Griffith UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations (International students)

Program code
1664

Available at
Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus, Online

Duration
3 years full-time
6 years part-time (online only)

Credit points
240

Indicative fee
$33,000.00* per year (more)
* 2024 indicative annual fee

Entry requirements
6.5
IELTS (Academic) (more)

CRICOS code
111956B

Commencing in
Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

Prerequisites
NIL

Assumed knowledge
Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3&4, C)
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Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

Domestic and International students not required to complete the English Language Enhancement course:

For the award of *Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations (BPoliSciIntRel)*, you must successfully complete 240 credit points, made up of:

- 100 credit points for the core module
- 60 credit points for the major module
- 80 credit points for the flexible module

International students required to complete the English Language Enhancement Course:

For the award of *Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations (BPoliSciIntRel)*, you must successfully complete 240 credit points, made up of:

- 10 credit points for the English Language Enhancement course (5904LHS)
- 100 credit points for the core module
- 60 credit points for the major module
- 70 credit points for the flexible module

Other program requirements

You must successfully complete:

- no more than 100 credit points of Level 1 courses (the first digit of a course code denotes the level);
- at least 60 credit points of Level 3 courses or higher.

This degree may be awarded **with Distinction** where a student achieves a minimum program GPA of 6.5 with no failed courses. The words "This award was achieved with Distinction" will be recorded on the testamur.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. This qualification is accredited as an AQF Level 7 - Bachelor Degree.

English Language Enhancement

All undergraduate International students are required to complete an **English Language Enhancement Course** unless specific criteria are met as specified in Section 5.0 Qualifications Procedure.

The following course must be completed in the first trimester of study:

- 5904LHS Language and Communication for Arts and Social Sciences

Advice regarding the requirement to complete the English Language Enhancement Course is available via the *myGriffith* portal (in the To Do List).

Students whose first language is English are not permitted to undertake this course.

Program learning outcomes
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Program Learning Outcomes communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for this award describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025
Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Students must check the prerequisite and incompatible requirements before selecting any course within this program.

English Language Enhancement course

Students required to undertake the English Language Enhancement course must complete the following course in their first trimester of study in place of a flexible module course.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2	5904LHS	English Enhancement	Language and Communication for Arts and Social Sciences	10

Core Module

Year 1

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1101GIR	Core to Program	Introduction to Political Science	10
Tri 1,3	1001GIR	Core to Program	International Relations	10
Tri 1	1005GIR	Core to Program	Fundamentals of Policy Analysis	10
Tri 2	1002GIR	Core to Program	Great Debates in Political Thought	10
Tri 2	1102GIR	Core to Program	Comparative Political Institutions	10
Tri 2	1003GIR	Core to Program	Global Political Economy	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Flexible Module Courses (see Note 1 & Note 2)	20

Note 1: Students who are required to complete 5901LHS must complete this course in their flexible module.

Note 2: The flexible module comprises a second major and/or electives. Students wishing to complete a second major are recommended to take a major course in year one.

Year 2

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2002GIR	Core to Program	Australian Politics and Government	10
Tri 2	2027GIR	Core to Program	Career Pathways in Political Science and International Relations	10
Tri 1,2			Major Module Courses	30
Tri 1,2 or 3			Flexible Module Courses (see Note 2)	30

Note 2: The flexible module comprises a second major and/or electives.

Year 3

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3028GIR	Core to Program	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	10
Tri 2	3001GIR	Core to Program	Solving Policy Problems (capstone course)	10
Tri 1,2			Major Module Courses	30
Tri 1,2 or 3			Flexible Module Courses (see Note 2)	30

Note 2: The flexible module comprises a second major and/or electives.

Flexible Module

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2 or 3			Electives	80
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Second Major	60
			AND	
Tri 1,2 or 3			Electives	20

Majors (14 available)
Major Modules

International Relations

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2020GIR	Core to Major	Global Security	10
Tri 1	3007GIR	Core to Major	American Politics and Foreign Policy	10
Tri 1	3012GIR	Core to Major	Australia's Foreign Relations	10
Tri 2	2017GIR	Core to Major	International Relations Theory	10
Tri 2	3016GIR	Core to Major	Religion, Politics and Globalisation	10
Tri 2	3023GIR	Core to Major	International Migration, Race Relations and Public Policy	10

Political Science and Public Policy

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2101GIR	Core to Major	The Politics of Environment and Sustainability	10
Tri 2	2103GIR	Core to Major	Indigenous Politics	10
Tri 2	3019GIR	Core to Major	Parties, Campaigns and Elections	10
Tri 1	2006GIR	Core to Major	Politics, Spin and the Media	10
Tri 2	2015GIR	Core to Major	Democratisation and Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia	10
Tri 1	3013GIR	Core to Major	Power and Policy Making	10

Security, Conflict and Human Rights

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3010GIR	Core to Major	China's Foreign and Security Policy	10
Tri 1	3017GIR	Core to Major	The Way of the Dictator	10
Tri 1	3022GIR	Core to Major	The Rise of Global Populism	10
Tri 2	2019GIR	Core to Major	International Organisations, Peace and Conflict	10
Tri 2	3008GIR	Core to Major	Human Rights in World Politics	10
Tri 2	3018GIR	Core to Major	Terrorism, Counter-terrorism, and Globalisation	10

Second Majors

Chinese Language

Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Language courses must be taken in sequence in accordance with the prerequisites specified. Students may commence at either first or second year depending on their level of proficiency.

