



Bachelor of Political Science 2025 transitional plan

The following advice applies to students who commenced in the Bachelor of Political Science in 2024 or prior. This planner will assist you in the completion of your programs it transitions to a new structure from 2025.

If you have questions about this plan or need help to map out the remainder of your study, please contact either the [CASS Student Office](#), or the convenor for this program. The convenor for the Bachelor of Political Science is Dr Constanza Sanhueza - Constanza.Sanhueza@anu.edu.au.

Changes to the Bachelor of Political Science:

Review your studies and tick off the courses you have completed.

If a course is no longer offered see advice for alternatives below.

The Bachelor of Political Science requires the completion of 144 units, of which:

A maximum of 60 units may come from completion of 1000-level courses

The 144 units must consist of:

24 units from completion of the following compulsory courses:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| POLS1002 | Introduction to Politics | |
| POLS1009 | Research and Writing in Political Science | This course has been renamed Introduction to Data and Methods for Political Science and International Relations |
| POLS2044 | Contemporary Political Analysis | This course has been renamed Quantitative Methods in Political Science and International Relations |
| POLS2119 | Ideas in Politics | |

A minimum of 6 units must come from completion of courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| EURO3002 | Comparative European Politics | This course has been recoded. If you have already completed this course, it will be counted towards your program. If you have not completed EURO3002, you may complete POLS3002 Comparative European Politics instead. You cannot complete POLS3002 if you have already completed EURO3002. |
| POLS3022 | Washington DC Internship | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program. If you have not completed this course, you may choose from any other POLS 3000-level course. |
| POLS3029 | Sharing Power: Federalism in Comparative Perspective | This course has been renamed Comparative Federalism |
| POLS3031 | Comparative Judicial Politics | These courses have been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed them, they will still be counted towards your program. If you have not completed this course, you may choose from any other POLS 3000-level course. |
| POLS3033 | Environment, Human Security and Conflict | |
| POLS3036 | International Terrorism | This course has been renamed Terrorism |
| POLS3038 | Media and Politics | These courses have been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed these courses, they will still be counted towards your program. If you have not completed this course, you may choose from any other POLS 3000-level course. |
| POLS3039 | Political Leadership and Executive Government | |
| POLS3040 | Conflict and Change in Sub-Saharan Africa | |

A minimum of 12 units from completion of political theory and political philosophy courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| PHIL1004 | Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy: An Introduction | |
| PHIL2020 | Theories of Social Justice | |

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| PHIL2113 | Global Justice | |
| POLS2063 | Contemporary Political Theory | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted. |
| POLS2102 | Political Belief and Deceit | |

A minimum of 12 units from completion of methodology courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ECON2141 | Strategic Thinking: An Introduction to Game Theory | |
| POLS2125 | Game Theory and Social Sciences | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2125, you may complete POLS3125 Game Theory and Social Sciences and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3125 if you have already completed POLS2125.</p> |
| POLS2130 | Public Choice and Politics | |
| POLS2137 | Meaning in Politics: Interpretation, Method and Critique | |
| POLS3045 | Qualitative Methods in Political Science Research | <p>This course has been re-coded at 2000 level and renamed. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS3045, you may complete POLS2045 Qualitative Methods in Political Science and International Relations Research and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS2045 if you have already completed POLS3045.</p> |
| SOCY2043 | Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods | |
| SOCR1001 | Foundations of Social Research | These courses have been added to the Bachelor of Political Science and will count towards completion of this list. |
| SOCY2038 | Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods | |

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| STAT1003 | Statistical Techniques |
| SOCR3001 | Data for Decision Making |

A minimum of 12 units from completion of Australian politics courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| POLS2002 | Public Policy: Theory and Practice | |
| POLS2009 | Bureaucracy, Politics and Power | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2009, you may complete POLS3009 Bureaucracy, Politics and Power and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3009 if you have already completed POLS2009.</p> |
| POLS2111 | Elections, Political Behaviour and Public Opinion in Australia | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2111, you may complete POLS3111 Elections, Political Behaviour and Public Opinion in Australia and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3111 if you have already completed POLS2111.</p> |
| POLS2114 | Australian Political Institutions | This course has been renamed Australian Politics |
| POLS2010 | Comparative Politics | This is a new course and will count towards completion of this list. |

A minimum of 12 units from completion of comparative politics courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ASIA2065 | Asia's Changing Politics in Comparative Perspective | |
| POLS2043 | Pressure Groups and Political Lobbying | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2043, you may complete POLS3043 Pressure Groups</p> |

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| POLS2126 | Democracy and Dictatorship | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2126, you may complete POLS3126 Democracy and Dictatorship and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3126 if you have already completed POLS2126.</p> |
| POLS2134 | Gender and Politics | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2134, you may complete POLS3134 The Politics of Gender, Race, and Identity and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3134 if you have already completed POLS2134.</p> |
| POLS2135 | Race, Ethnicity and Representation | <p>This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> |
| POLS3113 | Human Rights | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2133 you may complete POLS3113 Human Rights and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3113 if you have already completed POLS2133.</p> |

