



Bachelor of Communication and Journalism/Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations (Domestic students)

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| Program code 1668 | Entry requirements 65.00 | Prerequisites NIL |
| Available at Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus | ATAR/RANK 2024 (more) | Assumed knowledge Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3&4, C) |
| Duration 4 years full-time 8 years part-time | Commencing in Trimester 1 | |
| Credit points 320 | | |
| Indicative fee Find out more | | |

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

For Domestic and International students not required to complete the English Language Enhancement Course.

For the award of *Bachelor of Communication and Journalism/Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations [BCommJourn/BPoliSciIntRel]*, you must successfully complete 320 credit points, made up of the core courses AND

- 60 credit points for the International Relations or Political Science and Public Policy or Security, Conflict and Human Rights major;

For International students required to complete the English Language Enhancement Course

For the award of *Bachelor of Communication and Journalism/Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations [BCommJourn/BPoliSciIntRel]*, you must successfully complete 320 credit points, made up of the core courses AND

- 10 credit points for the English Language Enhancement course;
- 60 credit points for the International Relations or Political Science and Public Policy or Security, Conflict and Human Rights major;

Other program requirements

You must successfully complete:

- no more than 120 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. The Bachelor of Communication and Journalism and the Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations are accredited as an AQF Level 7 - Bachelor Degree.

English Language Enhancement

Domestic students enrolled in this program whose first language is not English may complete the following **English Language Enhancement Course** as an elective.

- [5904LHS Language and Communication for Arts and Social Sciences](#)

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 the **Bachelor of Communication and Journalism** and **Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations** 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.

Year 1

You must complete the following courses:

| Trimester | Course code | Requirement | Course title | CP |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--|----|
| Tri 1 | 1505LHS | Core to Program | Introduction to Communication and Journalism | 10 |
| Tri 1,2,3 | 5904LHS | English Enhancement | Language and Communication for Arts and Social Sciences (see Note 1) | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 1 | 1509LHS | Core to Program | Empowering the Professional Communicator | 10 |
| Tri 1,3 | 1001GIR | Core to Program | International Relations | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 1101GIR | Core to Program | Introduction to Political Science | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 1511LHS | Core to Program | Communication: Theory and Scholarship | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 1512LHS | Core to Program | Communication Performance | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 1003GIR | Core to Program | Global Political Economy | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 1102GIR | Core to Program | Comparative Political Institutions | 10 |

Note 1: Students required to undertake the English Language Enhancement course must complete 5904LHS in place of 1509LHS.

Year 2

You must complete the following courses:

| Trimester | Course code | Requirement | Course title | CP |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---|----|
| Tri 1 | 1507LHS | Core to Program | Research and Writing for Journalism | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 2505LHS | Core to Program | Ethical Communication | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 2001GIR | Core to Program | Great Debates in Political Thought (not offered from 2025) | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 2 | 1002GIR | Core to Program | Great Debates in Political Thought | 10 |
| Tri 1,3 | 2513LHS | Core to Program | Media Law | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 1513LHS | Core to Program | Digital Media and Portfolio Production | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 2002GIR | Core to Program | Australian Politics and Government | 10 |
| Tri 1,2 | | | Political Science and International Relations major courses | 20 |

Year 3

You must complete the following courses:

| Trimester | Course code | Requirement | Course title | CP |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---|----|
| Tri 1 | 2506LHS | Core to Program | Global Journalism, Media and Communication | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 2005GIR | Core to Program | Fundamentals of Policy Analysis (not offered from 2025) | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 1,2 | 1005GIR | Core to Program | Fundamentals of Policy Analysis | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 2508LHS | Core to Program | Media Innovation and Entrepreneurship | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 2523LHS | Core to Program | Digital Audio Media Production | 10 |
| Tri 2,3 | 2515LHS | Core to Program | Media Relations | 10 |
| Tri 2 | 3001GIR | Core to Program | Solving Policy Problems | 10 |
| Tri 1,2,3 | | | Political Science and International Relations major courses | 20 |

Year 4

You must complete the following courses:

| Trimester | Course code | Requirement | Course title | CP |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--|----|
| Tri 1 | 3502LHS | Core to Program | Advanced Digital Media Production (see Note 1) | 20 |
| Tri 2 | 3503LHS | Core to Program | Communication for Social and Environmental Change Project (see Note 1) | 20 |
| Tri 2 | 2027GIR | Core to Program | Career Pathways in Political Science and International Relations | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 1,2 or 3 | 3001GBS | Core to Program | UG Business Internship I (see Note 2) | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 1,2 or 3 | 3004GBS | Core to Program | Business Study Tour (non-standard course dates) | 10 |
| | | | OR | |
| Tri 2 | 3004GIR | Core to Program | Parliamentary Project (not offered in 2024) | 10 |
| Tri 1 | 3028GIR | Core to Program | Diplomacy and Foreign Policy | 10 |
| Tri 1,2,3 | | | Political Science and International Relations major courses | 20 |

Note 1: These courses are designed as the capstone experience for the final year.

Note 2: Application deadlines apply. Students are required to apply no later than four weeks prior to undertaking this course.

Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations - Majors (3 available)

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 |