

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Laws (149JA.4)

Please note these are the 2018 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	
Location	UC Canberra - Bruce Campus
Duration	5.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society Canberra Law School
UAC code	361509
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS or equivalent of 6.5, with no band score below 6.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

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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Discipline	<p>Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society</p> <p>Canberra Law School</p>
CRICOS code	071081F
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About this course

Enforce your legal aspirations on a global level

Exercise your right to a rewarding career in strategic analysis, trade relations, the legal sector or working for an international aid organization with this Double Degree, where you'll learn about the workings of global political institutions and explore the complex field of 'relations between nations'.

You'll explore topics including governance, foreign policy, national security and the implications of post-globalisation, and negotiate a range of research methods and analytical techniques.

Secure your fully accredited Law degree (yep, you'll be admitted to practice law in Australia), and through research-led educational methods and legal problem-solving instruction, intrinsically develop your advocacy abilities.

Like to hit the ground running? Through its linkages to law firms, governments and overseas universities, the UC also offers invaluable internships and a range of globally located study programs that will have you dusting off that must-use passport in no time.

Combine a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations / Bachelor of Laws and you will:

- gain an advanced understanding of the disciplinary perspectives of politics and international relations
- understand political institutions and processes and how they operate, including at the national level and international levels
- develop competence in a range of research methods and analytical techniques
- gain a broad theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law, suitable for entering the legal profession or undertaking other careers involving legal work
- be able to present ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries
- be able to work independently, problem solve and analyse and evaluate information in a systematic, creative and insightful way
- use your professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.

Work-integrated learning

In this course, you can undertake a workplace internship as part of the Faculty of Business, Government and Law's commitment to supporting work-integrated learning, which will enhance your employability and ensure you're armed with the right mix of skills and knowledge to take a super-confident leap into your future career.

Career opportunities

Opportunities exist for Bachelor of Politics and International Relations / Bachelor of Laws graduates in a range of job sectors, including in:

- The Legal Profession
- Diplomacy
- Strategic Analysis
- Trade Relations
- International Aid Organisations
- Non-Government Organisations.

Course specific information

Applicants must meet normal university requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree course.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Laws is recognised by the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and the State of New South Wales. Through mutual recognition, UC's degree may serve as the basis for admission in all Australian jurisdictions.

Through a program offered in conjunction with the College of Law, students may (in their final year of the Bachelor of Laws at UC) begin their Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice course that qualifies for them for admission. Arrangements exist for students to articulate into

programs leading to admission in the UK and the United States.

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 Laws (149JA) | 120 credit points

Required - 84 credit points as follows

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Politics and International Relations - 39 credit points as follows

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 9 credit points as follows

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

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

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

Restricted Choice - 15 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

Feminist Politics (9559) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

International Relations (9550) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

Ethics and Public Policy (9555) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Part D - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

Asia-Pacific Politics (9565) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Part E - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Contemporary Regional Politics in a Global Context (10237) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Required Units - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Research Methods in Social Science (10086) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Law - 45 credit points as follows

Major in Legal Practice (Restricted) (MJ0083) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Administrative Law (7018) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Equity Law (7029) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Evidence Law (7030) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (7043) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Legal Theory (7046) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Litigation and Dispute Processing (7047) | 3 credit points — Level 4
Property Law (7050) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (7019) | 3 credit points — Level 4
Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours) (8358) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Major in Law Foundation (MJ0082) | 21 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Contract Law (6594) | 3 credit points — Level 1
Legal Methods and Skills (6601) | 3 credit points — Level 1
Legal Systems (6602) | 3 credit points — Level 1
Constitutional Law (7022) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Corporations Law (7024) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Criminal Law and Procedure (7025) | 3 credit points — Level 3
Law of Obligations (7042) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Restricted Choice - 36 credit points as follows

Politics and International Relations - 9 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

- From Semester 1 2018 students should complete an Open Elective unit in lieu of 6606 Government-Business Relations

Note:

- Or an Open Elective unit

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012) | 3 credit points — Level 1

- From 2018 students should complete unit 11012 Professional Orientation (Government & Policy) in lieu of unit 9799 Foundations of Professional Planning.

