This one-year full-time postgraduate degree is one of the most innovative and intellectually challenging programmes in international humanitarian law (IHL) and human rights offered in today. It focuses primarily on all rules applicable to armed conflicts, and their interaction, and promotes both academic excellence and independent critical thinking.

Students have access to a world-renowned faculty, benefit from direct connections with leading actors like the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and share ideas with other participants from an array of legal backgrounds and perspectives.

The programme allows students to tailor their studies according to their particular interests. While core courses provide a firm grounding in public international law, IHL, international human rights law (IHRL), international refugee law and international criminal law (ICL), optional courses explore cutting-edge issues like counter-terrorism, armed non-state actors, the rules governing the conduct of hostilities, the Islamic law of armed conflict or the work of international courts and tribunals.

The LLM is also profoundly committed to developing the transferable skills necessary to succeed in the professional world and take up responsibilities in the humanitarian and human rights fields. To this end, internships with leading actors, participation in moot courts and public pleadings, extracurricular activities and a study trip provide a solid exposure to practical work and allow students to expand their network.

AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The LLM is organized around small and intimate learning communities. This creates an exceptional learning environment where some of the most experienced and academically qualified students from all over the world gain access to a world-renowned faculty at the cutting edge of IHL, IHRL, ICL and international refugee law.

As an IHL and human rights hub, Geneva offers a broad range of conferences and public events featuring key experts and topics, as well as providing access to leading actors in the field.

TUITION FEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The tuition fee is 18,000 Swiss Francs
- We offer partial and full scholarships that are allocated through a highly competitive process. Our donors limit scholarships to students from countries of the Global South and Eastern Europe. Only one fee waiver is available for other students.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Applications open: 29 November 2021
- With scholarships applications end: 28 January 2022
- Without scholarships applications end: 25 February 2022