



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of International Relations



CRICOS code: 073992F

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2026 Selection Rank: 85



Politics

#1

in Australia

#11 globally

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

The Bachelor of International Relations at ANU will provide you with an understanding of the complexities that have, and continue to shape the modern world of states and international society. You will examine historical and current issues through the lens of theory and practice of global politics, international political economy, international security, and development.

In this program, you will have the opportunity to study across the full range of the discipline to further your understanding of international affairs. As well as studying theories and concepts of international relations more broadly, you will build greater knowledge on the foreign policy of at least one world region, develop research skills applicable across the social sciences.

Career opportunities

In the Bachelor of International Relations, you will learn the complexities of the modern state system and understand how different states interact. The result is a degree that prepares you to enter a range of fields including public policy and internationally oriented employment. It is also a strong foundation for postgraduate study.

The breadth of knowledge and skills attained through this degree has broad application. Graduates may find work in government, foreign affairs, journalism, policy making, non-government organisations, private business, tourism, trade and many other fields.

ANU College of Arts
and Social Sciences

International Relations at ANU

Studying international relations in the nation's capital offers you access to a range of valuable resources unique to Canberra. By choosing to study international relations, you will receive a world-class education and an internationally recognised degree.

Bachelor of International Relations students learn to:

- Identify the principal theoretical approaches to the study of international relations.
- Understand the historical development of the global system.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principal actors in contemporary global politics and the challenges they face.

Your program of study also leaves space to focus on a sub-discipline such as political economy, theory, security, a language, or research methodology.

Internships & study abroad opportunities

ANU is recognised for its leadership in the field of international relations. ANU has many connections with the Australian Federal Government and a range of non-government organisations. Canberra is home to Australia's diplomatic community and members of embassies regularly visit ANU for lectures. Parliament House is also a short distance from the University, where international relations students can witness politics first-hand.

You will also have the opportunity to apply for hands-on learning through the Australian National Internship program. See anip.anu.edu.au for more information.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of International Relations can be combined with degrees in Arts, Social Sciences, Business, Science or Law as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

Honours

Bachelor of International Relations students can undertake an honours year within the program. There are also many opportunities for postgraduate study including coursework and research at the Masters Level.



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**Bachelor of International Relations/
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)**

For me, coming to ANU was an easy choice. ANU offered courses that met my interests perfectly, and they are some of the best in the country and the world. I chose International Relations and Law because I have a keen interest in global politics and how our society fits into the rest of the world. I knew that I would be learning about topics that really interested me, whilst gaining skills that would benefit me enormously in my career later on.

After my studies at ANU, I hope to combine my Law and International Relations degrees to work in human rights for the United Nations or an NGO.

Prizes and Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for both international and domestic students. To find out if you are eligible, see anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes

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