

Bachelor of International Studies

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International studies at Deakin

If you're curious about other cultures and keen to play a role in our global evolution, then the Bachelor of International Studies is for you. Develop a systematic understanding of the international forces shaping our world and start a career that could take you anywhere.

Bachelor of International Studies

Deakin code: A326

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong),
Online

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Intake: March (Trimester 1), July (Trimester 2)

Dive into other cultures and build a global career by studying Deakin's Bachelor of International Studies, an experience-rich course designed to give you a deep understanding of the international forces shaping the world today. You will gain professional knowledge and first-hand experience of other countries and societies through a range of international experiences including the option to undertake individual or group internships.

You will also develop skills in analysis and interpretation of the international forces shaping government, business and community life in Australia, the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

International experience

As an International Studies student you'll gain first-hand experiences in other countries and cultures, letting you develop the practical and soft skills required to pursue a global career.

We are leaders in global learning and work with you to tailor your experience to your major interests, career goals, or geographic preferences around the world. Opportunities include short study tours, internationally focused internships based in Australia or overseas, language study trips, or longer study abroad exchange experiences, travel permitting.

It's this globally-minded experience, combined with engaging course content delivered by teachers with extensive industry experience, that allows you to develop a systematic understanding of other cultures and societies. Explore your options and start planning your own degree with our course guide overleaf.

Career opportunities

Our graduates work in a wide range of fields, including in local and national government, diplomacy and foreign affairs, international aid and development, the business sector (communications, human resources, analysts, marketing), law, international education, and social entrepreneurship.



'Global Learning Programs offer students hands-on international experiences that open doors to possibilities they never thought possible, as well as providing the education to become more globally aware, culturally sensitive and independent. Studying abroad on exchange in Italy and my recent study abroad program to Morocco are two of the most educating and eye opening experiences I was fortunate enough to embark on.'

Bella D'Monte
Bachelor of International Studies graduate

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Bachelor of International Studies (Global Scholar)

Course Code: A306

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong), Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

If you're a high achieving student and want to combine study and travel, and proactively build a global career from the very start of your studies, this is the course for you. You'll develop intercultural competencies, transferable skills and gain important abilities in analysis, and reflection - essential skills for working in both national and international organisations. Whether you choose to study at one of our partner universities, or complete an internship overseas, virtually, or in Australia, you'll gain vital practical experience that will give you a competitive edge in the job market.

Career opportunities

Graduating from this course prepares you with the analytical skills and international experience to apply your knowledge to a range of roles. Build your career in Australia or overseas working in roles including foreign correspondent, human rights advocate, immigration agent, international aid officer, law reform officer, political journalist, or trade delegate.

Further study opportunities for A306 and A326

- Master of International Relations
- Master of International and Community Development
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Politics and Policy
- Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies.

Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of International Studies

Course Code: D323

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong), Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Develop competitive skills with cross-cultural relevance and graduate with two in-demand degrees and the expertise to build an international legal career. Learn about and analyse the forces shaping Australia, investigate the internationalisation of the law, and apply it all at a global level through Deakin's study abroad experiences. Graduate from this accredited course with two in-demand degrees, setting yourself up for a career without limits.

Career opportunities

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of International Studies graduates are suitable candidates for a wide range of career opportunities, including corporate lawyer, crime analyst, legal adviser, mediator, foreign affairs officer, NGO policy officer.

Bachelor of International Studies/ Bachelor of Commerce

Course Code: D338

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong), Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Gain a competitive business foundation with global application at a university ranked in the top 1% globally for business and management studies. Deakin's Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Commerce will develop your understanding of the international forces shaping government, business, and communities, and give you skills to analyse and interpret these forces. With international and commercial components, this course opens global career opportunities across business and government sectors.

Career opportunities

As a Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Commerce graduate, your skills will be in demand in a range of careers, including diplomat, foreign affairs officer, foreign exchange analyst, import/export manager, NGO policy officer.

Quick facts

100%

of students gain credit-bearing international experience (onshore or offshore)

Recent internship locations include:



Approx

75%

of students major in international relations



Majors

Anthropology

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What does it mean to be human? Anthropologists ask and hope to answer this by studying humanity in the broadest sense. Analyse the lives of people in a range of societies and gain insights into the science behind human existence.

Anthropology at Deakin is taught by scholars with expertise ranging from nomadic pastoralists in Tibet, to executives at big-tech research labs, to anarchists working to feed the homeless on the streets of Seattle. Our award-winning staff are embedded in a vibrant community of practitioners, industry partners, PhD and postdoctoral fellows, as well as international networks that grant you access to a world beyond your current horizons.

