

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Business Administration (146JA.2)

Please note these are the 2017 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School 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	<p>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.</p> <p>View UC's academic entry requirements</p>
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Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	<p>Canberra Business School</p> <p>Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society</p>
CRICOS code	071078A
English language requirements	<p>An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

About this course

This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of the exciting disciplines of politics and international relations and business administration. Students will learn about the workings of political institutions in countries around the world and explore the complex field of relations between nations. Topics in governance, public policy, public administration, national security, border control and business administration ensure that students receive a broad and current education in the range of issues which are covered under the label of politics and international relations and business administration. In addition to acquiring specialist knowledge and competencies in Politics and International Relations and Business Administration, students will graduate with a range of generic skills such as critical thinking, enhanced communication abilities, problem solving and strong capacities to work with others. They will also develop ethically based and socially responsible attitudes and behaviours

Professional accreditation

Refer to individual courses.

Admission requirements

Normal UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

Refer to individual courses.

Assumed knowledge

Refer to individual courses.

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/Bachelor of Business Administration (146JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 84 credit points as follows

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Politics and International Relations - 42 credit points as follows

Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Politics and Democracy \(675\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 1

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

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

Business Administration - 42 credit points as follows

Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Introduction to Business Law (4977) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

Major in Business Administration (MJ0135) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Entrepreneurship (6349) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Managing Human Resources (6354) | 3 credit points – Level 2

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

Services Marketing (6366) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Business Ethics (6397) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Leadership, Innovation and Change (7075) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Strategic Management (7371) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Organisational Behaviour (7878) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Minor in Business Foundation (MN0145) | 12 credit points

Restricted Choice - 12 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Introduction to Management (4207) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Principles of Management (9525) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Accounting for Managers (5617) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Foundations of Financial Accounting (9516) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Business Decision Making (11009) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Note:

- From Semester 1 2018 unit 5617 Accounting for Managers is no longer offered. Students complete unit 11009 Business Decision Making instead.

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

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

Part D - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Introduction to Marketing (6357) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Foundations of Marketing (9521) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Note:

- From Semester 1 2018 students not completing the major in Marketing, Marketing Management or Business Administration, may choose to complete an Open Elective unit in lieu of 6357 Intro to Marketing.

Note:

- Commerce students seeking accreditation by professional Accounting bodies or the Financial Planning Assoc must pass Intro to Economics & (Accounting for Managers or Business Decision Making).

Restricted Choice - 6 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Violence, the Nation-State and Terrorism (6603) | 3 credit points — Level 3

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

The Challenge of Modern Terrorism (8724) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues \(6878\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Note:

- Or an Open Elective from anywhere in the University.

Open Electives - 6 credit points as follows

- 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 6 credit points from anywhere in the University.

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

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2015)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Accounting for Managers \(5617\)](#)

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

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

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

Semester 2

[Introduction to Management \(4207\)](#)

[Introduction to Marketing \(6357\)](#)

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

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

Year 2

Semester 1

[Introduction to Business Law \(4977\)](#)

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

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

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

[Leadership, Innovation and Change \(7075\)](#)

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

[Services Marketing \(6366\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Entrepreneurship \(6349\)](#)

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

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

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

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

[Organisational Behaviour \(7878\)](#)

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Business Ethics \(6397\)](#)

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

[Managing Human Resources \(6354\)](#)

Semester 2

[Strategic Management \(7371\)](#)

MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit

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Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (2016)

Year 1

Semester 1

Accounting for Managers (5617)

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Semester 2

Business Research Methods (9522)

Introduction to Management (4207)

Introduction to Marketing (6357)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Year 2**Semester 1**

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Introduction to Business Law (4977)

Restricted Choice Unit

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

International Relations (8295)

Leadership, Innovation and Change (7075)

National Security (8246)

Services Marketing (6366)

Year 3**Semester 1**

Entrepreneurship (6349)

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Organisational Behaviour (7878)

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Business Ethics \(6397\)](#)

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

[Managing Human Resources \(6354\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Strategic Management \(7371\)](#)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (MGT) Restricted Choice Unit

Two Open Elective Units

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
To provide an in-depth understanding of politics and international relations paying attention to both the historical and contemporary context.	<p>Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with the complex issues relating to politics and international relations. 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>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>Provide an advanced understanding of the disciplinary perspectives of politics and international relations.</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>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>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 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>
<p>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</p>	<p>Students will develop information literacy and numeracy as they develop basic competency in a range of politics and international relations research methods.</p>

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 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 Business Administration \(MJ0135\)](#)
- [Minor in Business Foundation \(MN0145\)](#)
- [Major in Politics and International Relations \(Restricted\) \(MJ0189\)](#)
- [Minor in Business and Government Foundation \(MN0144\)](#)

Awards

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

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

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
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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.