Why study Australia in the World

Australia in the World is taught in an innovative way. You will have the opportunity to step outside traditional disciplinary boundaries and follow your interests, gain a practical understanding from government, non-government and industry leaders of Australia’s links to the region and develop in-depth knowledge in areas that are important and relevant today. Our Centre is renowned for our field trips, our use of film and interactive media, our links to government and industry leaders across a variety of fields and our willingness to look beyond the myths and stereotypes to interrogate Australia in new and different ways. It also provides opportunities for internships both in Australia and in Europe.

Complementary areas of study

Studying Australia in the World provides you with transferable skills you will be able to apply to other fields of study across the university:

- Journalism
- Media
- Economics
- Business
- History
- Literature
- Law
- Politics
- Teaching
- International Studies

Field trips as part of your degree

Australia in the World offers teaching that takes you out of lecture theatres to discover Australia and the world for yourself. Our units involve international field trips to places like Istanbul and the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, Prato in Italy, the Western Front in Belgium and France, and Yogyakarta, Bandung and Bali in Indonesia. You are also invited to discover Australia, with field trips to the Outback, Sydney, Melbourne and other parts of Victoria.

What are some of the topics Australia in the World explores?

Beyond Gallipoli: Australians in the Great War

International Field School – Winter Semester

Monash Abroad travel grants available

A study tour of Istanbul and the Gallipoli Peninsula aimed at reconstructing the Anzac campaign of 1915. We then move to Prato, Italy for a week of seminars and workshops before flying to Brussels to analyse the Western Front component exploring major Australian battlefields, museums and commemorative sites. The program concludes in Paris.

Australia and Asia:

International Field School – Summer and Winter Semesters

New Colombo Plan scholarships and Monash Abroad travel grants available

The unit begins in Australia, before students embark on a study tour of an Asian nation to gain an in-depth awareness of the complex social, cultural and political context of Asia, and how Australia fits into a regional frame.

Exploring Contemporary Australia

(Semesters 1 and 2)

This unit draws on historical, political, cultural and literary sources to introduce students to some of the major changes and continuities that have shaped contemporary Australia.

A World of Sport, Business, Politics and Media

(Semester 1 and 2 and Summer Semester)

This unit examines the business, politics and the role of media in Australian sport within a local and global context.

ABOUT AUSTRALIA IN THE WORLD

You’ll probe key questions in Australian society, asking how Australia relates to Asia and the wider world during a time of globalisation, how Australia’s wartime heritage shapes the nation today, how the popular cultures of sport and travel connect Australians to domestic and international economics and politics, and how the natural environment has shaped what it might mean to be Australian.

Location:

Clayton and Caulfield

Available as:

Minor or as elective units

From our students

“Australia in the World has provided a foundation for my studies across politics, history and the law. Australia in the World is interdisciplinary, bringing together key historical, political and economic concepts and providing insights of both historical and contemporary relevance.”

Michael Smyth

Bachelor of Arts/Law

Career prospects

Australia in the World can introduce you to a variety of careers including public policy, politics, diplomacy, media and journalism, teaching, tourism, heritage and international development.