In a rapidly changing and globalising world, anthropology will give you the ability to better understand your context and will introduce you to fascinating cultures and societies beyond anything you have previously known.

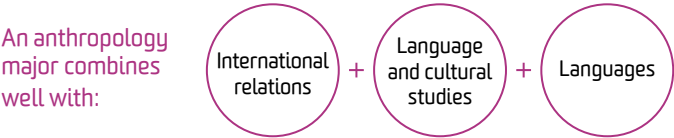
There is a strong emphasis in anthropology on empirical and practical real-world knowledge. This will involve study and internships in foreign culture and work all over the globe, pending the Australian government’s announcements on international travel restrictions.

Career opportunities

Anthropology will give you the skills for just about any job in the emerging global work-force. In a highly competitive jobs market, anthropology gives you a higher level of understanding, a unique quality and an edge on other job applicants. You will find anthropologists working in all areas of contemporary life in mining and mineral exploration helping companies work with local populations; in film and television; as researchers, producers and writers; in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; in the United Nations; in all areas of government and policy preparation; in public health; in food sciences; in humanitarian agencies and NGO’s worldwide; in corporate research and development.

Anthropology units may include:
Peoples of the World
Culture and Communication
Being Human - (With the Nonhuman)
Anthropology of Poverty and Development
Medical Anthropology
Anthropology of Crime and Violence
Cyborg Anthropology
Myth and Ritual
Culture, Law and Universal Rights
Doing Urban Anthropology

Anthropology can be studied as a major in the Bachelor of International Studies, Bachelor of International Studies (Global Scholar), Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Arts/Master of International Relations.



Arabic

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Study Middle Eastern history, culture and society and develop the linguistic skills to represent one of the world’s most important regions.

The Arab countries of the Middle East and North Africa form an area of critical global importance, having broad strategic, economic, religious and cultural influence. The Middle East comprises the fourth largest trading block among Australia’s overseas trading partners, with the total value of Australia’s trade with the Middle East more than doubling in the last decade.

Deakin’s award-winning Arabic program will help you develop communication skills in modern standard Arabic and enhance your language fluency through contextual knowledge of Middle Eastern history, culture and society. Students taking Arabic are encouraged to take complementary units in the relevant area studies in order to obtain sound background knowledge of the cultural, geopolitical and historical issues relevant to the regions where Arabic is spoken.

Our program’s distinguishing features lie in our powerful partnerships and innovative blended learning approaches supporting student experiential learning. The online learning experience is totally interactive, giving you immediate feedback on your work.

Career opportunities

Adding an international aspect to your degree can open doors to better career opportunities. Language skills in Arabic are strategic in terms of Australia’s interests and are important in diplomacy, defence, security, commerce and trade-related fields. As a graduate, you’ll find employment in a wide range of settings, including government departments, major corporations and multicultural associations.

Arabic units may include:
Arabic major sequence for beginners
An Introduction to the Language and Its Sounds
The Language and its Culture
Communicating Using Arabic
Texts and Contexts in Arabic
Contemporary Arabic in a Range of Contexts
Applying Arabic in Complex and Contemporary
Arabic major sequence for post-level 12 Arabic
Communicating Using Arabic
Texts and Contexts in Arabic
Contemporary Arabic in a Range of Contexts
Applying Arabic in Complex and Contemporary Contexts
Popular Culture and Society in Arabic
Advanced Writing and Translation Skills in Arabic

Approved Study Abroad may replace Contemporary Arabic in a Range of Contexts and Applying Arabic in Complex and Contemporary.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of International Studies can also study Arabic concurrently through the Diploma of Arabic, if they prefer. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/arabic.



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Considered one of the most important global languages, studying Mandarin will provide invaluable insights into Chinese culture, history and society.

China is Australia’s biggest trading partner and Standard Chinese, commonly known as Mandarin Chinese, is a major language of the world. It is the official language in the People’s Republic of China, Taiwan and Singapore and widely used in community groups in Hong Kong, South-East Asia, North America and Australia. Chinese is also one of the five official languages of the United Nations.

You will develop proficiency in spoken and written Chinese and gain an understanding of the Chinese culture and ways of life. You are also encouraged to select complementary units related to China and Asia in international relations, history, language and culture studies.

