



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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*School of Philosophy & Theology*

***The Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics is designed for those who want to understand human communities and society. The program trains future leaders and professionals to make a difference in all walks of life. Students will learn to integrate knowledge, by focussing on how society can either promote or thwart human flourishing. Philosophy will give the concepts and skills to identify questions and problems, thinking through them clearly and creatively. Studying Politics, students will consider governance, leadership, and the importance of law and policy. Through economics, they will learn to solve a range of problems through economic reasoning. Bringing together these disciplines, graduates will appreciate***

***the central importance of the human person's quest to lead a good life, working with others toward the common good.***

## **Why study this degree?**

The degree will equip students to be attentive to the role of religion within society, and the importance of civil disagreement in the public square. All students have the opportunity to undertake an internship during their degree. The program also includes the option for an accelerated pathway toward a Masters degree, enabling students to complete a Bachelors and a Masters degree within four years.

## **Program summary**

### **Required courses**

- Introduction to World Politics
- Economics
- Ancient Philosophy
- Policy, Democracy and Governance in Australia
- Quantitative Methods for Business
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Public Policy and Practice: The Business of Government
- Moral Philosophy
- Microeconomic Theory and Policy
- Political Philosophy
- Macroeconomic Theory and Practice
- Internship in Philosophy, Politics or Business

### **Electives**

Electives (students will choose from a discipline area to graduate with at least one major, in Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, or Economics)

### *Philosophy Electives*

- Philosophy Electives
- History of Philosophy: Medieval
- History of Philosophy: Modern
- History of Philosophy: Contemporary
- Business Ethics
- Introduction to Formal Logic
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Language
- Epistemology: Ways of Knowing
- Aquinas: Analytic and Phenomenological Approaches
- Introduction to Metaphysics
- Faith and Reason
- Philosophy of Religion

### *Politics and International Relations Electives*

- News and Current Affairs
- Religion and World Politics
- Terrorism and Violent Extremism
- Home and Away: Comparing Political Systems
- Australian Foreign Policy
- The Politics and History of Genocide
- Terrorism and Intelligence
- Nationalism, Ethnicity and Race
- The Modern Middle East
- Strategy, Security and Diplomacy

- USA Foreign Policy Since 1945

## *Economics Electives*

- Intermediate Mathematics for Economics and Finance
- Advanced Economics
- Econometrics
- Topics in Economics
- The Economics of Financial Crisis

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## **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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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages [Fremantle \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/fremantle/course-descriptions\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/fremantle/course-descriptions) [Sydney \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions).

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Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Requirements \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0031/158 of-Philosophy,-Politics,-Economics.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0031/158/of-Philosophy,-Politics,-Economics.pdf).

## **Entry requirements**

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**Entry requirements WA**

**Entry requirements NSW**

## **Learning outcomes**

**Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, graduates will be able to:**

1. Identify and evaluate foundational principles and methods in the academic disciplines of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
2. Evaluate, through comparison and contrast, the overlaps and divergences between methods and principles of the disciplines

3. Apply knowledge of philosophy, politics, and economics, to issues and problems within society
4. Apply skills of research to key philosophical, political, and economic questions and issues, using appropriate resources and methods; and
5. Communicate ideas about issues and problems in society, clearly and openly, to a range of audiences who may agree or disagree with a certain perspective, individually and in collaborative contexts.

## **Practical component**

You will be required to take POLI3008 Politics Internship, BUSN3900 Business Internship, or PHTH3001 Philosophy and Theology Internship.

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors; career opportunities range from advocacy, journalism and media, international diplomacy and trade missions, policy development, Government administration, academic teaching, public libraries, research institutes, Church ministry and agencies, parish adult faith programs, education and teaching (upon completion of a graduate-entry teaching qualification), script writing, advertising, Catholic and Christian schools, pastoral counselling.

## **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.

## **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**

The tables below gives 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.

### **Sydney Student Profile Data**



**TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics 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)	N/A	N/A
<b>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>(C) Work and life experience</b> (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	N/A	N/A
<b>(D) Recent secondary education:</b>	N/A	N/A
<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>	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted on the basis of</li> </ul>	5	100%

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)		
<b>International students</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>All students</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics 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>
Highest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Median rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Lowest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

**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:** 3573

**CRICOS code:** 103322C

**Loan Scheme:** Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP);  
International Full Fees

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