



Doctor of International Relations (DIR) Programme

- By Research
- By Dossier



GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY
& INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

DOCTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Duration: 3 years full time / 6 years part-time.

Degree: Doctor in International Relations (DIR).

Modalities:

- **Doctor of International Relations by Research** (Dissertation 80,000 to 100,000 words).
- **Doctor of International Relations by Dossier:**

The candidate submits to GSD a dossier presenting a minimum of 8 scholarly papers published by the most representative international journals or a book published by a top publishing house. A commission formed by GSD and external examiners will be created to assess each particular case. Only outstanding work will be considered. Applicants are expected to be leading authorities in the field of study concerned.

Research

The GSD-DIR research programme offers a unique and exciting intellectual environment for the in-depth and interdisciplinary study of International Relations and Diplomacy.

The programme has already attracted high skilled and experienced students from across the world, among others; Afghanistan, Bahrain, France, Hungary, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Pakistan, Russia or USA.

Students have developed and are carrying out research in areas as diverse as traditional and new security issues, diplomacy, political economy, human rights, geo-politics, post-colonial studies.

Doctoral students are expected to contribute to the GSD research profile by being affiliated as research fellows to the **Globecraft® Institute**.

Study Environment

GSD post-graduate students work closely with their assigned supervisor. GSD supervisors work intensively to develop at the highest level the potential of each candidate, both from methodological and theoretical points of view.

Entry Requirements

A first or 2:1 first degree and a MA in a subject appropriate to the course. Equivalent overseas qualifications are acceptable.

Admission: DIR by Research and by Dossier.

Rolling admission

Credits Required: 90 ECTS. (Only DIR by Research).

Structures.

Duration DIR by Research:

- 3 years full time (4 years maximum with 1 extension)**
- 6 years part time (7 years maximum with 1 extension)**

DIR FULL TIME

- 9 Compulsory Visits to GSD

1st Year: 4 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- Register as **MASIR/DIR** student (Master of Advance Studies in International Relations/Doctor of International Relations).
- **After 1 month:** 1st Meeting with research advisor at GSD.
- **After 6 months:** 2nd Meeting & 1st Progress Report and follow-up meeting with supervisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 3rd Meeting with research advisor and submission of 5'000 word peer review journal paper at GSD.
- **After 11 months:** 4th Meeting with research advisor and submission of draft introduction and 1st chapter of thesis. Successful submission leads to a meeting of Doctoral Exam Board (supervisor and x2 faculty members) in 12th month.
- **After 12 months:** Upon approval of upgrading process, candidates will be upgraded to the status of **Doctoral Candidate**.

2nd Year: 3 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- **After 6 months:** 5th Meeting and submission of 2nd Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 6th Meeting with research advisor and submission of 2nd 5'000 word peer review journal paper.
- **After 12 months:** 7th Meeting and submission of 3rd Progress Report to research advisor at GSD.

3rd Year: 2 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- **After 6 months:** 8th Meeting and submission of 4th Progress Report to research advisor at GSD.
- **After 12 months: Submission of thesis and Defense.**

DIR PART TIME

- **10 Compulsory Visits to GSD - 6 years, Maximum 7 years with 1 extension.**

1st Year: 2 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- Register as **MASIR/DIR student** (Master of Advance Studies in International Relations/Doctor of International Relations).
- **After 1 month:** 1st Meeting with research advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 2nd Meeting & 1st Progress Report and follow-up meeting with supervisor at GSD.

2nd Year: 2 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- **After 1 month:** 3rd Meeting and submission of 2nd Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 4th Meeting with research advisor and submission of draft introduction and 1st chapter of thesis. Successful submission leads to a meeting of Doctoral Exam Board (supervisor and x2 faculty members) in 12th month.
- **After 10 months:** Upon approval of upgrading process, candidates will be upgraded to the status of **Doctoral Candidate**.

3rd Year: 2 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- **After 1 month:** 5th Meeting and submission of 3rd Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 6th Meeting with research advisor and submission of 5'000 word peer review journal paper at GSD.

4th Year: 2 Compulsory Visits to GSD

- **After 1 month:** 7th Meeting and submission of 4th Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 8th Meeting and submission of 5th Progress Report to advisor at GSD.

5th Year: 1 Compulsory Visit to GSD.

- **After 1 month:** 6th Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **After 9 months:** 9th Meeting with research advisor and submission of 5'000 word peer review journal paper at GSD.

6th Year: 1 Compulsory Visit to GSD.

- **After 1 month:** 7th Progress Report to advisor at GSD.
- **Within the 3rd and 12th Month: Submission of thesis and Defense.**

DIR BY DOSSIER

Description:

The DIR by Dossier is awarded by GSD to leading authorities in the field of study concerned. This prestigious doctorate recognises scholarly work of high distinction, impact and originality.

Eligibility:

- a) 10 years after obtaining a Master's Degree from a recognised University.
- b) 6 years after obtaining a Doctoral Degree from a recognised University.

How to Apply

Documents.

- Interested applicants are requested to complete the GSD form for Preliminary Approval.
- A statement of 1.000 words where the candidate explains and justifies why she/he meets all the requirements for the Award of the GSD DIR by Dossier.
- A collection of 8 scholarly papers published in top international journals or a solely authored book published by a prestigious publishing house or university press (published a maximum of 3 years in advance to the year of the application).
- Updated CV.

Procedure.

- Applications should be sent electronically or by surface mail to GSD Academic Manager.
- An Ad Hoc commission (GSD and external faculty) will be created to evaluate the applications on an individual basis.
- Applicants will be required to pay 5,000 CHF in two instalments.
 - 1st Instalment, once the application has been approved, (2,500 CHF).
 - 2nd Instalment once the Commission has decided to award the DIR by Dossier (2,500 CHF).
- The process may take between 3 and 6 months.

- Successful candidates will be named Honorary Research Fellows of the **Globecraft® Institute.**

For further information about the doctoral's programme,
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