

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/ Bachelor of Laws (SCSC02.1)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	85 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.
English language requirements	There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 6.5, with no band score below 6.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website. View IELTS equivalences
Duration	5.0 years
UAC code	361495
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society Canberra Law School
Location	Bruce, Canberra

Fees 

Per Unit

Per Annum

Full Course

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.

[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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About this course

Get political about your law degree and make the world your oyster

Focusing on the principles, concepts and issues that are shaping Australia's national security and the world and exploration of corporate and commercial law and practical legal problem solving, UC's Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Laws will lay the

foundations for a fascinating career and make you shine.

You'll learn about democratically informed citizenship, contemporary issues in politics and policy, national security, the challenges of modern terrorism and contemporary regional politics in the Asia Pacific and beyond. Imagine being part of discussions about the implications of the neoliberal policy ascendancy in Australia, Brexit, the Trump presidency, war, energy security and marriage equality.

UC's qualified and experienced staff will help you make better sense of the world you live in and recognise how to meet current social and political challenges. You'll also be encouraged to develop your advocacy abilities and legal skills while understanding their connections to the theory and history of law.

Supporting your development as a socially responsible and ethical professional will be UC's small class sizes, state-of-the-art facilities and ties with the National Centre for Corporate Law and National Institute of Governance. You'll also benefit from the relationships the University has forged with law firms, the public sector (a huge employer in Canberra) and non-government organisations (otherwise known as NGOs).

What's more, you will get to apply your talents in the real world with opportunities to complete a law internship and study overseas and be able to fast-track your course during our winter term. The Bachelor of Laws allows for professional accreditation with the Supreme Court of the ACT and New South Wales.

Combine a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations and a Bachelor of Laws at UC and you will:

- gain knowledge of the principles, concepts and issues that are shaping the world, including the challenges of modern terrorism and contemporary regional politics in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond
- be able to apply an in-depth understanding of the historical and current systems of Australian politics and public policy, provide policy advice and develop new policies
- develop high level theoretical and empirical analysis skills and the ability to interpret world events and issues
- be able to choose from a range of electives across disciplines, such as sociology, economics and business
- gain a broad theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law, suitable for entering the legal profession, becoming an advocate, or undertaking related careers
- fine-tune your ability to present ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries
- specialise, through electives, in selected areas of law with an emphasis on commercial law
- be able to apply your knowledge and skills to analyse and solve legal problems, undertake complex legal research tasks and reflect upon ethical issues and make suggestions for law reform.

Career opportunities

The world is your oyster! Diplomat, policy adviser, barrister, solicitor, advocate, or even politician... your career options (and the potential to earn a healthy salary and travel) will be endless with our Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Laws degree. Graduates will have the accredited skills and qualifications required to explore careers in:

- diplomacy, including strategic analysis, trade relations and foreign affairs
- intelligence, including security analysis

- international business and aid
- law firms
- the public sector, including as in-house counsel, in foreign affairs, as policy advisor, legislative drafting and law reform
- politics
- media, communications, public affairs and public relations
- the community sector, such as community legal work and professional advocacy
- private legal practice
- domestic or international business, including consultancy
- management
- education and research.

Professional accreditation

Refer to individual courses.

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>

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2024	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	05 February 2024	✓	✓
2024	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	29 July 2024	✓	✓
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	✓

2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	02 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	27 July 2026	✓	✓

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 Politics and International Relations/ Bachelor of Laws (SCSC02)
| 120 credit points

Required - Must pass 120 credit points as follows

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

Specialist Major in Politics and International Relations (SM0030) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

[Introduction to International Relations \(11238\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

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

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

[Political Leadership \(11241\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[National Security \(11242\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

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

Restricted Choice - 6 credit points as follows

- Select one of the following streams:

National Security Stream - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[The Challenge of Modern Terrorism \(11245\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific \(11250\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

International Politics Stream - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Contemporary Regional Politics in a Global Context \(11244\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Citizens, States and Societies (11247) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Major in Law Foundation (CM0015) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251) | 6 credit points – Level 1

Dispute Management (11252) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Capstone Law and Justice (11254) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (11273) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Constitutional Law (11274) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Legal Theory (11275) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Litigation and Dispute Processing (11276) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Civil Procedure (11783) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Note:

- From 2022 unit 11276 Litigation & Dispute Processing has been replaced by the equivalent unit 11783 Civil Procedure. Students who have already passed 11276 cannot enrol in 11783.

