

# Global Issues

## Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Issues

Universitas 21 (U21) is an international network of leading research-intensive universities. Established in 1997, U21 currently includes seventeen member universities in nine countries. These partner institutions are committed to advancing the internationalisation of education and offer exemplary tertiary study across a variety of disciplines.

The Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Issues is the University of Melbourne's name for the U21 Programme in Global Issues. It is an undergraduate-level multi-disciplinary concurrent certificate administered through the Faculty of Arts and taught by the University of Melbourne in conjunction with the Universities of Auckland (New Zealand), British Columbia (Canada), Hong Kong (China), and Nottingham (United Kingdom).

The Certificate is designed to address the particular demands of undergraduate students who have an interest in global studies and who wish to combine this study with a degree at the University of Melbourne.

Students are expected to complete fifty per cent of the Certificate through at least one other partner university, whether online or by studying overseas on Exchange. With five universities to choose from, applicants can take advantage of the Certificate's innovative structure, learning about global issues in a truly global context.

### Course objectives

The U21 Certificate in Global Issues has as its objectives that graduates should gain:

- knowledge of the current theoretical principles relating to globalisation;
- an ability to evaluate and synthesise the literature relating to the globalisation, and its relationship to environmental, economic, political and social change;
- an understanding of the interconnectedness between individuals, societies, and countries by encouraging students to consider the cultural, environmental, economic and political dimensions of globalisation.

### Generic skills objectives

Graduates of the U21 Certificate in Global Issues should develop the following generic skills:

- problem solving-techniques and an ability to communicate these techniques in verbal and written form;
- sensitivity to the impact of globalisation on the world from a variety of theoretical, individual and international perspectives;
- a sound attitude towards undertaking life-long learning in this field;
- a well-developed capacity to understand and participate as an individual and in collaborative, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams, as a leader or as a team member;
- practical skills in the use of simulations, interactive material and technologies designed to enhance collaborative and team work;
- an understanding of students' own choices and responsibilities within their political, social, cultural and professional contexts;
- an ability to participate as an active global citizen.

### How long does it take?

Completion of the Certificate will normally add one semester to the length of your degree program. You must undertake 'Global Issues' subjects concurrently with your main degree by completing a mixture of subjects from the lists below and subjects in your degree program.

### Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate an ability to manage independent, unsupervised study and must satisfy the following selection criteria:

- be concurrently enrolled in an undergraduate degree course at the University of Melbourne; and
- have obtained a weighted grade point average of at least H2B (70%) or equivalent across at least 100 points of study in the concurrent degree course<sup>1</sup>; and
- be at least six months (50 credit points) away from completing the concurrent degree course.

<sup>1</sup> Students who have not completed the required 100 points at the due date of applications but who have completed at least 50 points at a weighted grade point average of at least H2B (70 per cent) and are scheduled to reach 100 points before the proposed date of commencement of the Certificate may apply.

Once enrolled, students may not graduate from the Certificate until their degree studies have also been completed, and vice versa.

Students will be enrolled in the Certificate on the same fee-paying basis as their degree course.

### How do I apply?

Application forms are available from the Faculty of Arts Student Service Centre (Ground Floor, Old Arts Building) or in PDF format from the following site <<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/programs>>.

Places in the Certificate are limited to 25 students per year. Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis.

The closing dates are:

- **1 July** for semester two commencement,
- **1 February** for semester one commencement\*.

\* Students wishing to commence the U21 Certificate with an on-line subject taught in January/February;

- 919-490 UBC-Global Citizenship-Global Issues (p.2);
- 919-491 UBC-Working in International Health (p.3);
- 919-492 UNott-The Contemporary World Since 1945 (p.3);
- 919-494 UHK-Human Security in the Global Context (p.3);
- 919-495 UHK-Globalisation & Information Society (p.3);

must apply by **1 July**. Successful applicants may defer the commencement of the Certificate until on-line classes begin. However, for both new and re-enrolling U21 Certificate students, enrolment at the University teaching the subjects above must be completed by **1 September** in the year prior to the start of on-line classes in January/February.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

The Certificate is available to students enrolled in a University of Melbourne degree course on a Commonwealth Supported Place, to incoming and outgoing Exchange students, and to Australian fee-paying students.

