

Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation (SCC102.1)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	Online
Location	UC - Canberra, Online
Duration	0.7 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
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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

The Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation is applied, multidisciplinary, contemporary and fully online. It has a strong focus on data analytics, policy analysis, economic modelling, and communicating evidence-based policy effectively. The course is aimed at middle-level managers and professionals in industries that service the community in Canberra and Australia more widely, including the Australian Public Service, local and state governments and not-for-profit sectors aiming to influence government policy. The degree combines key concepts and practices to provide students with extensive knowledge and research skills in collecting, evaluating, and analysing evidence, undertaking modelling, and communicating the results for policy making. This degree is designed to equip policy evaluation specialists with effective and creative research and critical thinking skills to design and conduct policy evaluation activities. The degree is aimed at professionals in both government and non-government organisations providing a practical experience orientated towards career progression or career change. The design of the degree is informed by an Indigenous engagement strategy, central to the fundamental mission of the University of Canberra and includes a complex and critical issues focus relevant to the needs of a changing and dynamic public sector in Australia.

100% Online

Gain the foundation to influence change through public policy with UC's 100% online Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation. Complete in 8 months part-time. Click through to download our course brochure to learn more.

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Admission requirements

A completed bachelors degree or equivalent; or 3 years relevant work experience.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	20 January 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	17 March 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	12 May 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	07 July 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	01 September 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	27 October 2025	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	19 January 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	16 March 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	11 May 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	06 July 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	31 August 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	26 October 2026	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	18 January 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	15 March 2027	✓	✓

2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	10 May 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	05 July 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	30 August 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	25 October 2027	✓	✓

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

Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation (SCC102) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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

[Evidence Based Policy Analysis G \(11792\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Data Analytics and Public Policy G \(11793\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Policy Analysis and Evaluation G \(11794\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Communicating Policy Expertise G \(11795\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

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

Course information

Course duration

The standard duration for this course is 8 months (4 Study Blocks). The maximum duration is 3 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>Analyse and communicate approaches to complex problems including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander challenges while engaging in politically aware evidence-based policy design.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways.</p>
<p>Develop effective communication skills to disseminate policy positions, policy recommendations, policy research and analysis to a range of relevant audiences.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways.</p>

Judiciously apply data analytical and key modelling tools and techniques to inform the policy making process.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Policy Evaluation	GradCert PolicyEval

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 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.