

Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Economic Policy) (SCB301.1)

Please note these are the 2022 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	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
UAC code	361522
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>
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
CRICOS code	097664B
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

Explore the world's key social and economic challenges

The Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Economic Policy) will help you explore the most important and complex social, business and government policy issues; matters made all the more poignant when analysed from a unique location at the heart of the country's socio-economic policy making in Canberra. The degree provides major grounding in economics and sociology, but offers flexibility in terms of subject areas explored, meaning you can study disciplines such as political science and international relations, as well as law, justice studies, business, commerce or management.

The course focuses on developing intuition and critical thinking, and aims at producing well-rounded graduates with strong analytical and problem-solving skills. You'll become equipped with quantitative, research and policy-relevant tools that have a direct use in the market place and are valued by prospective employers. By the end of the course, you'll have developed a confident understanding of real-world policy issues and their economic solutions, and will be prepared for either further study in the form of a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours), or a career in the corporate or regulatory sectors, and beyond.

Study a Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Economic Policy) at UC

and you will:

- analyse the complexities of contemporary times through identifying central economic problems and developing corresponding solutions
- consider and evaluate a range of economic theories and apply them to contemporary problems and scenarios in order to develop and suggest policy responses
- explain and critique the popular explanations of economic life through the application of rigorous and systematic methods of enquiry that assess resource allocation
- recognise, analyse and evaluate the relationships between the scarcity of resources, the nature of values, and the design of social and economic policy in local and global contexts.

Work Integrated Learning

The structure and content of this degree has been informed by the needs of employers and industry specialists, making it relevant to successful employment and career outcomes. It includes Work Integrated Learning (WIL) opportunities in the form of internships, professional practice units, capstone projects, networking and Study Abroad opportunities. The School of Politics, Economics and Society (SchoPES) employs renown economics and sociology scholars so you'll have opportunities to become involved in high-profile socio-economic research if you're keen to explore a research-led route.

Given the broad employment prospects associated with the degree, student WIL placements can occur across a range of fields, including with state and federal government departments, regulatory agencies, not-for-profit and community organisations, consulting firms, peak body associations and the private sector.

Career opportunities

- Research fellow
- Regulatory analyst
- Policy adviser
- Economic analyst
- Economic forecaster
- Labour market economist
- Business development manager
- Business analyst
- Public policy consultant
- Financial analyst
- Economic consultant
- Market analyst

Course-specific information

A clear pathway exists between this course and the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/alternative-entry>

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

Canberra Institute Of Technology

[Diploma of Government \(PSP50122\) \(30487\)](#)

Other Australian Tafe

[Any Australian Diploma \(AQF5\) \(25290\)](#)

Overseas Institution

Any Overseas Qualification equivalent to AQF5 (25310)

Qingdao University Of Science & Technology

Undergraduate International Economy & Trade Course (23133)

University Of Canberra College

Diploma of Business (27934)

Xiangtan University

Undergraduate - Economics Program (25754)

Course requirements

Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Economic Policy) (SCB301) | 72 credit points

Required - 48 credit points as follows

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

Core Major in Government and Policy (CM0008) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

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

Introduction to Economics (11175) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Introduction to Public Policy (11378) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

International Business Study Tour (9628) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Business, Government & Law Extended Internship (10158) | 6 credit points — Level 3

Business, Government & Law Professional Internship (10236) | 12 credit points — Level 3

BGL Internship (Commerce) (11166) | 3 credit points — Level 3

BGL Internship (Business and Management) (11167) | 3 credit points — Level 3

BGL Internship (Government and Policy) (11168) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Organisational Communications, Culture and Change (11169) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Business Communication (11170) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Social Enterprise (11379) | 3 credit points — Level 2

[BGL Research Internship \(11571\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Note:

- Credit Points: Students who want to do more than 6 credit points from this list may count them towards Open Electives.
- International Exchange: Students may also choose to undertake units at an international institution, subject to approval by the Program Director.

