Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice

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Course information

Deakin code: A617
Location: Cloud (Online)
Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent*
Intake: March (Trimester 1), July (Trimester 2), November (Trimester 3)

*Students with an undergraduate degree in social science and/or relevant work experience may be eligible for credit points of advanced standing towards the GDPPP. The GDPPP also articulates with full credit into the Master of Politics and Policy (which in turn has a PhD pathway). Visit deakin.edu.au/politics for a complete diploma structure breakdown.

Course overview

The Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice is designed to meet the professional development needs of political advisers and those involved in providing high quality support and advice to government and parliamentarians. This category of employment is of growing significance throughout the Australian political system and internationally. For those involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policy, the course provides an essential understanding of government practice and public administration.

Authentic assessment tasks and highly relevant theoretical and practical frameworks are integral to the course and learning experience. The GDPPP is also highly relevant for those working within community groups, non-government organisations, public sector and statutory bodies, and the business sector, who require greater knowledge and understanding of government, public administration and public policy.

Learn from industry professionals

Learn from highly qualified, experienced staff who have made high profile contributions to research, with an extensive range of publications and consultancies between them. Deakin’s academic staff are supported by an experienced and strong Advisory Board comprising representatives from industry, government, the non-government sector, political advisers and private consultancies.

Course breakdown

To qualify for the award of Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice, a student must successfully complete 8 credit points of compulsory core units including:

• Public Policy Analysis
• Intergovernmental Relations
• Governance and Accountability
• Managing Public Expenditure
• Political Communication
• Engaging for Change
• Rethinking Democracy
• Political Competition

Career opportunities

The Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice is a professional development program for early or mid career professionals or for those involved in or, seeking to become involved in, policy making and management within the public, community and business sectors, domestically and internationally.

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Flexibility and interactivity

Study where you want, when you want, with interactive and innovative Cloud (Online) delivery, which is supplemented with some optional on-campus intensives in ways that suit you. With full-time and part-time study options available, the course can work around you and your schedule. Choose when to commence the course and structure the course to suit your learning needs and priorities.

Find out more

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