



Diploma of Political Science and International Relations (Domestic students)

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| Program code 8052 | Entry requirements 60.00 | Prerequisites NIL |
| Available at Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus, Online | ATAR/RANK 2024 (more) | Assumed knowledge Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3&4, C) |
| Duration 1 year full-time 2 years part-time | Commencing in Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 | |
| Credit points 80 | | |
| Indicative fee \$16,000.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee | | |

About this program

The Diploma of Political Science and International Relations provides you with a foundational knowledge of political science and public policy, political economy and international relations. You'll learn about political ideas, movements and institutions, government policy making, international diplomacy and a range of issues in global politics and security. You'll also study an academic foundation course that prepares you for your university studies.

Completion of the Diploma of Political Science and International Relations provides a head start for continuation into the Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations program where you'll gain specialised knowledge by completing a major in International Relations, Political Science and Public Policy; or Security, Conflict and Human Rights. For those who progress to the Bachelor program, you'll gain the skills and training needed for pursuing your career pathway, including taking dedicated employability courses and having opportunities to complete an overseas exchange, work placement, field study trip, or parliamentary internship.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program is offered full-time and part-time at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses and online. You may choose to study courses at other campuses where the program structure allows.

As a full-time student you will generally attend 12-16 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. As a part-time student, you will generally attend 6-8 hours of scheduled classes per week.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

As a business student, you can participate in BusinessPLUS; a program which provides you with access to a wide range of professional development opportunities such as career skills workshops, industry mentoring, work experience and community projects. You'll be provided with a structured plan of activities to complete over the course of your degree, supporting you to explore your career options, develop skills sought by employers, connect with mentors and graduate with an edge in today's competitive job market.

My career opportunities

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With a Diploma of Political Science and International Relations, you will be equipped with foundational knowledge and skills in politics, public policy and international relations. Your transferable skills will prepare you for work in many areas, including government, the not-for-profit sector, and corporations. To further enhance your career opportunities, you may wish to explore further studies at the AQF Level 7, Bachelors.

Pathways to further study

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Successful completion of this Diploma of Political Science and International Relations is a pathway into the [Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations \(1664\)](#).

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)