By learning to speak Mandarin, you can communicate with millions of Chinese-speaking people around the world. As a continuing ancient civilisation, Chinese culture is boundlessly fascinating. Knowledge of Mandarin will help you gain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.

Career opportunities

Adding an international aspect to your degree can open doors to better career opportunities. Language skills in Chinese are strategic in terms of Australia’s interests and are important in diplomacy, defence, security, commerce and trade-related fields. You may find employment across a range of sectors including community and government organisations, the education sector, foreign affairs departments, multicultural organisations, tourism associations and translation services.

Chinese units may include:
An Introduction to the Language and Culture
Consolidating Skills and Knowledge in Cultural Contexts
Communication and Culture in Everyday Chinese Societies
Culture, Society and Language in Contemporary Chinese
The Four Pillars in Developing Fluency in Chinese
The Four Pillars in Finding Fluency and Your Voice in Chinese
Language, Culture and Society in Contemporary Chinese Societies
Putting the Language to Work in Contemporary Contexts
Developing and Enhancing Capacities in a Global Context
Enhancing Capacities in a Global Context
Popular Culture and Society in Chinese
Advanced Writing and Translation Skills in Chinese
Advanced Chinese for Business Purposes C
Advanced Chinese for Business Purposes D

Units depend on speaking ability. Visit deakin.edu.au/internationalstudies for a complete breakdown of required units.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of International Studies can also study Chinese concurrently through the Diploma of Chinese, if they prefer.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/chinese.



Indonesian

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Indonesia is Australia’s closest Asian neighbour, and as a result, has grown in economic, political and cultural significance. Develop the skills to communicate with our neighbours by learning Bahasa, while gaining an understanding of Indonesia’s culture, history and society.

Today, Indonesia is an attractive destination for western business, with many major corporations operating there. These include Australian companies such as ANZ, Rio Tinto, Commonwealth Bank, and IAG as well as many others operating in a range of economic sectors. Indonesia’s culture, archaeology and art forms are also of international significance; and Indonesian remains one of the most widely taught As a result, demand for fluent users of Indonesian is high.

In this program, you will develop proficiency in language and intercultural competency. You will also learn about key historical and cultural aspects of the Indonesian nation and its people

Career opportunities

Adding an international aspect to your degree can open doors to better career opportunities. Language skills in Indonesian are strategic in terms of Australia’s interests and are important in diplomacy, defence, security, commerce and trade-related fields. Careers in this field include work in the communications industry, community and government organisations, the education sector, foreign affairs departments, multicultural organisations, tourism associations and translation services.



Indonesian units may include:
Introduction to Indonesian Language
Our Northern Neighbour: Understanding Indonesia
Formal and Informal Indonesian
Contextualising Indonesian Language
Sociolinguistic Contexts of Formal Indonesian Language
Professional and Academic Indonesian
Popular Culture and Society in Indonesian
Advanced Writing and Translation Skills in Indonesian

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International relations

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Explore a range of international issues, including the nature of power and security, globalisation and global governance.

Studying international relations (IR) will enhance your understanding of the key political dynamics of our time. The discipline of IR encompasses the study of policy-related dynamics such as diplomacy, foreign policy and global governance, as well as theoretical dynamics relating to questions of order, justice and resistance in world politics. It also considers questions relating to the changing nature of world politics, evident in emerging forms of regionalism and globalisation.

As an undergraduate, you might explore the discipline of IR broadly and examine Australia’s place in the world. Or, find yourself examining the dynamics of the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions, the foreign policy of the United States, China’s rising position in the world, in addition to grappling with larger issues around security, human rights, the contemporary politics of globalisation, global governance and IR theory.

These topics, and the wider academic skills taught within IR units, will prepare you to think critically and communicate effectively as professionals and citizens in an increasingly complex and globalised world.

Career opportunities

International relations provides a grounding for a career across a wide range of areas including defence, education, teaching, foreign affairs, human rights, immigration, intelligence, multicultural affairs.

Study tours

There are a number of international study tour opportunities available. The benefits of an international study tour are limitless, allowing you to immerse yourself in a different culture, see the world from a different perspective and open the door to global networking opportunities.

International relations units may include:
World in Crisis
War, Terrorism and Humanitarian Responses
Critical Issues in Middle East Politics
Global Capitalism and Power
Australia and the Changing Asia-Pacific
Key Concepts in International Relations
Human Rights in World Politics
Gender, Globalisation and Development
Immersion Program: Japanese Politics, Society and Culture
Activists Beyond Borders
Diplomacy and the United Nations

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*To complete the full major some Cloud learning may be required

Politics and policy studies

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Are you interested in exploring our role as citizens, the nature of power, and ideas for making a positive change in the world?

