

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/ Bachelor of Science in Psychology (SCSC03.2)

Please note these are the 2023 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	65 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	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society Discipline of Psychology
UAC code	361497
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	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
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society Discipline of Psychology
CRICOS code	099015G
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

About this course

Open an insightful and intellectually stimulating world of professional possibilities

If you're a deep thinker with your finger on the political pulse and interested in pursuing a career of exploration and change, then this is the course for you. UC's Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Science in Psychology double degree combines the intriguing world of politics and international affairs with the clinical psychological insights to human behaviour of a psychology degree.

You'll develop the knowledge and skills to become a globally engaged and strategic thinker while discovering the scientific psychology theories, research methods and clinical grounding that could help you become a clinical psychologist.

Your psychology studies will be accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and give you a solid grounding in topics like cognition, psychopathology and biological behaviour, and the tools to instigate practical solutions to problems within various social and economic contexts – skills that could also come in handy should you choose to pursue a career in politics and international relations.

Combine a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology 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
- learn to recognise the relationships between political values, political power and public policy and the impact each of these has within the Australian context
- develop high level theoretical and empirical analysis skills and the ability to interpret world events and issues
- acquire an understanding of the scientific basis of the discipline of psychology and understand the research methods used by psychologists
- gain an ability to apply research methods to design and conduct studies, analyse and interpret results and write research reports using APAC conventions
- understand the application of values, research and professional ethics in psychological research and in other professional contexts.

Career opportunities

The world is your oyster! Diplomat, policy adviser, intelligence analyst, psychologist or even politician... your career options (and the potential to earn a healthy salary and travel) will be endless with UC's 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
- the public sector, including policy development
- politics
- the not-for-profit sector
- clinical psychology
- counselling
- private practice
- media, communications, public affairs and public relations
- domestic or international business, including consultancy
- management
- education and research.

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

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (<https://apac.au/>)

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>













Additional admission requirements







For Work Integrated Learning (WIL) in Psychology, students may require a Working with Vulnerable People card.

Assumed knowledge

None.

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

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 Science in Psychology (SCSC03) | 96 credit points

Required - 96 credit points as follows

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

Psychology - 48 credit points as follows

Core Major in Psychology (CM0025) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Industry and Community Engagement \(Health\) \(10120\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Foundations of Psychology \(10444\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Psychology Across the Life-Span \(10445\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Psychology\) \(10446\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences \(11398\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Understanding People and Behaviour \(11399\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Professional Practice \(Health\) 1 \(11401\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Psychology\) \(11474\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Specialist Major in Psychological Science (SM0068) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Experimental Psychology \(7118\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Physiological Psychology \(7120\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Personality and Individual Differences \(7122\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Motivation and Emotion \(7124\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Social Psychology (7125) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Psychopathology (7128) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Learning and Cognition (10447) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Politics and International Relations - 48 credit points as follows

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

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.

- Students in this course do not need to complete unit 11012 Professional Orientation (Government & Policy) and will take an Open Elective unit instead.

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)

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Year 2**Semester 1**

Behavioural Science (11240)

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Political and Social Theory (11243)

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Semester 2

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Politics and Democracy (11239)

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Year 3**Semester 1**

Open Elective unit

Learning and Cognition (10447)

National Security (11242)

Psychopathology (7128)

Semester 2

Motivation and Emotion (7124)

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

Political Leadership (11241)

Core Major in Government & Policy Restricted Choice unit

Year 4

Semester 1

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

Core Major in Government & Policy Restricted Choice unit

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

National Security Stream OR International Politics Stream unit

Semester 2

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)

Social Psychology (7125)

National Security Stream OR International Politics Stream unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Foundations of Psychology (10444)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Investigating and Explaining Society (11236)

Professional Orientation (Psychology) (11474)

Year 2

Semester 1

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Introduction to Politics and Government (11235)

Psychology Across the Life-Span (10445)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Introduction to International Relations (11238)

Introduction to Public Policy (11378)

Physiological Psychology (7120)

Professional Practice (Health) 1 (11401)

Year 3

Semester 1

Behavioural Science (11240)

Experimental Psychology (7118)

Learning and Cognition (10447)

National Security (11242)

Semester 2

Motivation and Emotion (7124)

Personality and Individual Differences (7122)

Politics and Democracy (11239)

Social Psychology (7125)

Year 4

Semester 1

Industry and Community Engagement (Health) (10120)

Political and Social Theory (11243)

Psychopathology (7128)

Core Major in Government & Policy Restricted Choice unit

Semester 2

Core Major in Government & Policy Restricted Choice unit

Political Leadership (11241)

Professional Evidence (Psychology) (10446)

National Security Stream OR International Politics Stream unit

Year 5

Semester 1

Survey Research and Design in Psychology (7126)

Open Elective unit

National Security Stream OR International Politics Stream unit

Professional Evidence (Government and Policy) (11237)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 4 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
See individual courses.	-

Majors

- [Core Major in Government and Policy \(CM0008\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Psychological Science \(SM0068\)](#)
- [Core Major in Psychology \(CM0025\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Politics and International Relations \(SM0030\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Science in Psychology	BSc Psych
Bachelor of Politics and International Relations	B Politics&IntlRel

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Related courses

- [Bachelor of Politics and International Relations \(SCB201\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Science in Psychology \(780AA\)](#)

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.