

SDG Summer School : Scientific Diplomacy, Multilateralism and Global Challenges

From 22 June to 3 July 2026
University of Geneva

“Global challenges demand research, collaboration, and solutions that create a sustainable future.”



COURSE LEADERS

University of Montreal:

Professor Michel Audet

Professor Catherine Régis

University of Geneva:

Professor François Grey

Professor Christina Hertel

Professor Nicolas Ray

TARGET AUDIENCE

Bachelor's and Master's students from UNIGE, UdeM, and other universities worldwide. Students from diverse academic backgrounds are welcome; no prior technical knowledge is required.

TUITION FEES

Junior Professionals: CHF 1,700

External students: CHF 1,400

UNIGE students: CHF 300

UdeM student with stipend: fee waived

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students work in interdisciplinary teams on real-world challenges proposed by Geneva-based International Organizations and NGOs. The program combines lectures, expert-led discussions, site visits, and hands-on project work, integrating methodologies such as data analysis, citizen science, AI applications, and agile prototyping.

Through this course, students will develop analytical and problem-solving skills, evidence-based policy recommendations, and research competencies in global governance and scientific diplomacy.

Teams collaborate globally via the SDG Olympiad, iteratively refining and pitching solutions while engaging in peer-to-peer review and mentorship by doctoral-level researchers and experts.

COURSE CREDITS

6 ECTS / 3 Canadian credits

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