

Bachelor of International Studies (BIST) - BlntStud

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus and Distance education: 909889

CRICOS code (International applicants): 047281J

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	

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Program focus

This program is designed to give students an awareness of the evolution of international relations, particularly relating to the culture and history of selected states. Students will gain an understanding of international relations issues, and the ability to analyse key process and phenomena, such as globalisation. Study of an approved Language Other Than English (LOTE) is a required feature of this program.

Career opportunities

There are careers available in the public service, ethnic affairs and immigration, foreign and defence affairs, business, international trade and tourism and teaching (with additional qualifications).

Professional accreditation

Graduates can apply for membership of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Program aims

Program objectives

On successful completion of the degree students should be able to demonstrate:

- the ability to express themselves with clarity and coherence
- basic standards in computer literacy
- an awareness of international relations both in theory and the practical application of theory
- an awareness of the culture and history of selected states and actors, an understanding of selected issues of international significance and of the evolution of the foreign policy of Australia and selected states

- the ability to identify, understand and solve problems
- an introduction to a Language Other Than English (LOTE)
- the ability to meet the specified aims and objectives of those majors chosen as part of the international studies degree
- an understanding of ethics in both the domestic and international environments.

Admission requirements

Admission to the Bachelor of International Studies is in accord with University admission guidelines for undergraduate programs, including successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP program](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for undergraduate programs](#) may be made through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The same procedure applies whether you plan to study on-campus or by distance education.

If you completed Year 12 at a Queensland secondary school you will be assessed for entry on the basis of your Overall Position (OP) or equivalent score. Year 12 students from other states or territories are considered for entry on the basis of their UAI, ENTER or TER and the subject prerequisites indicated. Other applicants will be based on their overall Rank.

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of International Studies consists of 24 units (generally requiring completion of 24 courses) and is structured as follows:

- 10 units of core studies including the International Relations Major
- seven units in a Major selected from the schedule below

- four units in a Minor study selected from the list below
- three units of elective studies
- at least two units of LOTE must be included in the degree program.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

Core courses

All students must take:
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship
CSC1402 Foundation Computing <i>or</i> CIS1000 Information System Concepts
INR1000 International Relations in a Globalizing Era
INR1001 Global Transitions and Human Security
INR2000 Issues in a Globalizing World
<i>five of the following six courses:</i>
HIS2000 Contemporary Australia*
AST2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia
INR3000 Australian Foreign Relations
INR3001 Special Study in International Relations#
AST3001 Change in Contemporary China
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies

Footnotes

* History major students may take [POL2000](#) instead of [HIS2000](#)

[INR3001](#) is normally taken by intending Honours students only

Major studies

A Major study is a specified group of courses with a value of seven units. A Major must have courses over three levels and contain at least two courses at third level. Students taking the Bachelor of International Studies must take the International Relations Major. The Major must be chosen from one of the following areas of study:

For Arts majors listed below, please refer to the [Bachelor of Arts recommended enrolment patterns](#):

- German
- Indonesian
- Mandarin Chinese
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE) from UNE (French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese)
- History
- Anthropology
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Communication and Media Studies

For the Business majors listed below, please refer to the [Bachelor of Business recommended enrolment patterns](#):

- Administrative Management
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology Management
- Management and Leadership
- Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
- Tourism Management

Students must select at least two units of LOTE in their degree program, and should note that the completion of a language is highly regarded by employers.

Minor studies

A Minor study is a specified group of courses with a value of four units. A Minor must have courses over at least two levels. Students should note that LOTE disciplines taken externally from USQ or UNE may require a [residential school](#).

Further information on the [Minor or Option Studies](#) listed below is available:

- Language and Culture (German or Mandarin Chinese)
- Indonesian
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE) from UNE (French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese)
- Communication and Media Studies
- Anthropology
- History
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Economics and Politics*
- Human Resource Management.
- Management and Leadership*
- Marketing Management*
- Tourism

* Pre-requisites may be required.

Elective courses

Elective courses enable students to further increase their knowledge and widen their perspectives. Bachelor of International Studies students will take elective courses from the Majors or Minors listed above, or from any other courses offered at USQ.

Residential schools

[Residential schools](#) may be required for students taking LOTE courses externally through UNE.

Exemptions

Students are eligible for exemptions as per [Academic Regulation 5.5.3](#).

Course transfers

Courses may be transferred to or from the [Bachelor of Arts](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern - First year

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1, 2	1	1, 2, 3			
One of the following two courses:							
CSC1402 Foundation Computing	1	1, 2, 3	1	1, 2, 3			
CIS1000 Information System Concepts	1	1, 2	1	1, 2			OE
INR1000 International Relations in a Globalizing Era	1	1	1	1			
Course from Major Study	1	1	1	1			
Course from Minor Study or Elective	1	1	1	1			
INR1001 Global Transitions and Human Security	1	2	1	2			

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Course Major Study	1	2	1	2			
Course from Minor Study or Elective	1	2	1	2			

Footnotes

OE Before enrolling in this course students must check that they have satisfied the 'Recommended prior study' or 'Other enrolment' requirements set out in the Other requisites section of the course specification.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Second year

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
INR2000 Issues in a Globalizing World	2	1	2	1			
Course from Major Study	2	1	2	1			
Course from Minor Study	2	1	2	1			
Elective Course or Course from Major Study or Minor Study	2	1	2	1			
Course from Major Study*	2	2	2	2			
Course from Minor Study	2	2	2	2			
Elective Course or Course from Major Study or Minor Study	2	2	2	2			
AST2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia	2	2	2	2			

Footnotes

* History major students must take [POL2001](#) instead of [HIS2000](#) in Year 2.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Third year

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies	3	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: Any 1 course of History or International Relations
Course from Major Study	3	1	3	1			
Elective Course or Course from Major Study	3	1	3	1			
Elective Course	3	1	3	1			
Course from Major Study	3	2	3	2			
Plus three of the following four courses							
HIS2000 Contemporary Australia	3	2	3	2			Pre-requisite: One unit of History or INR1000 or INR1001
INR3000 Australian Foreign Relations	3	2	3	2			
AST3001 Change in Contemporary China	3	2	3	2			
INR3001 Special Study in International Relations			3	2			Pre-requisite: 3 courses of International Relations