Those who have completed Year 11 and 12 language study at secondary school or have some other level of proficiency should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith to discuss the level at which to enrol.

You must complete following foundation course for the major:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1084LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 1A	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Additional Chinese major course (if commencing at Level 2)	10

You must complete 60 credit points from the following courses (including at least 20 credit points of Level 3 courses):

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	1085LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 1B	10
Tri 1	2010LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 2A Enhanced	20
Tri 2	2011LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 2B Enhanced	20
			OR	
Tri 2	2063LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 2B	10
Tri 1	3010LHS	Elective to Major	Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) 3A	20
Tri 1	3012LHS	Elective to Major	Chinese/English Business Interpreting 1	10
Tri 2	3013LHS	Elective to Major	Chinese/English Business Interpreting 2	10

Economics

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	2316AFE	Core to Major	Macroeconomics Analysis	10
Tri 1,3	2314AFE	Core to Major	Microeconomic Analysis	10
Tri 1,2	2315AFE	Core to Major	Econometric Analysis	10
Tri 1	3310AFE	Core to Major	Open Economy Macroeconomics	10
Tri 2	3314AFE	Core to Major	Micro Foundations of Markets and Behaviour	10
Tri 2	3315AFE	Core to Major	Empirical Economic Analysis (capstone course)	10

French Language (Cross-Inst study - UQ St Lucia)

A French major may be completed by applying via the Brisbane Universities Language Alliance website. Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Students unsure of their French proficiency levels should contact the University of Queensland, School of Languages and Cultures prior to enrolling. Students should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith for further details.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Courses undertaken at the University of Queensland	70

German Language (Cross-Inst study - UQ St Lucia)

A German major may be completed by applying via the Brisbane Universities Language Alliance website. Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Students unsure of their German proficiency levels should contact the University of Queensland, School of Languages and Cultures prior to enrolling. Students should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith for further details.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Courses undertaken at University of Queensland	70

Indonesian (Cross-Inst study - UQ St Lucia)

A Indonesian major may be completed by applying via the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance website. Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Students unsure of their Indonesian proficiency levels should contact the University of Queensland, School of Languages and Cultures prior to enrolling. Students should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith for further details.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Courses undertaken at University of Queensland	70

International Business

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2030IBA	Core to Major	Global Business	10
Tri 1	2129IBA	Core to Major	International Management	10
Tri 2	2011IBA	Core to Major	Export Management	10
Tri 2	2154IBA	Core to Major	International Business Logistics	10
Tri 1	3047IBA	Core to Major	Trade and Global Strategy (capstone course)	10
Tri 1	3055IBA	Core to Major	Corporate Responses: Thriving in Dynamic Global Business Environment (offered from 2025)	10

Islam-West Relations

You must complete the following:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2615LHS	Core to Major	Religious and Ideological Extremism	10
Tri 2	2550LHS	Core to Major	Migration, Diversity and Social Justice	10
Tri 2	2614LHS	Core to Major	Gender Issues in Islam and Muslim Societies	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3060LHS	Core to Major	Advanced Project	10
Tri 2	3145LHS	Core to Major	War, Peace and Security: Humanity and History	10
Tri 3	3612LHS	Core to Major	Islam and Muslim Communities in the West	10

Italian Language

Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Language courses must be taken in sequence in accordance with the prerequisites specified. Students may commence at either first or second year depending on their level of proficiency.

Students who have completed Year 11 and 12 language study at secondary school or have some other level of proficiency should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith to discuss the level at which to enrol.

You must complete the following foundation course for the major:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1090LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 1A	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2		Elective to Major	Additional Italian major course (if commencing at Level 2)	10

You must complete 60 credit points from the following courses (including at least 20 credit points of Level 3 courses):

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2,3	1091LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 1B	10
Tri 1	2090LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 2A	10
			OR	
Tri 1	2190LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 2A (Enhanced)	20
Tri 2	2096LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 2B	10
			OR	
Tri 2	2196LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 2B (Enhanced)	20
Tri 1	3094LHS	Elective to Major	Italian Language and Society	10
			OR	
Tri 1	3294LHS	Elective to Major	Italian 3A	20
Tri 3	3093LHS	Elective to Major	Italian Eco-Cinema	10
Tri 1,2,3	3200LHS	Elective to Major	Independent Internship (see Note 1)	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3191LHS	Elective to Major	Language In-Country Independent Study (see Note 2)	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2 or 3	3192LHS	Elective to Major	Language In-Country Independent Study Enhanced (see Note 2)	20

Note: 1: This course contains a work-integrated learning component. Students should complete 3094LHS or 3294LHS before enrolling in this course.

