



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy & Economics

CRICOS code: 076183D

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

Assumed knowledge:
Mathematics comparable to at least a Mathematical Methods major in the ACT or NSW Mathematics or equivalent

2025 Selection Rank: 94



Politics, Philosophy and Economics

#1

in Australia

Politics & Philosophy globally rank #8 and #9, respectively

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (BPPE) at The Australian National University (ANU) is for ambitious, motivated students with an excellent academic record who aspire to become leaders and influencers in their chosen careers.

This degree has a limited intake each year and allows you to be part of an academic community that supports you in understanding and explaining complex ideas and problems.

The BPPE is an exceptional interdisciplinary degree that will help you to develop intellectual breadth, curiosity, creativity and rigour in the three contributing disciplines of politics, philosophy and economics.

Graduates of the BPPE will have highly developed capacity for critical and conceptual thinking and exceptional problem-solving and communication skills. This program is an invaluable foundation for any career choice, particularly for entrepreneurial students seeking to be leaders.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the BPPE are well positioned to follow careers in the private and public sectors and academia, including policy analysis, politics, journalism, banking and finance, international affairs, diplomatic services and government.

ANU College of Arts
and Social Sciences

Politics, Philosophy and Economics at ANU

ANU has an outstanding international reputation in the disciplines of politics, philosophy and economics. Students take courses in each of these disciplines, as well as special BPPE courses that integrate knowledge from the three disciplines.

The study of the three disciplines of politics, philosophy and economics changes how we perceive, think about and understand the world. Applying the knowledge and methods from these disciplines to understand and evaluate individual and group behaviour produces new possibilities for innovation and creativity.

- Philosophy addresses foundational questions concerning the study of how society works and what is the standard for social improvement.
- Politics involves analysing the ways that individuals and groups define political issues and shape communal decisions.
- Economics focuses on a different aspect of social interaction to do with exchange and production.

Internships & study abroad opportunities

The BPPE has a strong international component — linking with international relations and development studies — and you may take advantage of the opportunity to engage with BPPE students at leading international universities.

You can also apply to do an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP), where you will undertake a research project in a workplace for which you will gain academic credit. See anip.anu.edu.au

Flexible Double Degree

The BPPE can be combined with degrees in Arts, Law, Business or Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. The BPPE is also a pathway into the ANU Juris Doctor program. Students who gain entry into the BPPE may have a pathway (subject to academic performance) to the ANU Juris Doctor program — a practical degree available in person and online for non-law graduates offering a pathway to admission to legal practice. It can be completed under the Vertical Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

Honours

Building on the essential components of the BPPE, students can undertake an Honours year that is interdisciplinary or else specializing in Philosophy, Politics, International Relations or Economics. Students who undertake Honours are well positioned to later pursue the myriad of postgraduate study options that are available. These include coursework and research, including a PhD in the relevant discipline.



Matthew

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (BPPE)

I had never heard about the BPPE until a friend of mine introduced me to it, and after I did some research I realised it was exactly what I wanted.

It's unique in the way it's taught as three disciplines working together, which is best embodied in the 'Integration' courses, where the disciplines are all meshed together in one synchronised way as opposed to being taught separately.

It surprised me how much the subjects overlap and work together. The BPPE gives me the flexibility to approach problems from different aspects that you wouldn't normally study if you were studying just economics, or just politics.

After completing the BPPE, Matthew completed a research project at Stanford University, and has accepted a role at Harvard University.

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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