



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

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*School of Arts & Sciences*

***If you want to pursue a career in politics, become a diplomat or be a part of Government policymaking, The University of Notre Dame Australia's Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Politics and International Relations is your degree. As the world becomes more interconnected and traditional alliances shift and fragment, Australia's political institutions are under more significant pressure. Our degree will teach you about Australia's political history, its decision-making procedures and how we operate on the international stage.***

## **Why study this major?**

Studying Australian politics and international relations is valuable training for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in politics, diplomacy, journalism, and Governmental policymaking. You will cover a wide range of issues you might encounter in your career. This includes exploring terrorism, climate change, the global economy, media and politics and Australia's foreign policy.

This three-year degree is divided into three main streams: Australian Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. While all students acquire a thorough knowledge of Australia's political institutions in the first year, you will have the opportunity to pursue more specialist topics in Years Two and Three, with options including US Foreign Policy, The Middle East, Terrorism and Intelligence and Australian Foreign Policy.

Upon graduation, you will have a sophisticated understanding of Australian politics and the world of international diplomacy. Furthermore, the superior research, analytical, and communication skills you accrued during the program will put you in good stead in the workplace.

Politics & International Relations is available as a Major and Minor in the following programs, including double-degree variations:

- Bachelor of Arts  
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts>)
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science  
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-behavioural->

science)

- Bachelor of Communications and Media  
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-communications-and-media>) (second Major and Minor)
- Bachelor of Science  
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-science>) (Minor only)

## **Program summary**

**The Politics and International Relations Major includes these requirements:**

Students must complete 200 units of credit, as follows:

**Students complete these TWO courses:**

- POLI1000 Introduction to World Politics
- POLI1001 Politics, Democracy and Governance in Australia

**Students complete SIX of these courses:**

- POLI3000 Religion and World Politics
- POLI3001 Cyber-security, Technological Trends and Modern Warfare
- POLI3003 Setting the Agenda: the Media and Politics
- POLI3004 Terrorism and Violent Extremism
- POLI3005 Intelligence and International Security
- POLI3006 Public Policy and Practice: The Business of Government
- POLI3007 Home and Away: Comparing Political Systems
- POLI3008 Politics Internship\* OR SOJS3170 Social

Justice, Service-Learning and Community Engagement

- POLI3009 Australian Foreign Policy
- POLI3012 The Politics and History of Genocide
- POLI3015 Nationalism, Ethnicity and Race
- POLI3021 The History and Politics of Southeast Asia
- POLI3022 The Modern Middle East
- POLI3023 Strategy, Security and Diplomacy
- POLI3024 US Foreign Policy Since 1945
- SOJS3130 Human and Environmental Security
- PHIL3410 Political Philosophy
- PHIL3950 Special Topics in Philosophy and Ethics

**Students may complete other courses on approval of the Dean, and if available:**

- ARTS3010 Experience the World I
- ARTS3030 Experience the World Study Tour (50 units of credit)

\* substitute ARTS3002 Internship or Professional Project

# core-curriculum

## Core Curriculum

- CORE I: Foundations of Wisdom
- CORE II: Elective
  - Electives in philosophy and/or theology
  - Professional embedded electives that integrate studies in a profession with philosophy and/or theology
  - An option to undertake a pilgrimage embedded in

the study of the philosophy and theology of pilgrimage, e.g., World Youth Day

- An option to undertake a course that integrates philosophy & theology with community service and charity work
  - An option to undertake an elective in philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts contained within an international experience
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Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0023/384/of-Arts.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/384/of-Arts.pdf)).

Here you can find full details of the Major, Second Major and Minor requirements

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/219/and-International-Relations.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/219/and-International-Relations.pdf)).

## arts&sciences

More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>) Sydney

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/sydney/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>).

