ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

International studies explores the past, present and future contours of the globalised world. We investigate ideas and events that have shaped our world, as well as analysing issues that we face today. As an International Studies student, you’ll learn what it means to be a global citizen capable of actively engaging with a range of societies and cultures.

Why Study International Studies?

International Studies is one of our most popular areas of study. Its strength lies in the fact that it is taught across multiple disciplines in the Faculty of Arts, allowing you to consider the most pressing issues facing the world today from different perspectives. You will engage in units taught by philosophers, historians, linguists, political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists and geographers.

Choose a global approach or a regional focus

International Studies at Monash allows you to take a global approach, or a regional or thematic focus in your major.

Complementary areas of study

Monash offers units and courses that will further develop your understanding of International Studies, these include:

- Human Rights
- Anthropology
- History
- International Relations
- Languages
- Law

What are some of the topics International Studies explores?

In your first year you will study foundation units in International Studies:

» Contemporary Worlds 1
» Contemporary Worlds 2

In your second and third year you can build your qualification to reflect your interests and chosen career path. You can explore areas such as:

» The ways commerce and consumption structure and drive our world
» Recent conflict, and diverse forms of justice and reconciliation
» Global cultures, and constructions of identity

You can also choose to study overseas. International studies is offered at our Monash South Africa and Malaysia campuses, and units are also run at our Prato centre in Italy. You can also take International studies through a study abroad or exchange program at one of our many worldwide partner institutions.

Career prospects

International studies equips you with skills to work in dynamic and varied areas. Our graduates currently hold positions with:

» The Australian government
» International non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
» Newspapers and other media outlets
» Teaching, research and academia
» Universities and education providers
» Global trading firms and a range of other organisations.

How International Studies fits into your degree

You can take units in International Studies as a major, minor or simply as elective units within your degree.