

Bachelor of Political Studies (online) (287JA.2)

Please note these are the 2016 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	60
	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	
Location	UC Canberra - Bruce Campus
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
UAC code	361519
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 .
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About this course

Expand your mind with a degree in political science

Do you want a better understanding of political science but your busy lifestyle makes it hard to attend university in person? Our Bachelor of Political Studies (online) is the answer. Our degree is designed to cultivate your ability to think critically about political systems, processes, and institutions and the related subjects of political power, citizenship, and governance. As a political scientist you will work to understand and influence the outcomes of political processes, apply political theory to governance, and engage in the public arena, and all at your own pace.

Study a Bachelor of Political Studies (online) at UC and you will:

- gain a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge in politics and political analysis
- acquire in-depth knowledge in one or more disciplines such as international politics, American or Australian politics
- develop cognitive, technical and communication skills
- evaluate political situations that helps you develop and implement policies
- generate and communicate solutions to often unpredictable and complex political problems
- customise your study program by incorporating units from our other online programs, or by mixing online self-paced study with study at one of our campus locations.

Career opportunities

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

Course specific opportunities

If you are looking for a shorter course of study you can exit this degree with a Diploma of Political Studies (1 year) or an Associate Degree of Political Studies (2 years).

Course Patterns

As the course is self-paced it is not taught in standard semesters. Students can start and complete units at any time (subject to prerequisites). All students must complete Introduction to University Study prior to commencement of any other units.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Normal UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

None.

Assumed knowledge

None.

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 Political Studies (online) (287JA) | 72 credit points

Typical Study Pattern: As the course is self-paced it is not taught in standard semesters. Students can [Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#) start and complete units at any time (subject to prerequisites).

Required - 30 credit points as follows

Major in Political Science (MJ0251) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Comparative Politics \(9551\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 2

[Contemporary Political Thought \(9554\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 3

[Global Justice \(9556\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 3

[Research Methods in Social Science \(10086\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Restricted Choice - 12 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

[Introduction to Western Political Thought \(9549\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 2

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 Sector Management \(7083\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 2

[Public Administration \(9552\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Part D - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

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

[Ethics and Public Policy \(9555\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 3

- Note: All students must complete '9514 Introduction to University Study' prior to commencing any other units.

Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Introduction to University Study \(9514\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 1

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

- Alternative Modes: The University offers other units in online mode in other teaching periods, or students may wish to attend classes on campus.

- Elective Options: Students may wish to select electives from the Restricted Choice list above, or from other self-paced

online courses.

- 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 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or individual units.

Restricted Choice - 18 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

[Introduction to Politics \(9548\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Part B - Must pass 15 credit points from the following

[Identity Politics and Public Policy \(7072\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

[Feminist Politics \(9559\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[International Organisations \(9561\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[International Political Economy \(9562\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[International Law \(9563\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Mideast Politics \(9564\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Asia-Pacific Politics \(9565\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[European Politics \(9566\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Latin American and Caribbean Politics \(9567\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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 Online Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

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

[Introduction to Politics \(9548\)](#)

[Introduction to University Study \(9514\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[International Relations \(9550\)](#)

[Introduction to Western Political Thought \(9549\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Comparative Politics \(9551\)](#)

[Public Administration \(9552\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Contemporary Political Thought \(9554\)](#)

[Ethics and Public Policy \(9555\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Global Justice \(9556\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Online Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

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

[Introduction to Politics \(9548\)](#)

[Introduction to University Study \(9514\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[International Relations \(9550\)](#)

[Introduction to Western Political Thought \(9549\)](#)

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

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Comparative Politics \(9551\)](#)

[Public Administration \(9552\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Contemporary Political Thought \(9554\)](#)

[Ethics and Public Policy \(9555\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Global Justice \(9556\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Year 4

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

Course information

Course duration

This course is studied at the student's own pace and is equivalent to three years full-time study. Maximum duration is equivalent to ten years full-time study.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Graduates will have broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge in politics and political analysis.	Analysis and inquiry Problem solving
Graduates will have broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge in politics and political analysis with more in depth knowledge in one or more disciplines such as international politics, American politics or Australian politics	Analysis and inquiry Problem solving
This course will develop cognitive, technical and communication skills so graduates will be able to analyse and evaluate political situations to complete activities to support the development and implementation of policies. They will be able to generate and communicate solutions to unpredictable and complex problems related to political factors	Communication Analysis and inquiry Problem solving
Graduates will apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement and responsibility. Students will gain strong self-directed learning abilities through the online delivery, within the parameters of political theories and practices.	Professional and Social responsibility Working independently and with others
Associate Degree in Political Studies Graduates will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills in the current political landscape and the history that has led to today, as well as the foundations to further their education in the field of political studies.	Analysis and inquiry Problem solving
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This course will develop cognitive, technical and communication skills so graduates will be able to analyse political situations to complete activities to support the development and implementation of policies. They will be able to generate and communicate solutions to unpredictable and complex problems related	Communication Analysis and inquiry

to political factors	Problem solving
<p>Graduates will apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, judgement and responsibility.</p> <p>Students will gain strong self-directed learning abilities through the online delivery, within the parameters of political theories and practices.</p>	<p>Professional and</p> <p>Social responsibility</p> <p>Working independently and with others</p>
Diploma of Political Studies	Analysis and inquiry
<p>Graduates will have specialised knowledge and skills in the current political landscape and the history that has led to today, as well as the foundations to further their education in the field of political studies.</p>	Problem solving
<p>Graduates will have theoretical and technical knowledge in politics and political analysis.</p>	<p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem solving</p>
<p>This course will develop cognitive, technical and communication skills so graduates will be able to analyse political situations to complete activities to support the development and implementation of policies.</p> <p>They will be able to generate and communicate solutions to complex problems related to political factors.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>Problem solving</p>
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Majors

- [Major in Political Science \(MJ0251\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
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Bachelor of Political Studies	B PoliticalStud
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Honours

High performing students may be eligible for entry into the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course delivered on-campus in Canberra.

Alternative exits

Students may exit the course with an Associate Degree in Political Studies on completion of 48cp of units from this course, or a Diploma of Political Studies on completion of 24cp of units from this course.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person: Faculty of Business, Government & Law student support area (Building 11, Level B, Room 27 -- Reception counter Email: BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au
Prospective Domestic Students	Email: study@canberra.edu.au Ph: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email: international@canberra.edu.au, Tel: +61 2 6201 5342

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