

University of Geneva (UNIGE)

Current state of national legislation regarding issuing diplomas and degrees for completion of an international joint programme

International joint programmes are not mentioned in national legislation [RS 414.205.1 - Ordonnance du Conseil des hautes ... | Fedlex \(admin.ch\)](#)

Specific internal regulations or instructions

As of now, no specific internal regulations exist at UNIGE regarding international diplomas. However, there is a growing interest in the matter, which may lead to the creation of such regulations or instruction. Such regulations or instructions are pleaded for by international project holders, who, for now, do not benefit from a specific framework.

Timeline

This is contingent upon the Rectorate's readiness to pursue this course of action and allocate resources, which could potentially take several months to a year.

Other specific requirements

In order to obtain a joint degree from the University of Geneva (UNIGE) and a partner Higher Education Institution (HEI), the two institutions need to work collaboratively to establish a single study plan and set of regulations. The resulting diploma will bear the names and signatures of both institutions. However, this process can be complicated due to the need to adhere to the legal requirements of both countries involved.

In the case of double degrees, each institution will issue its own diploma, which will also mention their partnership. To ensure a successful collaboration, a minimum number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) completed at UNIGE (University of Geneva) should be established. This can be inspired by the directive on equivalences for master's degrees, which requires at least two-thirds of the studies to be completed at UNIGE.