. It is the candidate's responsibility to check online whether references have submitted their recommendation letters within the deadline, and to send them a reminder if necessary.
- Portrait photograph (headshot) (not visible to the evaluation committee)

The Graduate Institute application deadline is **January 15**.

Admitted students from Colgate University are exempt from the condition of presenting their Bachelor Degree to enroll at the Graduate Institute but will be required to present their original university transcript and original High School diploma on arrival.

The Institute's admission office provides technical support and information to applicants throughout the process. The International Programs Office is also available to provide candidates from partner institutions with information and advice on all aspects of their studies and life in Geneva.

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