### Course requirements

University of Melbourne students accepted into the Certificate are required to complete 50 points of study comprising:

- one compulsory on-line subject, 919-490 UBC-Global Citizenship-Global Issues (p.2) (12.5 points)

and

- elective subjects chosen from the lists below (37.5 points).

At least one of the three elective subjects must be taught (either on-line or via an exchange program) by a U21 Certificate partner University, ie. not by the University of Melbourne.

Campus-based subjects are grouped under two curriculum streams:

- Stream 1: Understanding Globalisation
- Stream 2: Global Business and International Finance

Subjects listed below and offered as part of the U21 Certificate are subject to availability. Students should check subject prerequisites with relevant teaching departments where it will be determined whether prospective students can satisfy prerequisites. Students may be asked to demonstrate familiarity with essential concepts gained through the completion of cognate subjects to meet prerequisite requirements.

Please note: Participating institutions may re-title the program and/or subjects listed below in order to meet their own institutional accreditation requirements.

### On-line subjects

<b>Compulsory subject</b>	Sem.
<b>University of British Columbia</b>	
919-490 UBC-Global Citizenship-Global Issues (p.2)	2
<b>Other on-line subjects</b>	Sem.
<b>University of British Columbia</b>	
919-491 UBC-Working in International Health (p.3)	Summer
<b>University of Hong Kong</b>	
919-494 UHK-Human Security in the Global Context (p.3)	Summer
919-495 UHK-Globalisation & Information Society (p.3)	1
<b>University of Melbourne</b>	
131-076 Asia, the Pacific & the West in History (p.11)	2
For more information about the subject above visit: < <a href="http://www.infodiv.unimelb.edu.au/telars/cds/showcase/asianhistory-brochure.htm">http://www.infodiv.unimelb.edu.au/telars/cds/showcase/asianhistory-brochure.htm</a> >	
316-213 Globalisation and the World Economy (p.2)	1 rep 2
The subject above is taught on-line in semester two only. On-line classes are held from late July to late October. In semester one (late February to late May) the subject is taught on-campus through face-to-face lectures and tutorials.	

**Other on-line subjects**730-446 Globalisation and the Law (*p.10*)

Sem.

N/A

**University of Nottingham**919-492 UNott-The Contemporary World Since 1945 (*p.3*)

Summer

919-493 UNott-Problems in Global Politics (*p.3*)

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**How do I enrol in on-line subjects at overseas institutions?**

After you have been accepted into the U21 Certificate:

- 1 arrange an enrolment appointment with administrative staff in the Faculty of Arts, through the Student Service Centre (Ground Floor, Old Arts Building);
- 2 once enrolled at the University of Melbourne, your details will be sent to the University teaching the on-line subject/s;
- 3 you will be contacted (via your University email account) by the coordinator of your chosen on-line subject/s.
- 4 Please note: It can take several months, after the last on-line class, for final results to become available. The impact of this delay should be taken into account before you enrol in an on-line subject.

**How do I enrol in campus-based subjects at overseas institutions?**

Enrolment in campus-based subjects at overseas institutions will be organised through the Faculty of Arts student Exchange program. Before you apply for the Certificate, you must speak to the Arts Exchange Officer to discuss your eligibility for campus-based studies detailed below: phone +61 3 8344 8032. See also *Studying overseas for credit* (*p.10*) or visit our website <<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/currentstudents/opportunities.htm>>

**Campus-based subjects****Stream 1: Global Issues**

Sem.

