Politics

ABOUT POLITICS

Politics is the study of power relations in society. Politics helps you understand essential issues about how societies are organised and their key institutions, including government, parliament and political parties. Politics is about the ideas that compete for supremacy in societies: freedom versus order, democracy versus authority, equality versus hierarchy.

Why choose Politics?

You will learn how contemporary political systems emerged historically and the fundamental ideas that propelled that development. You will learn to evaluate and compare different political systems, both Australian and international, and their key institutions. You will also learn about the processes by which policy is developed. Politics will offer you a way of engaging in vital questions about the nature of power and authority, about how people govern their communities, and about the relationship between ideas and practice. The research, communication and presentation training you undertake studying Politics will make you workforce-ready and prepare you for future postgraduate research.

What are some topics Politics explores?

The units within Politics encompass four major areas:
- Australian politics
- Area studies
- Comparative politics
- Political theory

During your first year you undertake the foundation units:
- Foundations of modern politics
- Australian government and politics

In your second and third year of study there is a wide choice of units to choose from that will reflect your particular interests and these include:
- Parties and power
- Russia and the US: Comparative politics
- Middle East politics
- Political ideas
- Foreign policy analysis
- Public policy
- Leaders, power and politics

Unique internship opportunity

Politics at Monash is a long-time academic partner in the Victorian Parliamentary Internship Program. This offers you the unique opportunity to undertake an internship with a member of the Parliament of Victoria during your third year of studies. It provides you with real life experience of public policy research and writing, as well as first-hand exposure to the operation of the parliamentary system.

How Politics fits into your Arts degree

You can study Politics as a major, a minor or simply as elective units towards your degree.

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

Complementary areas of study

Politics works well with a range of subject areas. Depending on your interests, you can choose to do a double major in order to reach your chosen career goals. Complementary subject areas include:
- International Relations, which is the largest subfield in Political Science
- History
- Law
- Media and Journalism
- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Philosophy
- Sociology

Career prospects

Studying politics opens a number of diverse employment pathways. As a graduate, your skills will be highly sought after in a range of fields, including:
- Politics
- Government and administration at both Commonwealth and state level
- NGOs (non-government organisations)
- Journalism
- Intergovernmental organisations
- Industrial relations
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Business and finance

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-politics
Students completing a major in Politics must complete eight units (48 points) which comprise

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<td>Two first-year gateway units (12 points)</td>
<td>ATS2698 Middle East Politics</td>
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<td>ATS1353 Foundations of Modern Politics + ATS1945 Australian Government and Politics</td>
<td>ATS2706 Foreign Policy Analysis</td>
<td>ATS3695 Public Policy OR ATS3903 Leaders, Power and Politics</td>
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