

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics



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Are you interested in finding out how power and ethics influence real-world decisions? Study Deakin's Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics and learn how power, ethics, sustainability, and economics converge to shape our lives. Built by leading academics and researchers, this course is designed for deep and creative thinkers looking to make an impact on society.

Course essentials

Deakin code: A336

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

Locations: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurin Ponds (Geelong), Online

Key dates: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Course overview

Do you want to examine society as it is and question how it could be? Studying the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics means you'll understand the nature of public decision-making, explore resource management issues, and get the skills to analyse business problems in line with social justice. This course balances the big picture view of public problems while developing your professional and work skills.

As a student of politics, philosophy and economics, you'll focus on three distinct yet complementary disciplines to understand how societies govern and determine values.

Politics

- Develop written and online communication skills.
- Explore systems and different forms of government.
- Examine relationships between countries and cultures.
- Articulate solutions for real-world political problems.

Philosophy

- Develop critical thinking and logical rigor skills.
- Learn how to question assumptions.
- Explore ethics, justice and moral challenges.

Economics

- Learn how business, government and consumers shape society.
- Use economic insights and ask questions about issues from inequality to environmental sustainability.

You'll graduate job-ready with the knowledge, expertise, and practical skills to succeed in a range of roles in government policy, strategy, consulting or business management.

Work experience

Enhance your career prospects via exciting real-world experiences, including internships, volunteer placements and study tours. Plus, there's the opportunity to collaborate on team-based industry and community projects, and to take part in our global experiential learning programs.

Career opportunities

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics graduates can confidently enter roles in private enterprise, government, and not-for-profit organisations, in a variety of professional positions:

- media advisor
- community leader
- policy officer
- political advisor
- engagement officer
- research assistant
- government administrator
- manager
- project coordinator.

Deakin's Work Integrated Learning experience and Employability sequence means you'll gain real-world expertise and practical skills – while studying.

Study online when and where it suits you

From day one you'll have the flexibility to study your way. Feel encouraged to fit your learning in with your busy life, whether you want to slow down or speed up or study on-campus or via our leading online learning platform.

Get a world-class education

Deakin is ranked in the top 1% of university subjects³ in the world, including:

- arts and humanities
- social sciences and management
- sociology.

At Deakin you'll learn from leading academics and passionate practitioners who are engaged in industry and actively collaborating on key social issues. Our academics support your personal growth and will inspire you to push boundaries with your bold ideas.

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'The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics prepares students to understand and participate in the big public debates and decisions of our time. It enables understanding of the ways in which power, values, and financial interests intersect, clash and impact everyone.'

ANDREW HOPE
Head of School for Humanities and Social Sciences

Entry pathways

Finding a route to university doesn't have to be difficult. Deakin has a range of options to suit all types of circumstances, so whether you're a Year 12 student, moving from TAFE, or re-entering education, you can find a pathway to your dream course.

Use the pathways finder tool: deakin.edu.au/pathways

Find detailed entry requirements on the course page at deakin.edu.au/course/A336

Course structure

To complete the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, students must complete 24 credit points including:

- 9 credit points of core units
- 3 credit points of employability sequence units
- 10 credit points of discipline study units comprising of:
 - › 5 credit points of discipline study units chosen from a first discipline stream Politics, Philosophy or Economics
 - › 5 credit points of discipline study units chosen from a second discipline stream from Politics, Philosophy or Economics
 - › Chosen units must comprise of at least 2 credit points at level 3 in each discipline
- 2 credit points of elective units chosen from across the University.

Students must also ensure that they have met the following course rules to be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics:

- a maximum of 10 credit points at level 1
- a minimum of 6 credit points at level 3

DAI001 Academic Integrity Module (0-credit-point compulsory unit)



Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of prior learning may be granted to applicants based on prior studies and/or equivalent industry experience. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/rpl, you can also use the pathways finder tool to discover how to get into your dream course when you don't quite meet the entry requirements at deakin.edu.au/pathways

Scholarships for all types of students

A Deakin scholarship might change your life. If you've got something special to offer Deakin – or you just need the financial help to get you here – we may have a scholarship opportunity for you.

Search or browse through our [scholarships](#)

Further study

The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics can lead to many options for further specialist study at Deakin for students who wish to deepen their knowledge of a particular discipline. It can serve as a platform for pathways to more advanced degrees such as Honours, Masters or PhD.

Applying to Deakin

Find out how to apply, ask a question or get help with your application at deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

If you are ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au

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We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- Study support
- Career services
- Online study experience
- Fees and scholarships
- Health and wellbeing

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¹ Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2022 (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

² 2021 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

³ QS World University Rankings (2022)