



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Public Policy



CRICOS code: 097615M

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2026 ATAR: 85



Politics

#1

in Australia

#11 globally

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

Economics

#1

in Australia

Are you seeking a dynamic career in politics, the public service, advocacy organisations, not-for-profit social and community services or private industry?

A Bachelor of Public Policy from the Australian National University (ANU) equips you with a comprehensive understanding of Australian public policies and related international policies.

Studying Public Policy in the nation's capital allows you to access a range of valuable resources unique to Canberra. ANU has many connections with the Australian Federal Government and a range of non-government organisations. Parliament House is a short distance from ANU and Public Policy students are able to benefit from experiencing policy-making live at any time Parliament is sitting.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Public Policy teaches you the skills and knowledge to contribute to evidence-based policy making and evaluation. Companies and government organisations value the ability to think clearly and analytically. You will learn these skills as well as develop a deep understanding of public policy in Australia. Graduates may find work in government, the public service, consulting, policy making in private enterprise, non-government organisations such as aid and welfare groups, lobbying and many other fields.

ANU is ranked 28th in the world for social policy and administration¹, and is internationally renowned for disciplines that are central to this program — such as politics, economics, and sociology. By choosing the Bachelor of Public Policy you will receive a world-class education and internationally recognised degree.

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ANU College of Arts
and Social Sciences

Public Policy Studies at ANU

Our program is designed to develop the skills and knowledge you need to gather and analyse a range of economic, demographic and social data, to evaluate public policies and programs, and to participate in policy design, advocacy and communication.

- Define conceptual frameworks for public policy
- Understand who and what is involved in the development and implementation of public policy
- Apply research skills in the development and evaluation of evidence-based policy
- Gather and analyse economic data related to public policy
- Create connections between topics and issues related to Australian public policies
- Apply practical experience with policy development through an internship.

Internships

In Public Policy, you can apply to do an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) — anip.anu.edu.au.

This program provides you with hands-on opportunities to undertake a research project in a workplace for which you will gain academic credit. Through ANIP, you can be placed with the Australian Federal Parliament, the Australian Public Service, the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly or Public Service or with non-government organisations. This opportunity is an excellent starting point for a career in public policy.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Public Policy 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 Public Policy 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.

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/scholarships-fees/scholarships



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Bachelor of Policy Studies/Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Political Science

Having a strong interest in politics, deciding to study at the ANU was relatively easy, especially given ANU's rankings and reputation in the areas of Politics, International Relations and Social Policy. The studies I could undertake in public policy reflected my interests while also being well aligned to contemporary national priorities. The ability to undertake a flexible double degree allowed me to also pick up a second degree in Commerce. Through coupling the two programs I have gained knowledge of, and experience in, both the public and private sector.

The learning experience at ANU is exceptional and more often than not your lecturers are leading experts in their respective fields. The associated Internship Program led me to intern in the United States Senate in Washington DC, though many of my peers interned at a range of federal institutions, agencies and departments all conveniently located close to ANU. The quality of my lecturers and the academic community drew me back to complete my Honours Program. I am immensely proud of my connection to Australia's leading university and I know it will serve me well as I enter into the workforce.

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