A minimum of 6 units and a maximum of 12 units from the following cognate list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ANIP3005 | Australian National Internships Program B | |
| DEMO2001 | Understanding Population Change | |
| DEMO3001 | Population Policy Case Studies | |
| HIST1209 | Terror to Terrorism: A History | |

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| HIST2227 | Australian Political History | |
| HIST2022 | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History | |
| HIST2240 | Democracy and Dissent: Europe Since 1945* | |
| MEAS3007 | Syria in the Levant: State, Society and the Current Turmoil | |
| MEAS3008 | Egypt: Social and Political Dynamics in a Changing Middle East | |
| DEMO1001 | Global population challenges | These courses have been added to this program and will be counted towards this list. |
| ENVS1003 | Introduction to Environmental and Social Research | |
| HIST2110 | Approaches to History | |
| ENVS3028 | Environmental Policy | |
| INDG3001 | First Nations Peoples, the State and Public Policy in Australia | |

A maximum of 6 units from completion of area studies courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ASIA2026 | The Politics of China | |
| ASIA2031 | Japanese Politics | |
| ASIA2049 | Politics and Society in Contemporary Korea | |
| ASIA2070 | Democracy in Southeast Asia | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program. |
| ASIA2516 | Indonesia: Politics, Society and Development | |
| EURO2012 | Uniting Europe: History, Politics, Theory | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program. |

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| MEAS2001 | New States of Eurasia: Emerging Issues in Politics and Security | |
| MEAS3005 | Modern Iraq: State, Politics and Society | |
| POLS2031 | Politics in the Middle East | |
| POLS2055 | Pacific Politics | |
| POLS2069 | Politics in Russia | |
| POLS2095 | Politics in Latin America | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2095, you may complete POLS3095 Politics in Latin America and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3095 if you have already completed POLS2095.</p> |
| POLS2100 | Genocide in the Modern World | |
| POLS2127 | U.S. Politics | <p>This course has been re-coded at 3000 level. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed POLS2127, you may complete POLS3127 U.S. Politics and it will be counted towards this list.</p> <p>You cannot complete POLS3127 if you have already completed POLS2127.</p> |
| POLS3070 | Politics in Central Asia | |
| POLS1005 | Introduction to International Relations | <p>These courses have been added to the Bachelor of Political Science and will count towards completion of this list.</p> <p>Please note that you can complete a maximum of 60 units of 1000-level courses in this program.</p> |
| INDG1001 | Country, Kinship and Continuities: An Introduction to Australian Indigenous Studies | |
| INDG1002 | Resilience, Responsibilities, Resurgence | |
| ASIA1025 | Asia and the Pacific: Power, Diversity and Change | |
| ASIA1030 | Asia and the Pacific in Motion | |

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| ASIA1035 | Introduction to Asian Politics |
| ASIA1999 | The Origins of Political Order in Asia |
| ASIA2096 | North Korea: History, Culture, Politics |
| ASIA2222 | Taiwanese Society and Politics |
| DEMO2003 | Migration in the Modern World |
| ECHI1006 | The Australian Economy, Past and Present |
| EURO1004 | Europe in the Modern Era |
| HIST2128 | Colonies and Post-Colony: 19th Century Australia and its Legacies |
| HIST2221 | The Birth of Modernity: Britain 1688-1848 |
| HIST2226 | Nazi Germany |
| HIST2242 | The Soviet Union: From the Russian Revolution to the Collapse of Communism |
| INDG1002 | Resilience, Rights and Resurgence |
| MEAS1001 | Introduction to the Modern Middle East |
| MEAS1002 | Islam: History and Institutions |
| MEAS2000 | Iran: History, Politics and Culture |
| PASI1011 | Pacific Encounters: Introduction to Pacific Studies |
| PASI2001 | Pacific Studies in a Globalising World |

A minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 units from completion of political economy courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ASIA2090 | Study Tour: The Political Economy of Myanmar | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program. |

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| ECON2013 | Behavioural Economics | |
| ECON2060 | Economic Reasoning for Government | This course has been disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program |
| MEAS2105 | The Political Economy of the Middle East | |
| POLS2011 | Development and Change | This course has been disestablished from 2025 If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program |
| POLS2094 | Issues in International Political Economy | |
| ASIA2067 | Asian Economies | These courses have been added to the Bachelor of Political Science and will count towards completion of this list. |
| INDG3003 | First Peoples' economic self-determination and prosperity in the Australian economy | |

A maximum of 6 units from completion of internship/Vice-Chancellor's courses from the following list:

| Course Code | Title | Advice |
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| ANIP3003 | Australian National Internships Program A | |
| VCUG2002 | Leadership and Influence in a Complex World | These courses have been disestablished from 2025 If you have already completed them, they will still be counted towards your program. |
| VCUG3001 | Unravelling Complexity | |