



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism)

School of Arts & Sciences, Sydney Campus

By blending the study of politics and journalism into a single degree, graduates of this Bachelor of Arts program are equipped to pursue a career in politics, public relations or the media. The Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) includes Australian political theory with hands-on experience of various forms of media, so that you will become comfortable working in radio, television, print, video and digital formats.

Why study this degree?

This specialist Bachelor of Arts degree will appeal to anyone with a strong interest in both Australian politics and journalism, as it combines the two disciplines into a single course of study. In addition to studying Australian politics and international relations, you will receive a solid grounding in media theory plus the opportunity to gain practical experience in various forms of journalism, including print, broadcast and online media.

Over the three-year program, you will receive a thorough grounding in subjects such as politics, history, international relations, Aboriginal studies, economics and the law – an academic grounding which will prove invaluable if you choose to pursue a career in journalism, public relations or a related field. Furthermore, our Internship Program gives you a unique insight into the Australian media landscape, where you will take advantage of placements with organisations such as publishing companies, TV studios and radio stations.

Whether you are looking at a career in advertising, journalism, or government policy, the Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) will give you the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed.

Program summary

Core Curriculum

- CORE1001 Logos I
- CORE1002 Logos II
- CORE1003 Logos III

Year One

- ARTS1000 Academic Writing, Communication and Research
- POLI1001 Politics, Democracy and Governance in Australia
- COMM1420 Introduction to Journalism
- HIST1000 A History of Western Civilisation
- POLI1000 Introduction to World Politics
- COMM1060 Media and Society

Year Two

- COMM2340 Journalism: Theory and Practice
- COMM3700 Radio **OR** COMM2330 Journalism for Television and Video

Year Three

- POLI3003 Setting the Agenda: The Media and Politics
- BUSN2580 Introduction to Public Relations
- COMM3050 Media Ethics and Law
- COMM3060 Online Newsroom **OR** COMM3008 Communications Internship

Electives

- FIVE (5) Politics & International Relations electives
 - TWO (2) approved Journalism electives
 - TWO (2) other upper level elective units offered by the School of Arts & Sciences (undertaken during years two and/or three)
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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/0017/385/of-Arts-Politics-and-Journalism.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

- HSC Performance Band Results with a Band 4 in

English, a minimum average of Bands 4s and an overall minimum average HSC mark of 70% in HSC Category A Courses (or Interstate equivalent).

Applicants must be eligible for an ATAR or OP; or

- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24.

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other University Studies completed at undergraduate level or higher. A minimum number of 2 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/sydney/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 with relevant work and life experience who left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then may seek admission on the basis of:

- Their experience. 'Experience' could include a combination of factors sufficient to demonstrate readiness for higher education such as Mature Age entry, relevant professional experience, community involvement or work experience. Applicants may have undertaken non-formal programs that have helped prepare them for tertiary education or are relevant to the proposed higher education field of study. Evidence must be provided as to the type and duration or employment (minimum of two years) in a relevant industry. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be required.
- STAT - Scores of 150 in the Multiple Choice and Written English sections are required.
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) (or equivalent) results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Fees

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.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Arts \(Politics and Journalism\) \(Honours\) regulations \(./?a=3852\)](#), or by contacting the [School of Arts & Sciences \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/sydney/arts-and-sciences/contact-us\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/sydney/arts-and-sciences/contact-us).

Career opportunities

The following careers are open to graduates of this program:

- Politics
- Public relations
- Public service
- Journalism and the media
- Communications and policy

Student profile data

Table 2 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.

TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2021 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2021	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students

<p>(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>(D) Recent secondary education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & 	<5	N/P

recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)		
International students	N/A	N/A
All students	<5	100.0%

**TABLE 2b - Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism)
 ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON
 THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN
 SEMESTER 1, 2021 INTAKE**

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
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 calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism), please contact the Prospective Students Office on +61 (2) 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au (<mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au>).

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

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

Campus: Sydney

Loan Scheme: HECS-HELP

Study mode: On campus

Code: Program Code 3026, CRICOS Code 045241M

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

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