

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Communication in Journalism (236JA.1)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	School of Arts and Communications 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	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	School of Arts and Communications Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
CRICOS code	077612B
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

The Bachelor of Journalism prepares students to be adaptable, reflective and skilled practitioners in a rapidly changing media environment. The degree reflects changing industry practices by integrating the teaching of journalism skills in print, video, audio and online formats. We offer reflective training in investigation, specialist forms of journalism, long form journalism and emerging digital techniques. Students will learn how to be adaptable practitioners in an industry which is undergoing rapid change. Students have access to industry-standard broadcast and online facilities to produce and present their work. Staff bring a broad range of experience to their teaching - from newsroom journalism to more specialist forms of practice - and teaching is informed by cutting-edge research. Students produce news and current affairs stories in print, radio and TV disciplines for publication on the student journalism website. The degree examines the role of journalists in the broader media context, and through journalism and communication theory, develops the ability of students to think critically, analytically and ethically. It integrates theory and practice so that graduates are informed practitioners who understand the broader context of their work. The Bachelor of Politics & International Relations provides students with an in-depth understanding of the exciting discipline of politics and international relations. Students will learn about the workings of political institutions in countries around the world and explore the complex field of relations between nations.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Normal UC admission requirements 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 Communication in Journalism (236JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 93 credit points as follows

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Journalism - 48 credit points as follows

Major in Journalism (MJ0217) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

[Introduction to Journalism \(5565\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Audio Journalism \(9019\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Newsroom \(9028\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Video Journalism \(9036\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Long Form and Investigative Journalism \(9309\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Reporting (5572) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Mobile Reporting (9923) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Major in Communication Studies (MJ0216) | 18 credit points

Restricted Choice - Must pass 18 credit points from the following

Communication and Media Research (7003) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Risk, Crisis and Communication (7545) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Journalism and Political Process (8127) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Communication Technologies and Change (8131) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Communication Evolution (9020) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Digital Media Literacy (9022) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Communication (9023) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Democracy and the Public Sphere (9310) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Law of Communication (9424) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Required Units - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Editing Sound and Image (8120) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Journalism Project (9035) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Journalism and Society (9303) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Communication Internship (9490) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Politics and International Relations - 45 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 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

Required Units - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

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

Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

- From Semester 1, 2015 9799 Foundations of Professional Planning replaces 9437 Foundations of Research & Creative Inquiry.

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

Foundations of Research and Creative Inquiry (9437) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

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

[Communication Evolution \(9020\)](#)

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

[Introduction to Communication \(9023\)](#)

[Introduction to Journalism \(5565\)](#)

Semester 2

[Digital Media Literacy \(9022\)](#)

[Editing Sound and Image \(8120\)](#)

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

[Reporting \(5572\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Audio Journalism \(9019\)](#)

[Communication and Media Research \(7003\)](#)

[Journalism and Society \(9303\)](#)

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

Semester 2

[Journalism and Political Process \(8127\)](#)

[Law of Communication \(9424\)](#)

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

[Video Journalism \(9036\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Long Form and Investigative Journalism \(9309\)](#)

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

Semester 2

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

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

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

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

Year 4

Semester 1

MJ0189 Restricted Choice Unit

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

[Newsroom \(9028\)](#)

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

Semester 2

MJ0189 Two Restricted Choice Units

[Communication Internship \(9490\)](#)

[Journalism Project \(9035\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Provide an advanced understanding of the disciplinary perspectives of politics and international relations.	<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</p>

assess these arguments.

To provide an in-depth understanding of politics and international relations paying attention to both the historical and contemporary context.

Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with the complex issues relating to politics and international relations.

1. Produce a range of content to media industry standards.
2. Demonstrate production and presentation techniques in broadcast, print and online environments to industry standard.
3. Demonstrate an ability to apply the journalistic and communication theories which underpin journalism practice.
4. Develop analytical and critical thinking skills, and apply them to journalistic practice.
5. An understanding of the theoretical principles of communication in society.
6. Understand and apply media research methods.
7. Understanding of the role of the media in society and the impact of journalism on public debate. In particular, understand the rapid changes currently occurring in media industries.
8. Understand and apply the legal and ethical principles of contemporary journalism.
9. Experience in a professional journalism or media environment through a compulsory internship.
10. Develop generic communication and personal presentation skills to equip graduates for success in professional life.

1. Communication

The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries

2. Analysis and inquiry

The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way

3. Problem solving

The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions

4. Working independently and with others

The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively

5. Professionalism and social responsibility

The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment

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

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

in professional life including critical thinking and professional ethics.

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.

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.

Students will develop analytical and critical capacities as they engage with the complex issues relating to politics and international relations.

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.

Students will engage with complex ethical and political questions, strategic thinking, and problem solving as they study processes in politics and international relations.

Students will learn to express knowledge, ideas and opinions in politics and international relations, both orally and in written form with confidence and clarity.

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

Majors

- [Major in Politics and International Relations \(Restricted\) \(MJ0189\)](#)
- [Minor in International Politics Foundation \(MN0147\)](#)
- [Major in Journalism \(MJ0217\)](#)
- [Major in Communication Studies \(MJ0216\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Politics and International Relations	B Politics&IntlRel
Bachelor of Communication in Journalism	BComm Jnl

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person Faculty of Business, Government and Law student support area (Building 11, Level B, Room 27 - Reception counter) or Email BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au
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