Part C - 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

Law - Must pass 27 credit points from the following

Law Electives (LAWELECTS) | credit points

Restricted Choice - May select from

Competition and Consumer Law (6593) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Cybercrime (7026) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Employment Discrimination and the Law (7027) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Family Law (7031) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Human Rights Law (7033) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Intellectual Property Law (7035) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Introduction to Taxation Law (7037) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Legal Research Project (7045) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Public Companies Law (7051) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Student Law Internship (7053) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Client Advocacy and Communication Skills (7570) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Building and Construction Law (7827) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Current Legal Issues (7870) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Employment Law (7906) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Environmental and Planning Law (7907) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Therapeutic Jurisprudence (7917) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Mental Health and the Law (8055) | 3 credit points — Level 2

International Law (8062) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Indigenous Australians and the Law (8245) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Justice Policy and Community Engagement (8359) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Young People and Crime (8507) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Women and the Law (8523) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Canberra Law Review (8672) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Comparative Law (8673) | 3 credit points — Level 3

International Commercial Arbitration (8683) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Mooting (8685) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Law in Action Project (8749) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Legal Advice Clinic (8892) | 3 credit points — Level 4

International Sale of Goods Law (8894) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Criminology (9177) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Privacy, Confidentiality and Access Law (9275) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law (9422) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Sentencing and Corrections (9803) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Law Honours (6cp) (9804) | 6 credit points — Level 4

Health and Biotechnology Law (9997) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Note:

- Honours: Eligible students will enrol in 9804 Law Honours (6cp) in place of two Law Electives in their last year.
- Unit Availability: In any semester and year only a selection of these units are available.

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

Year 1

Semester 1

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

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

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

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

Semester 2

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

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

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

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

Year 2

Semester 1

[Constitutional Law \(7022\)](#)

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

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

Semester 2

[Contract Law \(6594\)](#)

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

[Law of Obligations \(7042\)](#)

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[MJ0189 Unit](#)

[MJ0189 Restrictred Choice Unit](#)

[Corporations Law \(7024\)](#)

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

[Restricted Choice Unit](#)

[MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit](#)

[Contemporary Regional Politics in a Global Context \(10237\)](#)

Semester 2

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

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

[Property Law \(7050\)](#)

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

Year 4

Semester 1

[Criminal Law and Procedure \(7025\)](#)

[Equity Law \(7029\)](#)

Two Law Electives

Semester 2

[Administrative Law \(7018\)](#)

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358 Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

[Evidence Law \(7030\)](#)

[Legal Theory \(7046\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Law Elective

[Litigation and Dispute Processing \(7047\)](#)

Semester 2

Law Elective

[Lawyers and Professional Responsibility \(7043\)](#)

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (from 2018)

Year 1

Semester 1

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Introduction to International Business (6356)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Year 2

Semester 1

Constitutional Law (7022)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Open Elective

Semester 2

Contract Law (6594)

International Relations (8295)

Law of Obligations (7042)

National Security (8246)

Year 3

Semester 1

Law Elective

Contemporary Regional Politics in a Global Context (10237)

Corporations Law (7024)

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Semester 2

Global Challenges in Governance (7533)

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Property Law (7050)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Criminal Law and Procedure \(7025\)](#)

Two Law Electives

[Equity Law \(7029\)](#)

Semester 2

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358 Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

[Administrative Law \(7018\)](#)

[Evidence Law \(7030\)](#)

[Legal Theory \(7046\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

Law Elective

[Litigation and Dispute Processing \(7047\)](#)

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Semester 2

Law Elective

[Lawyers and Professional Responsibility \(7043\)](#)

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Course information

Course duration

Standard ten semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty-four semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
On successful completion of the degree graduates will possess the knowledge to be managers within the building and construction industry, including being able to:	The listed Course Objectives cover all of the following Generic Skills:
Understand the basic principles of and issues associated with:	1. Communication

- Building technology
- Accounting
- Economics
- Management
- Marketing
- Information systems
- Business statistics
- Business law, and
- Business finance.

Graduates will be able to:

- a. express knowledge, ideas and opinions in their professional field, both orally and in written form, with confidence and clarity;
- b. present arguments and ideas effectively;
- c. actively listen and respond to the ideas of other people;
- d. negotiate effectively; and
- e. create and present new ideas.

2. Information Literacy and Numeracy

Graduates will be able to locate, identify, collate, analyse, manipulate, evaluate, interpret and present information and numerical data.

3. Information and Communication Technology

Graduates will be able to select and use appropriate information and communication technology to retrieve, manipulate and present information.

4. Problem Solving

Graduates will be able to:

- a. identify problems and analyse the main features of problems relevant to their professional field;
- b. apply appropriate problem solving processes, arguments, critical and creative thinking;
- c. implement and evaluate strategies for the resolution of problems;
- d. anticipate and define new problems; and
- e. identify and resolve new problems in new fields.

5. Working with Others

Graduates will be able to:

- a. work with others as part of a group;
- b. take responsibility for carrying out agreed tasks;
- c. be aware of the different roles and responsibilities of group members;
- d. evaluate group performance;
- e. take initiative and demonstrate leadership; and
- f. respect the rights of others irrespective of their cultural background, race or gender.

6. Effective Workplace Skills

Graduates will:

- a. demonstrate entrepreneurial skills including creativity, initiative, adaptability, leadership, resourcefulness;
- b. have the ability to initiate new ideas, implement decisions and cope with uncertainty; and
- c. be able to function in a multi-cultural or global environment.

