International Relations

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations is the largest subfield in Political Science. The International Relations program focuses on the major challenges of global politics, including war, security and development. The program also asks the critical questions about world politics: Who wields power? How does power generate both security and conflict?

Why study International Relations?
International Relations students gain a comprehensive understanding of the key global debates, international conflicts and global institutions. Governance, poverty and human rights are central issues. You will analyse theoretical and practical policy implementation within the fields of security studies, international political economy, foreign affairs and global governance. You will apply your critical thinking and policy skills to analyse innovative, problem-solving solutions to major global challenges. The research, communication and presentation training you undertake studying International Relations will make you workforce-ready, and prepare you for future postgraduate research.

Complementary areas of study
Areas of study which complement International Relations include:
- Politics
- History
- Media and Journalism
- Human Rights
- Criminology
- Anthropology
- International Studies
- Law
- Business and Economics

What are some of the topics International Relations explores
The units within International Relations encompass four broad areas:
- International security and political violence
- Global and regional governance
- International political economy
- Foreign policy

In your first year of study you will take the foundation units:
- Introduction to International Relations
- Terrorism and political violence: an introduction

In second and third year, you may choose units based upon your interest and specific career goals. These may include:
- Global governance
- Foreign policy analysis
- International security studies
- Knowledge and power in world politics
- International political economy
- The ethics of global conflict
- Gender and international relations

How International Relations fits into your Arts degree
You can take International Relations as a major, a minor or as elective units towards your degree.

Career prospects
Studying International Relations opens up opportunities to work in fields such as:
- National and international diplomacy
- Humanitarian agencies
- Human rights advocacy organisations
- Global media and journalism
- Defence and intelligence organisations
- Commonwealth Departments such as Foreign Affairs and Trade

Location: Caulfield and Clayton
Available as: Major, Minor or as elective units

From our students
“During my studies at Monash I was offered an internship in Geneva, Switzerland in the field of risk management, I’m now working in Geneva and I’m finding the work to be incredibly interesting. I feel my Arts degree at Monash gave me the analytical skills that I now apply in my research and in my approach towards my job.”

Artemis Niaros
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-international-relations

AREAS OF STUDY
Students completing a major in International Relations must complete eight units (48 points) which comprise:

### Year 01 / Gateway Unit
- Two first-year gateway units (12 points):
  - ATS1873 Introduction to International Relations
  - ATS1701 Terrorism and Political Violence: An introduction

### Year 02 / Cornerstone Unit
- Two second-year cornerstone units (12 points):
  - ATS2706 Foreign Policy Analysis
  - ATS2624 Global Governance
  - ATS2691 Politics, Violence and Memory
  - ATS2088 Russia and the US: Comparative Politics
  - ATS2694 International Political Economy
  - ATS2640 The ethics of global conflict
  - ATS2698 Middle East Politics
  - ATS2387 Beyond Gallipoli: Australia in the Great War
  - ATS2378 The anthropology of international development

### Year 03 / Capstone Unit
- One third-year capstone unit (6 points) chosen from:
  - ATS3705 Knowledge and Power in World Politics
  - ATS3340 International Security Studies
  - ATS3697 Gender and International Relations
  - ATS3690 Reflections on Humanity: Truth, Freedom and Power
  - ATS3266 Washington and the World: Washington DC Study Tour (12 points)
  - ATS3719 Political and Social Theory

### Year 02 / Electives
Reminder: at least three units (18 points) must be completed at third year level.

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