

You can build a better society with an Honours degree



The honours degree in Business, Government or Law

The Bachelor of Business, government and law (hons) at the University of Canberra is an 10-month prestigious program open to students with a completed bachelors degree from relevant academic disciplines, both within the University of Canberra and from other universities. This program recognises the diverse intersections between business, law, and politics across various disciplines, welcoming individuals eager to deepen their research and advance their career in practice or in academia.

As part of the BGL Honours program, students gain access to an exceptional array of resources and opportunities designed to enhance their academic journey. Each student is guided by two dedicated supervisors and enjoys exclusive 24/7 access to personal desk space on campus. The program's distinctive thesis-by-publication model offers the opportunity to graduate with published work, establishing you as an emerging scholar. Students receiving a grade of first class or second class A are eligible for direct entry into the Ph.D. program and may qualify for a fully-funded scholarship.

You will build advanced research literacy and transferable skills in:

1. Research design and methodology
2. Critical analysis and independent thinking
3. Practically relevant research

How we support our students

- ✓ Desk-space during studies (full-time students)
- ✓ Analysis software provided
- ✓ Opportunities to earn while you learn (casual tutoring, research assistant work)

Imagine yourself in these jobs

Technologist Graduate Program

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
Canberra ACT | **Starting Salary \$96,69**

Senior Policy Officer (Community Services)

Queensland Council of Social Service Ltd
West End QLD | **Starting Salary \$114,509**

*Role details and starting salaries as at July 2026 and are subject to change.
Source: seek.com.au*

3 reasons to study an honours degree in Business, Government or Law at UC



Solve practical problems
not just learn theory



Connect with government and industry leaders
through our close relationships



Access world-class labs and research hubs
for practical mastery

Where can an honours degree in Business, government or law take you?

Higher Degree Researcher Pathway:

1. The Professor

In the British university tradition, an Honours degree serves as the primary pathway to a PhD and, ultimately, a career in academia. This pathway typically involves teaching, research, publishing, and contributing to positive societal change.

Higher Degree Researcher Pathway:

2. The R&D Professional

An Honours degree is also a direct entry point into a Masters or PhD by research, with career options that extend beyond academia (though that remains an option for many). Honours graduates often pursue roles in think tanks, research officer positions, and similar roles, including positions with parliamentary bodies.

On graduating with an honours degree, you will be equipped for a wide range of research-focused roles across academia, government, industry, and the not-for-profit sector. Potential career paths include:

- Graduate programs with the APS or commercial sector
- Research Assistant or Associate
- Policy Analyst or Advisor
- Innovation or Strategy Consultant
- Scientific Writer or Communicator
- Program Evaluator or Community Engagement Officer
- Data Analyst or Research Consultant
- Business research analyst
- Communications or marketing strategist
- Research specialist
- PhD Candidate



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An honours degree with the Canberra Advantage

Working with governments and for society – Faculty of Business, Government and Law

You can study your way

At the University of Canberra, we don't just offer courses, we offer a place that sees you, supports you, and helps you grow. We're not chasing prestige. We are building futures, with flexibility, belonging, and practical outcomes

- ✓ Study 24/7 anywhere anytime, part-time or full-time
- ✓ 100% units available online
- ✓ Credit for relevant work experience
- ✓ Support services that meet you where you are – from wellbeing to academic help

Don't just take our word for it

88.9% of UC domestic postgraduate research students participate in the workforce

82.1% of UC domestic postgraduate research students achieve full-time employment

Source: Graduate Outcomes Survey 2024

Sample structure of UC's B.Business, Government and Law (hons)

Sem 1	Winter	Sem 2	
#1 Reading and Critiquing Literature (6 CP)	Thesis	#3 Internship unit (3 CP)	Thesis
#2 Selected methods unit (3 CP)			

* Assumes a standard two semester degree, full-time starting Semester 1. A part-time structure is typically undertaken over two years.

■ Faculty unit ■ Thesis unit

5 reasons why studying an honours degree from the nation's capital is a good idea



The Canberra factor

The home of two governments, gives us strong ties to the Australia Public Service the nation's institutions and key decision-makers.



Education that knows your name

Students are supported to grow with purpose, through personalised learning, inclusive teaching, and a focus on empathy, creativity and impact.



More than just a piece of paper

Hands-on learning, real workplace experience and access to cutting-edge facilities such as the Canberra Behavioural Lab and AI training.



A degree that gets you hired

We are #1 for in Canberra in Business and Management for full-time employment, learner engagement, overall educational experience, skills development, student support and teaching quality.



Learning straight from the source

Learn from the people who wrote the book (literally). Our researchers shape policy, influence industry and uncover truth.

Entry requirement: Bachelor/Masters/Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in a related discipline with a min GPA of 5.5.

Work-related support: Your employer may also provide additional support or work flexibility so please enquire. Check with your accountant about the eligibility of study as a work-related tax deduction.



Learn more about studying an honours degree in business, government or law at University of Canberra