

International Relations

Award Title:
Bachelor of Arts (International Relations)
Major Code: 312331
CRICOS Code: 068750M
TISC Code: CUIRC
Duration: Three years full-time or equivalent part-time study.
Honours year available by invitation.
Availability: Bentley Campus



Double your opportunities!

The Curtin Bachelor of Arts is a unique interdisciplinary program that provides students with the option of pursuing either a single major with electives chosen from a wide range of disciplines, or the opportunity to study two different disciplines as a double major.

About International Relations

The International Relations major covers the fields of comparative politics, political theory, international relations theory, foreign policy, strategic studies, and political history. Topics include political and economic globalisation; regional studies with an emphasis on Asia; international security considered broadly, encompassing military, politics, and economics; human rights; environmental change and resource management.

In a single major, you will study units specified in the major (see Units of study) and eight elective units. The elective units can be selected from any course within Curtin (subject to timetabling and meeting unit prerequisites). Your electives can be used to complement or extend your single major, to sample different disciplines and to expand your portfolio of skills and experience.

Double major combinations

International Relations can also be combined with one of the following majors.

Anthropology and Sociology

The Anthropology and Sociology major provides critical understanding of living in a globalised world. You will explore family, sport, gender relations, media, education, work and economic change, community development, health, crime and human rights.

Asian Studies

The Asian Studies major gives you a high degree of Asian literacy. It provides a deep appreciation of Asian culture, society, religion, history, politics, environment, communication, and business organisations.

Business Law (CBS)

The Business Law major examines the process by which law is created, changed and applied to business and government.

Chinese

The Chinese major is designed to allow you to communicate effectively in the Chinese language (Mandarin), and gain an understanding of the Chinese culture. No prior knowledge of Chinese is required.

Economics (CBS)

The Economics major will give you an understanding of how the choices made by government, producers and consumers impact on economic growth, unemployment, inflation, poverty and wealth

History

The History major is international in scope and includes specialised studies of Australia, India and the subcontinent, the Middle East, southern Africa, Japan, Indonesia and Europe.

Japanese

The Japanese major is designed to allow you to communicate effectively in the Japanese language and gain an understanding of Japanese culture. It also provides insights into Japanese social and cultural frameworks and business practice. No prior knowledge of Japanese is required.

Journalism

The Journalism major develops the ability to research, prepare and publish professional news, current affairs and feature stories across print, radio, online and television media.

Sustainable Development

This major explores the varied dimensions of social, economic, technological, and political change in the present world. Geography is a core discipline of this major.

Units of study

Year One

	Credits
Semester 1	
Engaging in Humanities	25
Humanities Optional Unit	25
Legacies of Empire 111	25
Elective or Second Major	25

Semester 2	
Humanities Optional Unit	25
Humanities Optional Unit	25
Australia and Asia Transformed 112	25
Elective or Second Major	25
TOTAL	200

Year Two

	Credits
Semester 1	
International Relations: Theory and Practice 211	25
Option	25
Elective or Second Major	25
Elective or Second Major	25

Semester 2	
Foreign Policy Analysis 212	25
Option	25
Elective or Second Major	25
Elective or Second Major	25
TOTAL	200

Year Three

	Credits
Semester 1	
Political Inquiry 311	50
Elective or Second Major	25
Elective or Second Major	25

Semester 2	
Securing Global Futures 312	50
Elective or Second Major	25
Elective or Second Major	25
TOTAL	200

Humanities optional units

Making Meanings 100

Critically engage with the culture in which you live via a wide variety of written and audio-visual materials, texts and sources.

OR

Narrating Selves 100

Explore key elements of narrative construction such as story and narration; time and space; narrating perspective and voice.

Culture, Place, Globality 100

Explore local-global interactions in Australia and in the neighbouring East and South Asian regions.

OR

Communicating with Asia: Languages and Societies 100

Recognise variations in communication patterns in different Asian cultures to enhance the ability to communicate more effectively with Asia.

The Design Experience 100

Investigate design as an intellectual activity that produces material artefacts aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones.

OR

Art and Creativity 100

Engage and challenge practices of creativity, innovation and aesthetic experience in contemporary life.

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