



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

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

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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