*Please note: The availability of these courses is indicative only and may be subject to change.*

## Entry requirements

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## **Entry requirements WA**

## **Entry requirements NSW**

## **Learning outcomes**

**Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts graduates should be able to;**

1. Demonstrate broad theoretical and practical knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts of one or more disciplines or practice areas
2. Identify appropriate sources and evaluate information
3. Demonstrate an awareness of different conceptual approaches and/or research methods
4. Demonstrate the technical skills, professional skills and ethical practice required by one or more disciplines
5. Synthesise knowledge and apply skills in order to solve complex problems
6. Communicate arguments and/or ideas in a range of forms
7. Work independently and, where appropriate, in collaboration with others
8. Reflect upon personal knowledge, skills and experiences

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors; Many employers will welcome the transferable skills. The following careers are open to graduates of this program: politics, diplomacy, journalism and governmental policy making.

## **Real-world experience**

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

## **Honours**

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\) regulations](#)

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0024/384/of-Arts-Honours.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/384/of-Arts-Honours.pdf)), or by contacting the [School of Arts & Sciences](#) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fremantle/contact-us>).

## **Study abroad**

A global perspective adds a valuable dimension to your university education. At Notre Dame University you can study while experiencing the world. We encourage students to become active global citizens through a range of exchange programs, professional placements, study tours, and volunteer opportunities. Visit [International Opportunities](#)

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students>) to find out more.

## **Fees and costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

## **Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)**

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The [HECS-HELP loan scheme \(https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd\)](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

## **International Full-Fee Paying**

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.



For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

## Student profile data

Tables 1 and 2 below give an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

### Fremantle Student Profile Data

**TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Arts BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE**

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
<b>(A) Higher education study</b> (includes a bridging or enabling course)	17	37%
<b>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</b>	<5	N/P
<b>(C) Work and life experience</b> (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	5	11%
<b>(D) Recent secondary</b>	<5	N/P

<b>education:</b>		
◦ Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)		
◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	<5	N/P
◦ Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <b><i>not</i></b> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)	13	28%
<b>International students</b>	<5	N/P
<b>All students</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Arts ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE**

<b>RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers</b>	<b>ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *</b>	<b>Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]</b>

<b>Highest rank to receive an offer</b>	96.85	96.85
<b>Median rank to receive an offer</b>	74.20	77.20
<b>Lowest rank to receive an offer</b>	64.65	70.00

## Sydney Student Profile Data

**TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Arts BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE**

<b>Applicant background</b>	<b>Semester 1 2022</b>	
	<b>Number of students</b>	<b>Percentage of all students</b>
<b>(A) Higher education study</b> (includes a bridging or enabling course)	7	13%
<b>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</b>	8	15%
<b>(C) Work and life experience</b> (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement, not in the other three categories)	<5	NP
<b>(D) Recent secondary education:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)</li> </ul>	<5	N/P

◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	11	21%
◦ Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <b><i>not</i></b> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)	22	42%
<b>International students</b>	<5	N/P
<b><i>All students</i></b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Arts ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE**

<b>RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers</b>	<b>ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *</b>	<b>Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]</b>
<b>Highest rank to receive an offer</b>	82.85	97.85
<b>Median rank to receive an offer</b>	65.90	75.15
<b>Lowest rank to receive an offer</b>	55.20	69.05

**TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Arts (Honours) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE**

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
<b>(A) Higher education study</b> (includes a bridging or enabling course)	<5	N/P
<b>(D) Recent secondary education:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <b><i>not</i></b> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks &amp; recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)</li> </ul>	<5	N/P
<b>All students</b>	<b>N/P</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Notes:**

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent the calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

In 2022, due to COVID, additional adjustment factor points were granted to applicants from NSW, ACT and VIC.

**More information**

## Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a personalised advice session (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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(<mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au>)

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on [international@nd.edu.au](mailto:international@nd.edu.au)  
(<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

## **APPLY DIRECT ↗**

## **Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

(08) 9433 0533 - WA

(02) 8204 4404 - NSW

**Duration:** 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

**Duration type:** Full time; Part time

**Campus:** Fremantle; Sydney

**Study mode:** On campus

**Commencement:** Semester 1; Semester 2

**Program code:** 3009

**CRICOS code:** 015324A

**Fee:** Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International  
II Fees

**Practical Component:** 90 hours

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