

Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Sociology)

(SCB302.1)

Please note these are the 2027 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	361523
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	097665A
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 social and economic policy from Canberra's unique viewpoint

If you have a keen social conscience and would like to spend your career investigating society's key challenges, then the Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Sociology) lets you explore how social, economic and political factors help shape human actions in modern society. You'll develop a solid grounding in the social sciences, which will help you gain skills to analyse social and economic issues in the real world. The course will see you investigate social policy reform matters from a distinctive perspective thanks to Canberra's location as the centre of federal and ACT government socio-economic policy design, implementation and evaluation.

The course's flexibility allows for a variety of subject areas and disciplines to be explored, including international relations and political science, as well as business, management, law and commerce. On top of analytical and critical thinking skills, you'll gain experience in research and data analysis, providing you with practical abilities for a contemporary policy and analysis career. Upon graduation, you'll be ready for a range of roles which may include working within the government, private, not-for-profit or community sectors. Or if further learning is your preferred next-step, you'll be well-prepared to engage in study for a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree.

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

will:

- analyse the complexities of contemporary policy environments, identifying key sociological issues and developing corresponding solutions
- evaluate a range of social and cultural theories and apply them to contemporary social problems and scenarios
- critique popular explanations of contemporary social life through the application of rigorous methods of enquiry
- examine the dynamics of power, cultural meanings and social inequities
- 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

- Researcher
- Research fellow
- Policy officer
- Public affairs consultant
- Policy adviser
- Program manager
- Campaign manager
- Youth worker
- Multicultural affairs liaison
- Community project officer
- Electoral officer
- Human rights officer
- Social and political researcher
- Survey and market researcher

Course-specific information

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

Join our Politics webinar

Get the inside scoop on Politics at UC, at an upcoming course information webinar. Connect with faculty staff, chat with a current student and learn how the program can pave the way to a range of rewarding and exciting careers.

Register now

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
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 \(PSP50122\) \(30488\)](#)

Other Australian Tafe

[Any Australian Diploma \(AQF5\) \(25330\)](#)

Overseas Institution

Any Overseas Qualification equivalent to AQF5 (25331)

University Of Canberra College

Diploma of Business (27954)

Xiangtan University

Undergraduate - Economics Program (25755)

Course requirements

Bachelor of Social and Economic Policy (Sociology) (SCB302) | 72 credit points

Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

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

Required - 48 credit points as follows

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 Sociology (SM0035) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

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

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

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

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\) | 3 credit points — Level 3](#)

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\) | 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 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

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

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

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\)](#)

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

Semester 2

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

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

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

One Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

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

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\)](#)

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\)](#)

[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 Sociology (11246)

Politics and Democracy (11239)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Sociology of Technology and Work (11249)

Year 2

Semester 1

Behavioural Science (11240)

Policy in Social Context (11248)

Political and Social Theory (11243)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

Citizens, States and Societies (11247)

Cultural Sociology (11328)

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Year 2

Semester 1

Introduction to Sociology (11246)

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Semester 2

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

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\)](#)

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\)](#)

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

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

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

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\)](#)

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\)](#)

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

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\)](#)

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\)](#)

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

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

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

[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 Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\)](#)

Semester 2

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

One Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

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

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

One Open Elective Unit

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Year 5

Semester 1

One Open Elective Unit

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 6

Semester 1

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\)](#)

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

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

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

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

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

Semester 2

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

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[Politics and Democracy \(11239\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Sociology of Technology and Work \(11249\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

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

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Citizens, States and Societies \(11247\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Year 5

Semester 1

[Political and Social Theory \(11243\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

One Open Elective Unit

Year 6

Semester 1

[Policy in Social Context \(11248\)](#)

Core Major in Government and Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

[Cultural Sociology \(11328\)](#)

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

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Analyse the complexities of the contemporary policy environments, identify key sociological issues, and develop corresponding solutions.	1.1 UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.

Explain and critique the popular explanations of contemporary social life through the application of rigorous and systematic methods of enquiry by examination of the dynamics of power, cultural meanings and social inequities.	2.1 UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession.
Evaluate a range of social and cultural theory and apply them to contemporary social problems and scenarios.	1.2 UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively.
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.	1.5 UC graduates are professional: display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.

Majors

- [Core Major in Government and Policy \(CM0008\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Sociology \(SM0035\)](#)

Awards

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

Honours

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

Enrolment data

2023 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - Canberra, Bruce	38

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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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 bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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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.