

Bachelor of Business, Government and Policy

(Honours) (SCH001.3)

Please note these are the 2025 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	1.0 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).
	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

A tailored research and training experience

The Faculty of Business, Government and Law (BGL) Executive Honours Degree is a prestigious program open to students from all academic pathways, both within the University of Canberra and from other universities. This program recognises the diverse intersections between business, law, and politics across various disciplines, welcoming individuals eager to deepen their research and advance their careers.

As part of the BGL Executive Honours program, students gain access to an exceptional array of resources and opportunities designed to enhance their academic journey. Each student is guided by two dedicated supervisors and enjoys exclusive 24/7 access to a personal desk space on campus. The program fosters collaboration through a small, supportive cohort of peers and provides expert assistance from the Honours Program Director, who is available to guide you throughout your studies. The program's distinctive thesis-by-publication model offers the opportunity to graduate with published work, establishing you as an emerging scholar.

In addition to academic support, the program provides paid teaching and research opportunities, postgraduate internships, and access to active research projects where students can collaborate with leading experts. Networking opportunities abound, with monthly public events in Canberra that connect you with industry and thought leaders. Tailored career development and academic mentoring through

UC Careers ensure students are well-prepared for their professional futures.

The program is flexible, allowing students to study full-time or part-time and engage with its many offerings to the extent that suits their individual goals. Formal training is integrated into the program through two research methodology units, typically undertaken in the first semester. These units lay the groundwork for your research, complemented by a dynamic process of refining your ideas and academic voice through collaborative feedback with your supervisors and Program Director.

Grounded in the principles of rigorous and well-socialised research, the BGL Executive Honours Degree is designed to empower students to explore their passions, excel in their chosen fields, and make meaningful contributions to academia and beyond. With its unparalleled blend of support, flexibility, and opportunities, this program puts you in control of your Honours journey—your research, your way.

Study BGL Executive Honours at UC and you will:

- Research, plan and write a substantial contribution to knowledge.
- Critically reflect upon and communicate research findings.
- Analyse and evaluate research outcomes.
- Apply relevant cognitive, technical and creative skills.
- Demonstrate independent thinking and the ability to synthesise complex information.

Work Integrated Learning:

This degree offers the opportunity to undertake a postgraduate internship during the Winter Term, typically running from late May to late July. Designed to align with your research interests and career aspirations, the internship is selected collaboratively by you, your supervisors, and the Program Director, with support from UC Careers or through internal opportunities within the Faculty of Business, Government and Law.

For students pursuing a Master's degree or PhD, the internship is intended to foster industry-engaged research, providing valuable insights into applying academic knowledge in practical contexts. For those aiming for careers in the public, private, or third sectors, the internship offers direct, relevant experience to enhance future applications while also offering a deeper understanding of the nature of work in these fields.

The focus of work-integrated learning in this program is to ensure that the internship opportunity, timing, and outcomes are tailored to your individual goals, setting you up for success both during your studies and beyond.

Career Opportunities:

- Higher Degree Researcher Pathway 1: The Professor

In the British university tradition, an Honours degree serves as the primary pathway to a PhD and, ultimately, a career in academia. This pathway typically involves teaching, research, publishing, and contributing to positive societal change.

- Higher Degree Researcher Pathway 2: The R&D Professional

An Honours degree is also a direct entry point into a Master's or PhD by research, with career options that extend beyond academia (though that remains an option for many). Honours graduates often pursue roles in think tanks, research officer positions, and similar roles, including positions with parliamentary bodies.

The executive aspect of the BGL Honours program puts you in control. You're in the driver's seat, with the power to set your direction, craft a strategy, and deliver on your goals with the support of your supervisors, the Program Director, and UC Careers, alongside other university services. Whether your ambition lies in government, private enterprise, or civil society, we're here to collaborate and help you achieve your vision. Our team offers tailored guidance, working with you every step of the way.

Depending on your research focus, an Honours degree with BGL can help you secure your ideal career in:

- Government, from local councils to national agencies (eligibility for citizenship and security clearances may apply to some roles).
- Private Sector, ranging from startups to multinational corporations.
- Third Sector, including roles with local community organisations and global charities.

Professional Accreditation

n/a

Admission requirements

To be admitted to the course, applicants require:

- a) Completion of an undergraduate degree in an area relevant to their proposed program of study ie business, psychology, politics, economics, communication and an overall GPA of 5.5 or equivalent. The bachelor degree should be completed within the last 10 years.
- b) Academic judgement that the student can be expected to achieve an Honours level in the course.

The application process will include a two page proposal outlining the proposed thesis topic, any industry partners, the name and signature of the principal supervisor, background literature, proposed research questions and proposed method.

Additional admission requirements

Students must discuss their proposed research area with a potential supervisor before applying.

Assumed knowledge

Background in the subject of the proposed area of study.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 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

Bachelor of Business, Government and Policy (Honours) (SCH001) | 24 credit points

Required - 21 credit points as follows

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Coursework Units - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

[Research Methods PG \(9505\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

[Reading and Critiquing Literature PG \(10387\) | 6 credit points — Level P](#)

Thesis - Must pass 12 of the following

Full Time Enrolment - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Honours Research Thesis FT H \(11902\) | 12 credit points — Level H](#)

Part Time Enrolment - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Honours Research Thesis PT H \(11903\) | 12 credit points — Level H](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Introduction to Statistics G \(6554\) | 3 credit points — Level G](#)

[Qualitative Research Practice in Health PG \(9583\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce G \(11405\) | 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

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Restricted choice elective

[Reading and Critiquing Literature PG \(10387\)](#)

[Research Methods PG \(9505\)](#)

Semester 2

[Honours Research Thesis FT H \(11902\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Research Methods PG \(9505\)](#)

Restricted choice elective

Semester 2

[Reading and Critiquing Literature PG \(10387\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Honours Research Thesis PT H \(11903\)](#)

Semester 2

[Honours Research Thesis PT H \(11903\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 1 year full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 4 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
1. Research, plan and write a substantial contribution to knowledge in the form of an honours research thesis.	<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; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
2. Demonstrate independent thinking and the ability to synthesise complex information, concepts and issues from a range of different perspectives.	<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; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
5. Critically reflect upon and communicate research findings and	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;</p>

<p>new knowledges in a range of diverse contexts.</p>	<p>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; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
<p>4. Analyse and evaluate research outcomes in both the private and public spheres.</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; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
<p>3. Apply relevant cognitive, technical and creative skills to concepts and policies at both a theoretical and practical level.</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; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p>

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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Business, Government and Policy (Honours)	B BusGovPol (Hons)

Enquiries

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Prospective International Students:	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
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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.