Major in Legal Practice (CM0016) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

Contract Law (11277) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Torts Law (11278) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Criminal Law and Procedure (11279) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Corporations Law (11280) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Property Law (11281) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Administrative Law (11282) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Evidence Law (11284) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Equity Law (11283) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Equity and Trusts Law (11785) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Note:

- From 2022 unit 11283 Equity Law has been replaced by the equivalent unit 11785 Equity and Trusts Law. Students who have passed 11283 cannot enrol in 11785.

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.

Law Electives Major (SM0033) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Work Integrated Learning - Must pass between 3 and 12 credit points from the following

- Law and Justice Internship (11253) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Advocacy and Communication (11258) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Law and Justice Internship Extended (6cp) (11268) | 6 credit points – Level 3
- Advanced Advocacy and Communication (Mooting) (11285) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Legal Advice Clinic (11291) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Negotiation (11319) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Law and Justice Internship Extended (12cp) (11380) | 12 credit points – Level 3
- BGL Research Internship (11571) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass between 12 and 21 credit points from the following

- Workplace Law in Context (11195) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Revenue Law (11221) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Criminal Justice (11256) | 3 credit points – Level 1
- Gender and the Legal System (11259) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Vulnerability and the Law (11260) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Advanced Criminal Justice (11261) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Comparative Law (11262) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Current Issues in Law and Justice (11263) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Environmental and Planning Law (11264) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Family Law (11265) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Human Rights in Context (11266) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- International Law (11267) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Law Reform and Social Change (11269) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Law, Culture and Creativity (11270) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Law, Innovation and Technologies (11271) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Law and Justice Research Project (11272) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Advanced Corporations: Markets and Sustainability (11286) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Building and Construction Law (11287) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Intellectual Property Law (11288) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Law Honours (11289) | 6 credit points – Level 4

Law of Public Governance (11290) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Statutory Interpretation (11292) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Taxation Law (11293) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Advanced Revenue Law (11550) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Law of Financial Services (11573) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Current Issues in Law and Justice B (11782) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Human Rights Law (11784) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Australia and Europe in Global Governance (11892) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- 1. Honours students must select 11272 Law and Justice Research Project and 11289 Law Honours.
- 2. Unit 11293 Taxation Law is no longer offered. Students who completed this unit before Semester 2 2021 may still count it towards their Law electives.
- 3. Unit 11261 Advanced Criminal Justice is no longer offered.
- 4. From 2022 unit 11266 Human Rights in Context has been replaced by the equivalent unit 11784 Human Right Law. Students who have passed 11266 cannot enrol in unit 11784.

Note:

- For students who commenced SCB101 prior to 2022, the previous Category B (Breadth) and Category C (Depth) requirements have been combined.
- Students must complete 24 credit points for the Law Elective major (SM0033). Of these, a minimum of 3 credit points and a maximum of 12 credit points must be from the Work Integrated Learning group.

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

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing, Honours

Year 1

Semester 1

[Foundations of Law and Justice \(11251\)](#)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Contract Law (11277)

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Torts Law (11278)

Year 2

Semester 1

Dispute Management (11252)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (11273)

Political and Social Theory (11243)

Semester 2

Criminal Law and Procedure (11279)

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

Politics and Democracy (11239)

Property Law (11281)

Year 3

Semester 1

Behavioural Science (11240)

Corporations Law (11280)

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

Constitutional Law (11274)

Semester 2

Law Elective

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

Political Leadership (11241)

Year 4

Semester 1

Administrative Law (11282)

National Security (11242)

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Law Elective

Semester 2

Legal Theory (11275)

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Two Law Electives

Year 5

Semester 1

Civil Procedure (11783)

Equity and Trusts Law (11785)

Law and Justice Research Project (11272)

Law Elective

Semester 2

Capstone Law and Justice (11254)

Evidence Law (11284)

Law Honours (11289)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing, Honours

Year 1

Semester 2

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251)

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Year 2

Semester 1

Dispute Management (11252)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (11273)

Semester 2

Contract Law (11277)

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Year 3

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Behavioural Science (11240)

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Two Law Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure (11279)