7. Professional Ethics

Graduates will:

- a. act responsibly, ethically and with integrity in the context of their profession and their obligations to society; and
- b. appreciate the social and cultural context of their profession.

8. Social Responsibility

Graduates will:

- a. work toward improvement in society;
- b. understand economic, political, social, and environmental systems with an international perspective;
- c. act in environmentally sustainable ways; and
- d. accept service to the community as the primary purpose for professional life.

9. Lifelong Learning

Graduates will:

- a. be independent self-directed learners with the capacity and motivation for lifelong learning;
- b. be aware of how they best learn;
- c. possess self-knowledge and the ability to assess their own performance critically and accurately; and
- d. have an understanding of how to apply their knowledge and abilities to many different contexts and fields.

10. Personal Attributes

Graduates will:

- a. be independent thinkers and agents for change;
- b. have confidence to challenge existing ideas;
- c. show commitment to ongoing self-development;
- d. value and respect differing views;
- e. be confident in themselves and their own skills and knowledge.

<p>Apply structural principles in understanding structural behaviours of building structures</p> <p>Recognise and understand the behaviours of various types of materials used in building construction</p> <p>Access and interpret relevant building codes</p> <p>Identify necessary building services</p> <p>Apply site surveys and set out procedures to building and construction projects</p> <p>Prepare a design brief and working documents for construction works including safety plans</p> <p>Prepare planning and building applications</p> <p>Price builder's preliminaries and overheads.</p>	As above
<p>Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction drawing and specification - The purpose of measurement and estimating - Quantification, enumeration and measurement concepts and principles - Standard phraseology of building trades and elements - Measurement styles and techniques - Core estimating principles. 	As above.
<p>Understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the nature and sources of the law generally, and specifically the law relating to building and Construction, as well as its administration and interpretation - the frameworks within which building law operates at the Local, State, National and International levels - standard industry contracts and their functions - the operation of building law and the legal rights and obligations of the players in the building and construction industries. 	As above.
<p>Collect and analyse a variety of project information (contracts, drawings etc) used in the development of building projects to determine resources and tasks required to complete a project</p> <p>Prepare a comprehensive project plan describing the totality of a building project</p> <p>Use technology in the management of building projects</p> <p>Work with others in a team environment</p> <p>Comprehend the management of the diverse threads of a complex</p>	As above.

building project Understand the obligations, rights and responsibilities of the contracting parties Successfully deliver a building construction contract within the time, cost and quality dimension Understand the principles of sustainability as applied to the construction industry.	
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Majors

- [Major in Politics and International Relations \(Restricted\) \(MJ0189\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Minor in International Politics Foundation \(MN0147\)](#)

Awards

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

Honours

Refer to individual courses. (i) To be eligible to undertake studies at honours level, a student must achieve at least a credit average in all law units undertaken at the University of Canberra, this being determined by averaging their scores in all eligible subjects. Eligible Units: Eligible Units are those which count towards the Entry GPA and Honours GPA. Eligible Units are: - Any Law unit done which counts towards your LLB (i.e., not the subjects going only towards the non-law degree if you are enrolled in a double degree. If you are enrolled in a straight LLB, your open electives are not counted). - This includes Units for which you receive Advanced Standing, whether done at UC or elsewhere. - Where you have done extra subjects which may count, e.g. more than the required amount of law electives, your best results will be counted. (ii) Law Honours has 12 credit points of research-related units. These are made up of: - Legal Methods and Skills (3cp) - Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours) (3cp) - Law Honours (6cp) (iii) The degree of Bachelor of Laws may be awarded with first or second class honours. Following submission of an Honours thesis as part of the unit Law Honours, students must show a Good performance by receiving a minimum of a Credit in the 6 credit point restricted choice unit Law Honours. Calculating the final class of honours: Law degrees with Honours are awarded in the following classes depending on - the Honours GPA obtained and the standard of the Honours Thesis. First Class: Showing an exceptional performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 6 and a mark of 80 and above in the honours component of your assessment Second Class - Division I: Showing a Very Good performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 5.5 and a mark of 73 and above in the honours component of your assessment Second Class - Division II: Showing a Good performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 5 and a mark of 65 and above in the Honours component of your assessment Calculating the Honours GPA GPAs are calculated by using the University's system. The Unit Law Honours will be weighted as 30% for

the purposes of calculating the Honours GPA. Units used in the Honours GPA are as described in Eligible units above for entry to the Honours component of the course. Note that marks are not automatically rounded up for purposes of Honours. Thus 4.99 does not become 5.00. Where your final mark is within two marks of the next level of honours, or of achieving honours at all (e.g. a 4.8 is rounded up to 5.0), you can apply in writing to have your honours result upgraded. This will be determined by the Law Program Manager and the Law Honours Unit Convener, taking into account your academic record and any mitigating circumstances which may have affected your academic performance.

Enquiries

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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.