**University of Auckland**

Cross-Cultural Economics

Security Studies

International Relations: Theories and Issues

Comparative Foreign Policies

Colonization, Globalization and Development

**University of British Columbia**

World History since 1500

Globalization and Law

**University of Hong Kong**

Understanding Global Issues

Globalisation and Information Society

Economic Development and Social Change

Globalisation and Culture

The Foundations of International Trade and Finance in the Modern World

Managing the Global Economy

Globalisation and Crime

**University of Melbourne**121-015 Development and the Third World (*p.2*)

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121-026 The Mobile World: Migrancy, Home & Exile (*p.3*)

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131-225 Terrorism in Modern Conflict (*p.13*)

2

166-021 International Relations and its Others (*p.5*)

2

166-029 World Politics in Transition (*p.5*)

2

166-216 Terrorism: Shifting Paradigms (*p.4*)

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**University of Nottingham**

Peace, Imperialism and War: Europe and the World 1814-1918

Evolution of the International System

International Security and World Order

International Political Economy

The Vigilant State

The Impact of Globalisation: European National and Regional Responses to Global Structural Change

**Stream 2: Global Business and International Finance**

Sem.

**University of Auckland**

International Economics

International Trade

International Economic Policy Studies

International Finance

Global Business Environment

Global Business Operations

Strategy and Global Firms

International Trade

**Stream 2: Global Business and International Finance**

Sem.

**University of British Columbia**

International Business Management

International Financial Markets and Institutions

International Marketing

International Financial Management

International Business Management

Understanding Globalization

Introduction to International Trade

Introduction to International Finance

International Trade

International Macroeconomics and Finance

Seminar in International Economic Relations

International Political Economy

International Interdependence

International Trade Law

International Business Transactions

International Commercial Disputes

International Taxation

**University of Hong Kong**

Comparative and International Management

International Marketing

Multinational Corporations

International Business

International Business

Managing e-Business Transformation (Global e-Commerce)

Theory of International Trade

International Finance

International Banking

International Financial Management

**University of Melbourne**316-213 Globalisation and the World Economy (*p.2*)

1 rep 2

316-301 International Trade Policy (*p.2*)

1

333-303 International Finance (*p.2*)

1 rep 2

325-309 Global Marketing (*p.4*)

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325-331 Employment in the Global Workplace (*p.6*)

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**University of Nottingham**

The Evolution of International Tourism: From Grand Tour to Package Tour

International Business and the International Economy since 1850

International Firms

**For more information**

U21 Certificate in Global Issues

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Phone (local student selection officer): +61 3 8344 4696

Following are links to further information about subjects offered by participating universities:

**University of Auckland**<[https://ndeva.auckland.ac.nz/ndeva/course\\_catalog/Uofak/subtoc.asp](https://ndeva.auckland.ac.nz/ndeva/course_catalog/Uofak/subtoc.asp)>**University of British Columbia**<<http://students.ubc.ca/welcome/programs.cfm>>**University of Hong Kong**<<http://www.hku.hk/admissions/ugindex.htm>>**University of Nottingham**<<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/prospectuses/undergrad/>>**U21 Certificate on-line subjects****919-490 UBC-Global Citizenship-Global Issues**

**Note: This subject is compulsory for all students enrolled in the U21 Certificate in Global Issues. However, it does not have to be completed in the first semester of enrolment in the Certificate.**

**The enrolment closing date is 1 September for January classes, 1 July for September classes. This subject is quota restricted and places are allocated as applications are received at the University of British Columbia (UBC).**

**Final results for this subject are usually available in March (for on-line classes held in September) and June (for on-line classes held in January/February).**

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of British Columbia

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues and enrolment at UBC before the quota is filled.

**Contact:** On-line classes from 2 September 2006 to 2 December 2006 and early January to late February 2007 through the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada. This subject is only available on-line. University of Melbourne students wishing to undertake Exchange studies at UBC may enrol in this subject alongside other subjects taught on campus at UBC (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject introduces different theoretical, national, political, legal, historical and cultural perspectives on 'citizenship' and its associated rights and responsibilities. It also explores whether a real possibility for 'globalness' exists, and will examine the potential for development of 'global ethics'.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) comprising weekly thematic modules, on a WebCT course management platform, weekly discussions and assignments, and collaboration on a team project with peers from different disciplines and institutions.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be available for purchase from the University of British Columbia. Full details will be provided by UBC, via email, after enrolment.

