International Studies

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The School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology offers both a major in international studies for Bachelor of Arts students, and a Diploma in Arts (International Studies) for students enrolled in an undergraduate 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 the major political, economic, social, cultural and sacral issues that dominate the international agenda.

Students undertaking a major in international studies, or the concurrent diploma, will examine how world affairs work at global, regional and national levels. They will gain theoretical expertise, empirical knowledge, and practical and professional skills. The will be able to focus on a wide range of topics, including traditional and critical forms of international relations theorizing, diplomacy, security, the advent of new forms of war, the future of conflict and cooperation, regionalism, the European Union, Asian Pacific affairs, human rights, global social movements, globalization, global environmental politics, international gender politics, terrorism, post-colonialism, global media, and the foreign policies of countries like America, China, Japan and Australia.

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 eight 12.5-point subjects, totalling 100 points. It comprises:

- one first-year subject (12.5 points), 166-103 Global Politics *(p.2)* is recommended; and
- seven second/third-year subjects (87.5 points), with at least four subjects (50 points) selected from the core subjects list, and the remaining subjects (37.5 points) selected from the core or the optional subjects lists.

Diploma in Arts (International Studies)

The Diploma in Arts (International Studies) is only available to students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate 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 12.5 points of first-year subjects (166-103 Global Politics *(p.2)*), at least four subjects (50 points) of subjects from the core list below, and subjects from the core and optional lists to total 100 points.

First-year subjects		Sem.
166-103	Global Politics *(p.2)*	2

Core subjects		Sem.
166-014	Asia Pacific International Politics *(p.3)*	2
166-016	American Politics and Society *(p.3)*	1
166-017	West European Politics *(p.4)*	2
166-018	Chinese Politics and Society *(p.4)*	1
166-021	International Relations and its Others *(p.4)*	2
166-024	International Gender Politics *(p.4)*	1
166-029	Global Politics: Key Questions *(p.5)*	2
166-030	Transitions in Central & Eastern Europe *(p.5)*	2
166-033	European Integration: Politics of the EU *(p.5)*	1
166-035	Australian Foreign Relations *(p.5)*	1
166-085	Global Movements: Emerging Paradigms *(p.3)*	2
166-205	Europe: Identities and Citizenship *(p.6)*	N/A
166-212	Global Environmental Politics *(p.6)*	2
166-216	Terrorism: Shifting Paradigms *(p.4)*	N/A
166-218	Colonial/Postcolonial S.E.Asian Politics *(p.7)*	N/A

Optional subjects		Points
100-203	Global Media Cultures *(p.4)*	12.5
121-017	Society and Environments *(p.2)*	12.5
121-063	Culture Change and Protest Movements *(p.3)*	12.5
131-039	The Rise of Modern Japan 1850s-1990s *(p.6)*	12.5
131-062	Making China Modern *(p.8)*	12.5
131-226	The Struggle for Universal Human Rights *(p.12)*	12.5
131-228	Inventing Asian Traditions *(p.12)*	12.5
131-230	Resisting Colonialism: Australia-Pacific *(p.12)*	12.5
131-236	The USA & the World:Democracy and Empire *(p.12)*	12.5

Honours Entry

The prerequisites for entry into fourth-year honours in international studies are:

- completion of all the requirements for the BA; and
- completion of a major in international studies with an average grade of H2B (70%) or higher over the second/third-year subjects within the major.

For information on how to apply see *Applying for Honours (p.13)*.

Honours requirements

Pure honours

Students undertaking pure honours in international studies complete:

- 166-510 Political Science Thesis *(p.8)* (37.5 points); and
- 166-410 Approaches to Political & Social Inquiry *(p.8)* (12.5 points); and
- four honours subjects from the specified list of approved international studies subjects (50 points).

Combined honours

Students undertaking combined honours in international studies and another program complete:

- 166-510 Political Science Thesis *(p.8)* (37.5 points); and
- 166-410 Approaches to Political & Social Inquiry *(p.8)* (12.5 points); and
- one honours subject from the specified list of approved international studies subjects (12.5 points); and
- three honours subjects from the combining discipline (37.5 points).

or

- honours thesis in the combining discipline (37.5 points); and
- two subjects in the combining discipline (25 points); and
- three honours subjects from the specified list of approved international studies subjects (37.5 points).

Fourth-year honours subjects		Points
166-510	Political Science Thesis *(p.8)*	37.5
166-401	International Politics: Competing Ideas	
166-402	International Politics: Key Contexts	
166-410	Approaches to Political & Social Inquiry *(p.8)*	12.5
166-413	Network Society *(p.9)*	12.5
166-416	Justice, Democracy and Difference *(p.9)*	12.5
166-420	Multiple Modernities *(p.5)*	12.5
166-444	The Emerging World (Dis)Order *(p.10)*	12.5
166-511	US Foreign Policy *(p.10)*	12.5
166-512	Asia-Pacific: Zone of Conflict or Peace? *(p.10)*	12.5
166-534	Women in Global Politics *(p.11)*	12.5
166-540	The Changing Nature of War *(p.11)*	12.5
166-541	Aspects of Post-Communism *(p.11)*	12.5
166-543	A Postcolonial International Relations? *(p.11)*	12.5
166-544	The EU and Globalisation *(p.11)*	12.5
166-546	Trade Policy and Politics *(p.12)*	12.5
166-547	Politics and Business in post-Mao China *(p.12)*	12.5
166-548	International Political Economy *(p.12)*	12.5
166-550	Human Rights and 'the Political' *(p.12)*	12.5
166-551	Governance & International Institutions *(p.12)*	12.5

For more information

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First-year subject

166-103 Global Politics

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof 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 School'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, American power, 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).