Year 4

Semester 1

Administrative Law (11282)

National Security (11242)

Law Elective

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Property Law (11281)

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Legal Theory (11275)

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Year 5

Semester 1

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Equity and Trusts Law (11785)

Two Law Electives

Semester 2

Evidence Law (11284)

Law and Justice Research Project (11272)

Political Leadership (11241)

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Year 6

Semester 1

Capstone Law and Justice (11254)

Civil Procedure (11783)

Law Honours (11289)

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Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Contract Law (11277)

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Torts Law (11278)

Year 2

Semester 1

Dispute Management (11252)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (11273)

Political and Social Theory (11243)

Semester 2

Criminal Law and Procedure (11279)

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

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Year 3

Semester 1

Behavioural Science (11240)

Constitutional Law (11274)

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

Corporations Law (11280)

Semester 2

Law Elective

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Year 4

Semester 1

Law Elective

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Administrative Law (11282)

National Security (11242)

Semester 2

Two Law Electives

Legal Theory (11275)

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Year 5

Semester 1

Civil Procedure (11783)

Two Law Electives

Equity and Trusts Law (11785)

Semester 2

Two Law Electives

Capstone Law and Justice (11254)

Evidence Law (11284)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Foundations of Law and Justice (11251)

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Year 2

Semester 1

Dispute Management (11252)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

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Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (11273)

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Year 3

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Behavioural Science (11240)

Constitutional Law (11274)

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Political and Social Theory (11243)

Semester 2

Criminal Law and Procedure (11279)

Politics and Democracy (11239)

Two Law Electives

Year 4

Semester 1

Law Elective

National Security (11242)

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

Administrative Law (11282)

Semester 2

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Government & Policy Core Major Restricted Choice Unit

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Year 5

Semester 1

Equity and Trusts Law (11785)

National Security OR International Politics Stream Unit

Two Law Electives

Semester 2

Evidence Law (11284)

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Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Law Elective

Year 6

Semester 1

Two Law Electives

Capstone Law and Justice (11254)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 5 years full time or equivalent. Maximum 10 years.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Refer to individual courses.	-

Majors

- [Law Electives Major \(SM0033\)](#)
- [Core Major in Government and Policy \(CM0008\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(CM0015\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(CM0016\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Politics and International Relations \(SM0030\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations

B Politics&IntlRel

Honours

Bachelor of Laws

This course has an embedded honours programme which allows high-achieving students to enrol in the unit Honours Law (6cp) in place of two law electives in their final year.

Related courses

- [Bachelor of Laws \(SCB101\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Politics and International Relations \(SCB201\)](#)

Enrolment data

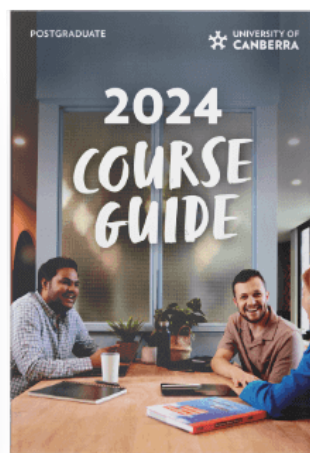
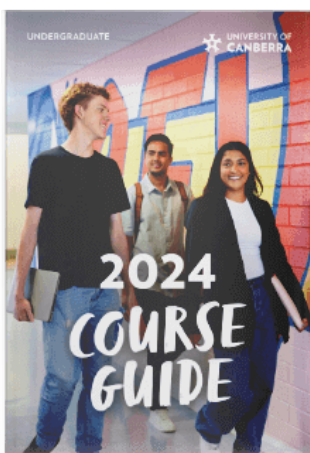
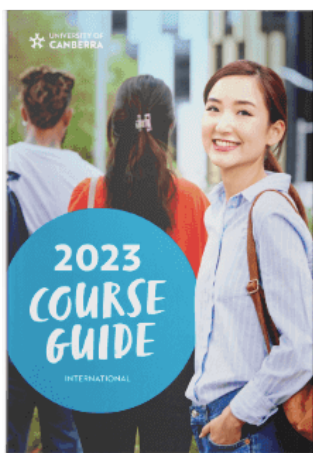
2023 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - Canberra, Bruce	84

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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
Prospective Domestic Students	Email: study@canberra.edu.au or Phone: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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