### 919-491 UBC-Working in International Health

**Note:** The enrolment closing date for this subjects is 1 September. This subject is quota restricted and places are allocated as applications are received at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

**Final results for this subject are usually available in September (for on-line classes held in January to April).**

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of British Columbia

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues and enrolment at UBC before the quota is filled.

**Contact:** On-line classes from 4 January 2006 to 7 April 2006 through the University of British Columbia, Canada (*Summer semester*).

**Description:** This is a fully tutored, web based subject that focuses on planning and preparing for work in a developing country. The class will discuss the causes of ill health amongst populations living in poverty and analyses available solutions. A health science background is not essential.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) comprising weekly thematic modules, on a WebCT course management platform, weekly discussions and assignments, and collaboration on a team project with peers from different disciplines and institutions.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be available for purchase from the University of British Columbia. Full details will be provided by UBC, via email, after enrolment.

### 131-076 Asia, the Pacific & the West in History

See full subject details on page 11.

### 316-213 Globalisation and the World Economy

See full subject details on page 2.

### 730-446 Globalisation and the Law

See full subject details on page 10.

### 919-492 UNott-The Contemporary World Since 1945

**Note:** The enrolment closing date for this subject is 1 September.

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of Nottingham

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues

**Contact:** On-line classes from 30 January 2006 to 16 June 2006 through the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom (*Summer semester*).

**Description:** This subject surveys and analyses some of the main developments in world affairs since the end of the Second World War. This includes major themes such as the rise of globalisation, the growing importance of NGOs and the significance of transnational social movements. It also covers key international events, particularly the course and aftermath of the Cold War, as well as national and regional histories, especially in Europe, East Asia and the Middle East. Particular attention is paid to social and economic forces including global trade.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) submitted on-line throughout the semester.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be provided by the University of Nottingham.

### 919-493 UNott-Problems in Global Politics

**Note:** Application closing date 1 July.

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of Nottingham

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues

**Contact:** On-line classes from 25 September 2006 to 26 January 2007 through the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject introduces global politics and globalisation through the major theoretical approaches offered by international relations. Different claims about human nature, power, war, peace, the state, society, law and politics are examined through the work of key thinkers who have exercised a major influence on our understanding of global politics and globalisation. Their claims lead to very different approaches to politics in a global context. Each approach reveals and conceals aspects of international relations, and provides instruction about actors and institutions, about events and actions, and about methods and meanings in the international relations field of study.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) submitted on-line throughout the semester.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be provided by the University of Nottingham.

### 919-494 UHK-Human Security in the Global Context

**Note:** The enrolment closing date for this subject is 1 September.

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of Hong Kong

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues

**Contact:** On-line classes from 23 January 2006 to 6 May 2006 through the University of Hong Kong, China (*Summer semester*).

**Description:** What is Human Security? How does the security and well-being of the individual relate to the security of the state? Does the state always provide for the Human Security of its citizens? This subject attempts to answer these questions by exploring the contemporary relationship between globalisation, development and Human Security. Human Security refers to the safeguarding of individuals and groups from the threats that may endanger the basic survival of human beings. These threats go beyond our traditional understanding of security threats, (e.g. attack from another state) to include poverty, economic inequality, diseases, human rights abuses, environmental pollution, and natural disasters.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) submitted on-line throughout the semester.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be provided by the University of Hong Kong.

### 919-495 UHK-Globalisation & Information Society

**Note:** The enrolment closing date for this subject is 1 September.

**Credit points: 12.5**

**Coordinator:** University of Hong Kong

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the U21 Certificate in Global Issues

**Contact:** On-line classes from 8 February 2006 to 23 May 2006 through the University of Hong Kong, China (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to major debates on key aspects of as well as special issues pertaining to globalisation. It also intends to help students to critically apply the concepts or theories explored in the course to analyse their own societies. This subject encourages students from different parts of the world to work together in discussion and group projects with a view to developing an all-round understanding of the impacts of globalisation.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4000 words (100%) submitted on-line throughout the semester comprising a written report on web-based group discussions, essays, and a report of a group research project.

**Prescribed texts:** An on-line study pack will be provided by the University of Hong Kong.

