

Global Health, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction

From 22 to 26 June 2026
At the University of Geneva

"I came away with a much better understanding of the wider landscape with stakeholders everywhere."



COURSE LEADERS

Dr. Jennifer Hasselgard Rowe, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva

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TARGET AUDIENCE

Bachelor and master's students, Ph.D. candidates and junior professionals from all walks of life who are interested in global health, drugs, governance and human rights.

TUITION FEES

Junior professionals: CHF 1,100

External students: CHF 900

UNIGE students: CHF 250

Graduate Institute and HES-SO Students: CHF 450

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The summer school offers an in-depth exploration of key issues in international drug policy through lectures, case studies, mock debates, and group work.

Topics that will be covered include: global health and the international drug control system, challenges of access to essential medicines, human rights, cannabis regulation models, psychedelics, global governance scenarios and more.

The course aims to help students understand health and human rights issues related to drug use and policy, with a particular focus on harm reduction throughout. Students will also analyze the international drug control regime's implications, and explore present and future solutions for better governance. At the end of the week, students will make group presentations examining a specific topic of their choice and addressing the major challenges and possibilities for effective drug policies and the roles of stakeholders at global, national and local levels.

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