



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Bachelor of Arts (Major: Politics & International Relations)

*School of Arts & Sciences, Fremantle Campus*

***As the world becomes more interconnected and traditional alliances shift and fragment, Australia's political institutions are coming under greater pressure. In our Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Politics & International Relations you learn about Australia's political history, its decision-making procedures and how we operate on the international stage.***

## **Why study this major?**

The Politics & International Relations Major provides an in-depth introduction to Australia's political history, its decision-making procedures and how we operate on the international stage. You will also learn about the domestic and international events that have shaped the past 100 years.

In today's world, there is a growing demand for people who are well informed about local and international politics and who possess the skills to meet the challenges presented by globalisation. This Major will give you the ability to think critically, conduct research thoroughly and communicate effectively.

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/fremantle/school-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts>)

### Bachelor of Behavioural Science

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-behavioural-science>)

### Bachelor of Communications and Media

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-communications-and-media>) (second Major and Minor)

### Bachelor of Science

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-science>)  
(Minor only)

## **Structure of Politics and International Relations Major in the Bachelor of Arts**

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

This Major (8 courses per Major) is comprised of these specific courses. All courses are 25 units of credit, except where indicated.

More information about the courses can be found at the [course descriptions](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>) page.

**Students must complete the following TWO (2) courses:**

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

**Plus any SIX (6) of the following courses:**

- 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
- POLI3009 Australian Foreign Policy
- POLI3012 The Politics and History of Genocide
- 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

- POLI3008 Politics Internship
- OR**
- SOJS3170 Social Justice, Service-Learning and Community Engagement

**Other courses on approval of the Dean, and if available, to a maximum of 50 units of credit:**

- ARTS3010 Experience the World I
  - ARTS3020 Experience the World II
  - ARTS3030 Experience the World Study Tour (50 units of credit)
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Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations ([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)).

Here you can find full details of the courses on offer in 2020 and 2021 ([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0021/245/on-Offer.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/245/on-Offer.pdf)).

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

## **Study Abroad**

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the Study Abroad Office (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad>) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

## **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.

## **Entry requirements**

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at admission requirements (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>). These include those relating to age and English Language Proficiency (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>). We also consider your application more broadly - your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

## **Applicants with recent Secondary Education:**

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR

English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

OR

- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24

OR

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

### **Applicants with Higher Education Study**

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;

OR

- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University;

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing>).

### **Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study**

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

## **Applicants with Work and Life Experience**

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:

- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section **and** 140 in the Written English section are required  
OR
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above  
OR
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

*Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.*

## **Fees and costs**

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

### **FEE-HELP**

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

## **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/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/contact-us>).

## **Career opportunities**

The transferable skills from this Major are sought after by many employers. Career opportunities include: diplomatic service officer, Member of Parliament, electorate officer, political campaign assistant, social research officer, public affairs consultant, media advisor, human rights worker, intelligence analyst, public service officer, social media manager, aid worker/humanitarian worker and policy analyst.

## **More information**

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Politics & International Relations), please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:future@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>).



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

(08) 9433 0533

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

**Campus:** Fremantle

**Practical Component:** 90 hours

**Loan Scheme:** FEE-HELP

**Study mode:** On Campus

**Code:** Program Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

**Commencement:** Semester 1 or Semester 2

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