Note 2: This course is only open to students who have gained approval from the Course Convenor and Program Director. Students should complete 3094LHS or 3294LHS before enrolling in this course.

Japanese Language

Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Language courses must be taken in sequence in accordance with the prerequisites specified. Students may commence at either first or second year depending on their level of proficiency.

Students who have completed Year 11 and 12 language study at secondary school or have some other level of proficiency should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith to discuss the level at which to enrol.

You must complete the following foundation course for the major:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1032LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 1A	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Additional Japanese major course (if commencing at level 2)	10

You must complete 60 credit points from the following courses (including at least 20 credit points of Level 3 courses):

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2,3	1033LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 1B	10
Tri 1	2040LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 2A	10
			OR	
Tri 1	2043LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 2A Enhanced	20
Tri 2	2042LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 2B	10
			OR	
Tri 2	2045LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 2B Enhanced	20
Tri 1	3040LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese 3A	20
Tri 2	3533LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese for Professional Purposes	10
Tri 3	3193LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese In-Country Independent Study Enhanced (see Note 1) (not offered from 2023)	20
			OR	
Tri 3	3194LHS	Elective to Major	Japanese In-Country Independent Study Enhanced (see Note 1)	20

Note 1: This course is only open to students who have gained approval to enrol from the Course Convenor and Program Director.

Korean Language (Cross-Inst study - UQ St Lucia)

A Korean major may be completed by applying via the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance website. Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Students unsure of their Korean proficiency levels should contact the University of Queensland, School of Languages and Cultures prior to enrolling. Students should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith for further details.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Courses undertaken at the University of Queensland	70

Spanish Language

Students may only undertake a language major in which they are not native speakers. Language courses must be taken in sequence in accordance with the prerequisites specified. Students may commence at either first or second year depending on their level of proficiency.

Those who have completed Year 11 and 12 language study at secondary school or have some other level of proficiency should contact the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith to discuss the level at which to enrol.

Students commencing with an advanced level of proficiency are encouraged to take the 'Enhanced' 20 credit point course option where available.

You must complete the following foundation course for the major:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1080LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 1A	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2	1012LHS	Elective to Major	How to Learn Languages (if commencing at level 2)	10

You must complete 60 credit points from the following courses (including at least 20 credit points of Level 3 courses):

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	1081LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 1B	10
Tri 1	2080LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 2A	10
			OR	
Tri 1	2082LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 2A (Enhanced)	20
Tri 2	2081LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 2B	10
			OR	
Tri 2	2083LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 2B (Enhanced)	20
Tri 1	3090LHS	Elective to Major	Spanish 3A	20
Tri 1,2,3	3200LHS	Elective to Major	Independent Internship (see Note 1)	10
Tri 1,2,3		Elective to Major	Cross Institutional Study (UQ)	

Note: 1: This course is only open to students who have gained approval from the Course Convenor and Program Director.

Electives (1 available)
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You may select 80 credit points for the flexible module from the list below, or any Undergraduate elective/s offered across the University provided prerequisites are met. If you require guidance, please liaise with your Program Director.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1603LHS	Listed Elective	Islam in the Modern World	10
Tri 2	1117LHS	Listed Elective	World History	10
Tri 2	1028LAW	Listed Elective	Global Law	10
Tri 2,3	1006GBS	Listed Elective	Why Money Matters	10
Tri 1,3	2004GIR	Listed Elective	The Government Business Nexus: Intervening, Lobbying and Responding	10
Tri 3	2035LHS	Listed Elective	Global Indigeneities	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	2034IBA	Listed Elective	Griffith Innovation Challenge	10
Tri 1	3027GIR	Listed Elective	Business and Politics in the Asia Pacific	10
Tri 2	3004GIR	Listed Elective	Parliamentary Internship	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3001GIR	Listed Elective	Solving Policy Problems	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3004GBS	Listed Elective	Business Study Tour	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	3002LFC	Listed Elective	Community Internship and Partnerships for SDGs	10
Tri 2,3	3029MKT	Listed Elective	Self-Marketing	10
Tri 3	2098MKT	Listed Elective	Branding and Promoting New Business Ventures	10
Tri 3	3100GBS	Listed Elective	Indigenous Australians: Everybody's Business	10
Tri 3	3610LHS	Listed Elective	Muslim World Study Tour (Offshore)	10

You must ensure that you complete a minimum of 60 credit points of Level 3 courses (or higher) and the maximum of level 1 courses (100 credit points) is not exceeded in your entire program.