

# International Studies

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The Department of Political Science offers both a major in international studies for Bachelor of Arts students, and a Diploma in Arts (International Studies) for students enrolled in a degree course at the University of Melbourne.

International studies at the University of Melbourne explores issues relating to the shifting dynamics of global politics. International studies investigates major social, political and cultural issues that dominate the international agenda.

Students undertaking a major in international studies or the concurrent diploma can study the languages, cultures, societies and politics of other countries, as well as examining relations between them at either the regional or global levels. Students will gain theoretical expertise and practical and empirical knowledge in a range of skills relating to international studies. Students can choose to focus on a range of topics, including traditional and critical international relations, international diplomacy, international security, international political economy, European integration, globalisation, global environmental politics, international gender politics, regionalism, new wars and the future of conflict and cooperation in world politics, and the political transitions in Central and Eastern Europe, in addition to a detailed examination of the workings of individual countries. On completing a course of study in international studies, students will gain specialised knowledge relating to the major social, cultural, and political issues that dominate the international agenda of world politics.

Graduates from this program will be attractive to prospective employees in the public and private sectors including international inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Students who complete a major in international studies or the Diploma in Arts (International Studies) will also have a range of exciting higher degree options enabling them to further their knowledge and qualifications. The Master of International Politics and the Master of International Studies are two such options.

## Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subject in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

## Requirements for a major

A major in international studies consists of nine 12.5-point subjects selected from the list of subjects offered within the Diploma in Arts (International Studies) totalling 112.5 points. It comprises:

- two first-year subjects (25 points); and
- seven second/third-year subjects (87.5 points).

## Diploma in Arts (International Studies)

The Diploma in Arts (International Studies) is only available to students who are currently enrolled in a degree course at the University of Melbourne. It consists of a three-year sequence of study, and adds one year to the duration of your degree.

Students must complete 25 points of first-year subjects and 75 points of second/third-year subjects selected from the lists below. Alternatively, students who have completed appropriate background studies at first year may complete 100 points of second/third-year subjects from the list below.

<b>First-year subjects</b>		Sem.
166-108	Modern Political Ideologies & Movements (p.2)	1
166-110	Europe: Identities and Citizenship (p.3)	N/A
166-123	The World is an Amazing Place (p.3)	2
166-103	Global Politics (p.1)	2
<b>Second/third-year subjects</b>		Sem.
121-015	Development and the Third World (p.2)	2
121-026	The Mobile World: Migration and Tourism (p.4)	2
121-028	Sustainable Development (p.4)	2
131-025	Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.6)	Summer
131-038	Gender and Development (p.7)	1
131-217	Modern Southeast Asia (p.15)	2
131-225	Terrorism in Modern Conflict (p.16)	2
166-014	Asia Pacific International Politics (p.4)	1

<b>Second/third-year subjects</b>		Sem.
166-017	West European Politics (p.4)	N/A
166-021	International Relations and its Others (p.5)	2
166-023	Issues in American Foreign Policy (p.5)	N/A
166-024	International Gender Politics (p.5)	2
166-025	Conflict & Corruption in Western Europe (p.5)	N/A
166-027	Australia in the World Political Economy (p.5)	N/A
166-029	World Politics in Transition (p.5)	2
166-030	Transitions in Central & Eastern Europe (p.6)	1
166-035	Australian Foreign Relations (p.6)	N/A
166-045	Postcolonial Maps & Narratives (p.7)	N/A
166-212	Global Environmental Politics (p.7)	N/A
166-216	Terrorism: Shifting Paradigms (p.4)	2
166-217	Gender and Politics in Southeast Asia (p.7)	1
166-218	Colonial/Postcolonial S.E.Asian Politics (p.8)	N/A

Students may select additional subjects with the approval of the program coordinator.

<b>Third/fourth-year subject</b>		Sem.
121-433	China Field Class (p.7) (quota subject)	2

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## First-year subject

### 166-103 Global Politics

**Availability:** 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Robyn Eckersley

**Contact:** Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to the study of international politics, and provides a foundation for the department's 'international' offerings at second and third year. It deals with issues such as human rights, the environment, North-South relations, inter-civilisational relationships, gender politics, war, terrorism, nationalism, the role of the United Nations, humanitarian intervention amid ethnic conflict and the global political economy. The issue topics will be used to introduce and demonstrate the relevance of the conceptual frameworks of liberalism, realism, neoliberal institutionalism, critical theory, feminism, constructivism, and postcolonialism.

**Assessment:** An essay of 1000 words 25% (due mid-semester), an essay of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of semester) and a take-home exam of 1000 words 25% (due during the examination period).

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available.