Choosing to study a politics and policy studies major will enhance your understanding of the big issues in the world today - and enable you to make a difference in your lifetime. In this unit, you’ll investigate the challenge posed to Australia and the world by climate change, inequality, divided political parties, new social parties and threats to democracy; and examine the ideas behind the policy and rhetoric. You’ll learn how to look globally for different solutions, investigate how policy lessons are learned, and assess the impact on domestic and global politics. Importantly, you’ll examine how and why some people can exercise power better than others and assess ideas and opportunities for addressing the pressing social, economic, and environmental issues of our time.

This major examines domestic politics and policy, and broader political dynamics within Asia, Europe, the United States, Africa, and South America.

The skills you learn in politics and policy studies include:

- how to effect political change
- critical analysis of political and policy debate
- smart interpretation of media and public discourse
- writing, debating, and digital communication skills
- policy analysis and briefing skills
- practical media campaigning.

On-campus seminars and online discussion boards create enhanced learning forums and the opportunity for lively debate from different perspectives. Current events feature strongly in many units.

Career opportunities

Politics and policy studies provide a grounding for a career across a wide range of areas including foreign affairs, intelligence and security, journalism, government organisations (local, state, national and international), civil society organisations, business, policy advocacy, policy research, policy design and analysis, political and social research, political advisors, politics, public communication, public relations and lobbying, public service, speech-writing and teaching.

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Politics and policy studies units may include:
Introduction to Politics
Visions and Values in Politics
Government and Politics of the United States
The Politics of Asylum in Australia and Asia
Politics of Poverty and Prosperity
Policy and How it Shapes Us
Europe’s Political Transformation
Environmental Politics
Media and Politics: Campaign Strategies
Critical Issues in Middle East Politics

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Majors

Spanish

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Spanish is a historically important language intrinsically connected to many cultures. Develop your communication skills while studying the history and ethos of Spanish-speaking countries.

Spanish is a major international language with more than 500 million speakers on five continents. It is the national language of more than twenty countries and the second most widely spoken language in the world. Spanish is an official language of the United Nations and other international organisations such as the European Union and the Organisation of American States.

Studying Spanish, whether as a minor, major or elective could help you gain a strategic advantage on your peers.

Career opportunities

Adding an international aspect to your degree can open doors to better career opportunities. Language skills in Spanish are strategic in terms of Australia's interests and are important in diplomacy, defence, security, commerce and trade-related fields. Studying Spanish can open doors to interests that aren't accessible without a knowledge of the language and culture, for example, in Spanish arts, sports, film, television or media. It can also be an important asset in many careers, with many of our graduates finding employment across a range of sectors.

Spanish units may include:
Hola!: Welcome to the Hispanic World, Its Language and Cultures
Spanish and You: Spanish for Everyday Life
Building Language Skills for Real Life Spanish Use
Introduction to the Spanish-Speaking World
Spanish in Diverse Contexts
Getting into the Flow: Building Fluency and Competency in
Cultures of Resistance in the Spanish - Speaking World
Cultures of Resistance in the Spanish - Speaking World
Engaging the Contemporary Hispanic World with Fluency
Popular Culture and Society in Spanish
Advanced Writing and Translation Skills in Spanish

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Students enrolled in the Bachelor of International Studies can also study Spanish concurrently through the Diploma of Indonesian, if they prefer. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/spanish.

Give your Bachelor of International Studies a language diploma add-on. Develop your linguistic skills in Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian or Spanish, while at the same time gaining essential cultural, historical and social perspectives.

Where can it take you?



Note: Locations shown above are indicative only, are not exhaustive and do not guarantee that opportunities will be available in future years.

'I have travelled to 27 countries, across four continents and completed four international work placements in Argentina, India, Malawi and Kenya. My degree enabled me to gain real world experience in international development both overseas and here in Australia, increasing my skills, confidence and employability.'

Shani Cain
Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Commerce graduate
Master of Humanitarian Assistance student





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‘I really enjoy attending Deakin. I am given many opportunities to network with a diverse group of people in a broad range of industries. I have been to South America and Nepal with study abroad. These experiences have allowed me to better my intercultural communication skills and worldview.’

Christian Bayfield
Bachelor of Arts
Diploma of Arabic

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- **Online study experience**
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