

School of Health Sciences Geneva (HEdS) Institutional Factsheet



About the School of Health Sciences Geneva (HEdS)

Our School is part of the HES-SO (Hautes écoles spécialisées – Suisse occidentale) network of Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland, which represents 28 institutions.

The HEdS Geneva offers 5 Bachelor's degrees for Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Midwifery and Radiologic Medical Imaging Technology. These interdisciplinary approaches and teamwork are fundamental aspects of an education that perfectly combines excellence and relevance. Our particular characteristic of Swiss healthcare system is the wide perspectives with a public university hospital and well-known private clinics.

Geneva – crossroad of Europe and home of international organizations- is a multicultural, long-established university city with a significant student population. The HEdS Geneva has its own student house at the disposal of students, enabling them to benefit from our exceptional infrastructure.

The Bachelor's degree is awarded after 3 years of full-time study, preceded by a year of additional modules for those who do not hold a qualification giving them access to the first year of a Bachelor's degree course. The academic calendar is made up of modules which, if successfully completed, are validated by the award of ECTS credits (total = 180). At the end of the course, students are required to produce a Bachelor's thesis.

If you are interested to learn more about these different courses, please have a look at <https://www.hesge.ch/heds/international> and <https://www.hesge.ch/heds/>.

1. Institutional Information

a) Institutional details

Name of the institution	University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (Haute École Spécialisée de Suisse occidentale - HES-SO) School of Health Sciences Geneva (Haute Ecole de Santé Genève) Erasmus Code: CH DELEMON02 PIC 99479659
Institution Web sites	https://www.hesge.ch/heds/ and https://www.hes-so.ch/
International relations office Web sites	https://www.hesge.ch/heds/en/international
Online course catalogues	https://www.hesge.ch/heds/formation-base

b) Main contacts

Contact persons	Mrs. Barbara Rau and Mrs. Florence Guggenheim
Responsibility	International affairs - School of Health Sciences Geneva Administrative contact for bilateral agreements, for outgoing and incoming students/staff
Contact details	School of Health Sciences Geneva Avenue de Champel 47- 1206 Geneva - Switzerland Direct +41 22 558 56 88, Central +41 22 558 50 60 relations.internationales.heds@hesge.ch

2. Detailed requirements and additional information

a) Recommended language skills

The sending institution is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the beginning of the study or teaching period:

Type of mobility	Subject area	Language(s) of instruction	Recommended language of instruction level *
Student Mobility for Studies and traineeships	091	French	B2 certificate requested
Staff Mobility for Teaching	091	French or English	B2

* Level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

b) Additional requirements

To apply, the incoming staff and nominated students are required to contact by email the HEdS Geneva International affairs, relations.internationales.heds@hesge.ch.

Regarding student mobility, the list of requested documents can be found here: <https://www.hesge.ch/heds/en/next-steps>

The HEdS Geneva course catalogue is available under <http://www.hesge.ch/heds/formation-base/bachelor> (please select concerned faculty).

c) Calendar

I. Nomination Deadlines

Applications/information about nominated students must reach our institution with the completed application form as well as its supporting documents by the following dates:

Autumn term (weeks 38 to 7)	March 31st
Spring term (weeks 8 to 37)	June 30th

II. Decision Response

Due to the increasing number of postulations, the HEdS Geneva will not be able to accept every nominated student. After the relevant deadlines, the HEdS Geneva will select the students and send its decision within one month through an Acceptance Letter.

d) Additional information

I. Grading system at the HES-SO

Faculties of Health Sciences and Social Work	Definitions
A	Excellent
B	Very good
C	Good
D	Satisfactory
E	Sufficient/Passable
FX	Fail (if authorised an additional work can be made to have a pass grade)
F	Fail

II. Visa

Our institution will provide information and assistance, when required, for incoming and outgoing students/staff.

As soon as they have received their written confirmation of acceptance, non-EU citizens students/staff should undertake, at least 5-6 months before arrival, the formalities with the Geneva Office Cantonal de la Population <https://www.ge.ch/demandeur-permis-sejour-etudiant> in order to obtain on due time the resident permit and the requested visa (via the Swiss embassy of the home country). The HEdS Geneva will take care of the work permit application at the latest 4 months before the beginning of the traineeship.

Applicants from a member state of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association are not required to apply for a student visa. However, a residence permit may be required. The HEdS Geneva will take care of the work permit application at the latest 4 months before the beginning of the traineeship.

III. Insurances

Our institution will provide assistance concerning insurances requirements and will inform incoming students/staff in case insurance cover is not automatically provided.

IV. Housing

The HEdS Geneva will guide incoming student/staff in finding accommodation.

Students studying in Geneva must book their own accommodation as soon as they have received our confirmation of acceptance.

Rooms organized by the HEdS Geneva are allocated in priority to non-EU citizens students. Information and assistance can be provided upon request by the international relations office of the HEdS Geneva.

V. Student Life and Facilities

Thanks to the bilateral agreements established throughout the world, you will find at HEdS Geneva:

- an innovative school of health sciences in an international city on a human scale, with over 160 nationalities living alongside each other, a nearby airport and a lively student community,
- 5 fields of study, an interdisciplinary academic education with one unifying vision: professional and personal exchanges with teachers and students from all over the world,
- the experience of about 100 incoming students who have studied with us in the past few years,
- a dense university hospital network as well as specific traineeships opportunities outside the hospital environment in the heart of international Geneva,
- access to many sports and cultural facilities and a wide range of appealing activities, thanks to our partnership with the University of Geneva,
- a warm welcome by a mentor from incoming student's degree programme,
- the students' association La Sonde who will get in touch to help each incoming student to settle in successfully.

We highly recommend to consult the [HEdS Facebook](#), the [HEdS Student Guide](#) and the [Erasmus Student Network Geneva](#) website.

