

Graduate Diploma in Arts (International Politics)

1 Background

The proposal is for a new Graduate Diploma program in International Politics. International Studies does not offer the same Graduate and Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas as other programs offered in the Faculty of Arts (eg Sociology). This course will be an entry pathway and an exit award for International Studies. In 2005, an external review of the Department's International Politics undergraduate and postgraduate programs was carried out, with recommendations relating to a curriculum review and the appointment of staff. The review states 'While the Department has a number of fine individual intellectual assets in the IR field, overall this has not been an area of programmatic strength – either by comparison with International Relations elsewhere in Melbourne and Australia, or by comparison with other fields within the Department itself.' The Report makes recommendations on how to improve the Department's performance. The proposed changes follow the recommendations of the Review and will bring the program to international standards.

2 Course/Program Objectives

The Graduate Diploma is similar to an undergraduate major and offers a comprehensive program of study in International Politics. The course is suitable for general interest or professional development purposes and does not require a research project or thesis. Graduates are provided with a pathway to higher degree study and may qualify for entry to the Postgraduate Diploma of Arts.

3 Entry Requirements

A recognized undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification is required for entry.

4 Course/Program Structure

Students will be required to complete 100 points comprising eight subjects from the following lists, including at least four from List A.

Recommended first-year subject:

166-103 Global Politics

List A:

166-014 Asia-Pacific International Politics
 166-021 International Relations and its Others
 166-024 International Gender Politics
 166-029 World Politics in Transition
 166-033 European Integration: Politics of the EU
 166-035 Australian Foreign Relations
 166-085 Global Movements: Emerging Paradigms
 166-212 Global Environmental Politics
 166-216 Terrorism: Shifting Paradigms
 166-218 Colonial/Postcolonial S.E. Asian Politics

List B:

121-063 Cultural change and Protest Movements
 121-017 Society and Environments
 100-203 Global Media/Intercultural Communications
 131-039 The Rise of Modern Japan 1850's-1990's
 131-062 Making China Modern
 131-226 The Struggle for Universal Human Rights
 131-228 Inventing Asian Traditions
 131-230 Revisiting Colonialism: Australia-Pacific
 131-236 The USA and the World: Democracy & Empire

5 Availability of Course

The course is available on a full-time and part-time basis from semester 1, 2007. It will be available to fee-paying domestic and international students.