Specialist Major in Economic Policy (SM0034) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Economic Development \(11209\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Industries and Markets \(11225\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Managing the Economy \(11226\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Behavioural Science \(11240\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

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

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

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(11235\)](#)

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Government and Policy\) \(11012\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to Public Policy \(11378\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Behavioural Science \(11240\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Industries and Markets \(11225\)](#)

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Economic Development \(11209\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Managing the Economy \(11226\)](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Government and Policy\) \(11237\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing with 24cps Unspecified Credit

Year 1

Semester 1

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(11235\)](#)

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Government and Policy\) \(11012\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to Public Policy \(11378\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Behavioural Science \(11240\)](#)

[Economic Development \(11209\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Industries and Markets \(11225\)](#)

[Managing the Economy \(11226\)](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Government and Policy\) \(11237\)](#)

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\)](#)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Introduction to Public Policy \(11378\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Government and Policy\) \(11012\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(11235\)](#)

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Industries and Markets \(11225\)](#)

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

[Behavioural Science \(11240\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Managing the Economy \(11226\)](#)

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Economic Development \(11209\)](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Government and Policy\) \(11237\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing with 24cps Unspecified Credit

Year 1

Semester 2

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Introduction to Public Policy \(11378\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Year 2

Semester 1

Environmental and Resource Economics (11329)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Introduction to Sociology (11246)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

Industries and Markets (11225)

Money, Employment and Growth (11223)

Public Sector Economics (11224)

Year 3

Semester 1

Behavioural Science (11240)

Economic Development (11209)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

Managing the Economy (11226)

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\)](#)

Year 3**Semester 1**

[Behavioural Science \(11240\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Industries and Markets \(11225\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4**Semester 1**

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 5**Semester 1**

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 6**Semester 1**

[Economic Development \(11209\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Managing the Economy \(11226\)](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Government and Policy\) \(11237\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Government and Policy\) \(11012\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(11235\)](#)

[Introduction to Sociology \(11246\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to Public Policy \(11378\)](#)

[Investigating and Explaining Society \(11236\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Behavioural Science \(11240\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Money, Employment and Growth \(11223\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(11329\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Industries and Markets \(11225\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 5

Semester 1

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Managing the Economy \(11226\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Year 6

Semester 1

[Economic Development \(11209\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Public Sector Economics \(11224\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 7

Semester 1

[Professional Evidence \(Government and Policy\) \(11237\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Course information

Course duration

Standard 3 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 10 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

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Related graduate attributes

<p>Analyse the complexities of contemporary times through identifying central economic problems and develop corresponding solutions.</p>	<p>1.1 UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;</p> <p>1.3 UC graduates are professional: use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;</p> <p>1.5 UC graduates are professional: display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload;</p> <p>1.6 UC graduates are professional: take pride in their professional and personal integrity;</p> <p>2.1 UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession;</p> <p>2.2 UC graduates are global citizens: adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;</p> <p>2.6 UC graduates are global citizens: behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives;</p> <p>3.1 UC graduates are lifelong learners: reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development;</p> <p>3.2 UC graduates are lifelong learners: be self-aware; and</p> <p>3.3 UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
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<p>Explain and critique the popular explanations of economic life through the application of rigorous and systematic methods of enquiry that assess resource allocation.</p>	<p>1.1 UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;</p> <p>1.2 UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively;</p> <p>1.6 UC graduates are professional: take pride in their professional and personal integrity;</p>
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2.5 UC graduates are global citizens: make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives;

3.2 UC graduates are lifelong learners: be self-aware; and

3.4 UC graduates are lifelong learners: evaluate and adopt new technology.

Consider and evaluate a range of economic theory and apply them to contemporary problems and scenarios in order to develop and suggest policies responses to these issues.

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1.3 UC graduates are professional: use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;

1.5 UC graduates are professional: display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload;

1.6 UC graduates are professional: take pride in their professional and personal integrity; and

3.2 UC graduates are lifelong learners: be self-aware.

Recognise, analyse, and evaluate the relationships between the scarcity of resources, the nature of values and the design of social and economic policy in local and global contexts.

1.4 UC graduates are professional: work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict;

1.6 UC graduates are professional: take pride in their professional and personal integrity;

2.1 UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession;

2.2 UC graduates are global citizens: adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;

2.3 UC graduates are global citizens: understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;

2.4 UC graduates are global citizens: communicate effectively

in diverse cultural and social settings;

2.6 UC graduates are global citizens: behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives; and

3.2 UC graduates are lifelong learners: be self-aware.

Majors

- [Specialist Major in Economic Policy \(SM0034\)](#)
- [Core Major in Government and Policy \(CM0008\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Economic Policy)	BSoc&EcPolicy (EcPolicy)

Honours

High performing students may be eligible to enrol in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course.

Enquiries

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

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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.