

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations

(124JA.2)

Please note these are the 2017 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

70

Note:

The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.

Delivery mode

On campus

Location

Duration

3.0 years

Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline

Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society

UAC code

English language requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. View UC's academic entry requirements
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
CRICOS code	068975E
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

About this course

Understand the world around you and learn to contribute responsibly

Delve into the inner workings of differing political institutions around the world and explore the complex field of how nations interact. You can be assured that you will receive a broad and up-to-date education in the range of contemporary topics including governance, public policy, public administration, national security and border control. And, also undertake two majors in politics and international relations and governance and policy.

Study a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations at UC and you will:

- learn about politics and international relations from both a historical and contemporary context
- develop an advanced understanding of the disciplinary perspectives of politics and international relations
- understand political institutions and processes such as how to operate at a national level, political practices, governance and policy, national security and border control
- understand political institutions at an international level including foreign policy, implications of globalisation and post-globalisation

- develop competence in a range of research methods and analytical techniques
- enhance your critical thinking, communication and problem solving abilities
- choose an elective major from a wide range of options including political communication, international studies, international business and national security studies.

Career opportunities

- State and federal government
- National and international business
- Intelligence community
- Diplomatic service
- Foreign affairs

Course specific information

If you don't meet the entry requirements for this course you can apply for a Bachelor of Management with a major in government and politics. You'll then have the option of transferring at the end of first year if your grade average is strong.

Admission requirements

Normal UC admission requirements to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

Security check for the National Security internships.

Assumed knowledge

No knowledge is assumed for this course.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations (124JA) | 72 credit points

Required - 51 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Required Units - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Information Systems in Organisations (6348) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Minor in International Politics Foundation (MN0147) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points from the following

Politics and Democracy (675) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Economics (6355) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to International Business (6356) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Foundations of Microeconomics (9518) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Politics (9548) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Western Political Thought (9549) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Major in Politics and International Relations (Restricted) (MJ0189) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072) | 3 credit points – Level 3

National Security (8246) | 3 credit points – Level 2

International Relations (8295) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Public Sector Management (7083) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Sociology of Technology and Work (7087) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Governance for Environmental Sustainability (7778) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Minor in Business and Government Foundation (MN0144) | 12 credit points

Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Government-Business Relations (6606) | 3 credit points – Level 1

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(8296\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Note:

- From 2018 students should take unit 8296 Introduction to Politics & Government instead of unit 6606. Students who are already required to take 8296 in their course may select an Open Elective instead.

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(7087\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Governance for Environmental Sustainability \(7778\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Business and Government Internship \(8036\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Civil Society: Politics and Policy \(8716\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Public Policy in Theory and Practice \(8785\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Climate Change and Sustainable Business Futures \(9469\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Business Statistics \(5123\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Business Research Methods \(9522\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Note:

1. Unit 8730 Problem Evaluation and Resolution was replaced by unit 5123 Business Statistics or 9522 Business Research Methods from 2016.
2. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce at Bruce campus not undertaking an Accounting, Banking & Finance or Financial Planning major can substitute 5123 with 9522 Business Research Methods

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

[Problem Analysis and Statistics \(8732\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Restricted Choice - 3 credit points as follows

Restricted Choice Units - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Violence, the Nation-State and Terrorism \(6603\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Cybercrime \(7026\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Governance for Environmental Sustainability \(7778\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Open Electives - 18 credit points as follows

- Elective Major Options: Highly recommended majors include Political Communication, International Studies or National Security.

- Unit Levels: In selecting electives students should note that no more than 30 credit points at Level 1 is permitted for the entire course.

Note:

- Must pass 18 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or as individual units.
- Students may choose to complete elective units under the International Study Abroad Program (www.canberra.edu.au/study-abroad/travel-os)

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Accelerated (2 Years), Semester 1 Commencing (2016)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Government-Business Relations \(6606\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

[Politics and Democracy \(675\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to International Business \(6356\)](#)

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(8296\)](#)

[National Security \(8246\)](#)

[Research Methods in Social Science \(10086\)](#)

Summer Term

Two Open Elective Units

Winter Term

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Open Elective Unit

Year 2**Semester 1**

Restricted Choice Unit

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Semester 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533)

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

International Relations (8295)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Summer Term

Two Open Elective Units

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) Restricted Choice Unit

Accelerated (2.5 Years), Semester 1 Commencing (2016)**Year 1****Semester 1**

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Semester 2

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

National Security (8246)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Information Systems in Organisations \(6348\)](#)

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

[Global Challenges in Governance \(7533\)](#)

[Identity Politics and Public Policy \(7072\)](#)

[International Relations \(8295\)](#)

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) Restricted Choice Unit

[Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific \(8297\)](#)

[Public Policy in Theory and Practice \(8785\)](#)

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Government-Business Relations \(6606\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

[Politics and Democracy \(675\)](#)

[Problem Analysis and Statistics \(8732\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to International Business \(6356\)](#)

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(8296\)](#)

[National Security \(8246\)](#)

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\)](#)

Winter Term

[Information Systems in Organisations \(6348\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

MJ0189 Two Restricted Choice Units

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

Open Elective Unit

[Identity Politics and Public Policy \(7072\)](#)

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

[International Relations \(8295\)](#)

Winter Term

[The Challenge of Modern Terrorism \(8724\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit

[Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific \(8297\)](#)

MN0144 Restricted Choice Unit

Open Elective Unit

Full Time with Study Abroad Option, Semester 1 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Government-Business Relations \(6606\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

[Politics and Democracy \(675\)](#)

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732)

Semester 2

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730)

Year 2

Semester 1

Restricted Choice Unit

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

International Relations (8295)

National Security (8246)

MJ0189 Two Restricted Choice Units

Year 3

Semester 1

International Exchange (12cp) (6845)

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

MN0144 Restricted Choice Unit

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit

Full Time with Study Abroad Option, Semester 1 Commencing (2016)

Year 1

Semester 1

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Semester 2

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Year 2

Semester 1

International Exchange (12cp) (6845)

Semester 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533)

International Relations (8295)

National Security (8246)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Year 3

Semester 1

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) Restricted Choice Unit

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 1

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732)

Semester 2

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730)

Year 2

Semester 1

Restricted Choice Unit

MJ0189 Two Restricted Choice Units

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

International Relations (8295)

Open Elective Unit

National Security (8246)

Year 3

Semester 1

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit

Two Open Elective Units

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

MN0144 Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2016)

Year 1

Semester 1

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Semester 2

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Year 2

Semester 1

Restricted Choice Unit

Three Open Elective Units

Semester 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533)

International Relations (8295)

National Security (8246)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Year 3

Semester 1

Open Elective Unit

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 2

Government-Business Relations (6606)
Information Systems in Organisations (6348)
Introduction to International Business (6356)
Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Year 2

Semester 1

Politics and Democracy (675)
Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732)
Open Elective Unit
Introduction to Economics (6355)

Semester 2

International Relations (8295)
National Security (8246)
Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730)
Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

Open Elective Unit
MJ0189 Two Restricted Choice Units
Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)
MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit
MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit
MN0144 Restricted Choice Unit
Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units
Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing (2016)

Year 1

Semester 2

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Year 2

Semester 1

Information Systems in Organisations (6348)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Semester 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533)

International Relations (8295)

National Security (8246)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Year 3

Semester 1

Three Open Elective Units

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) Restricted Choice Unit

Two Open Elective Units

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Year 4

Semester 1

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Course information

Course duration

Standard six semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>Provide an advanced understanding of the disciplinary perspectives of politics and international relations.</p>	<p>Students will learn to appreciate the values that underpin relations between states and the democratic and non-democratic systems that underpin these.</p> <p>Students will be able to present arguments and ideas effectively and have the capacity to analyse and assess these arguments.</p>
<p>To provide an in-depth understanding of politics and international relations paying attention to both the historical and contemporary context.</p>	<p>Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with the complex issues relating to politics and international relations.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to develop innovative solutions to problems facing society as they consider, for example, ethical and policy issues relating to politics in an international context.</p>
<p>Provide an understanding of political institutions and processes and how they operate including, at the national level, institutions and practices of politics, governance and policy, national security and border control; and at the international level, foreign policy, international institutions and the implications of globalisation and post-globalisation.</p>	<p>Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with the complex issues relating to politics and international relations.</p> <p>Students will develop information literacy and numeracy and their competencies in the use of information as they engage with the disciplinary perspectives and characteristic methods of enquiry of</p>

	<p>Politics and International Relations studies.</p> <p>Students will engage with complex ethical and political questions, strategic thinking, and problem solving as they study processes in politics and international relations.</p> <p>Students will learn to express knowledge, ideas and opinions in politics and international relations, both orally and in written form with confidence and clarity.</p> <p>Students will be able to select and use appropriate information and communication technology to retrieve, manipulate and present information.</p>
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Students will develop an understanding of and competence in a range of politics and international relations research methods and analytical techniques and the ability to apply these to research tasks. Students will develop generic skills and attributes that will equip students for success in professional life including critical thinking and professional ethics.

Students will develop information literacy and numeracy as they develop basic competency in a range of politics and international relations research methods.

Students will develop an appreciation of research ethics and related questions of social responsibility.

Students will develop problem solving skills and develop their capacity to work with others to create effective workplace relations.

Students will develop as independent self-directed learners with the capacity and motivation for life-long learning and obtain personal attributes that will allow them to be independent thinkers and agents for change.

Students will be confident in themselves and their own skills and knowledge.

Majors

- [Major in Politics and International Relations \(Restricted\) \(MJ0189\)](#)
- [Minor in Business and Government Foundation \(MN0144\)](#)
- [Minor in International Politics Foundation \(MN0147\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Politics and International Relations	B Politics&IntlRel

Honours

High achieving students will be eligible to enrol in the fourth year Bachelor of Philosophy Honours program.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.