

Bachelor of International Studies (BIST) - BIntStud

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

CRICOS code (International applicants): 047281J

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admission will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [Bachelor of Arts](#).

	On-campus	External
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba	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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Current students

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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

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

Admission to the Bachelor of International Studies is in accordance with [University's Admissions Policy](#) for undergraduate programs, including successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

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 or CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts
INR1000 Introduction to International Relations
INR1001
INR2000 Issues in a Globalizing World
<i>five of the following seven courses:</i>
HIS2000 Contemporary Australia [†]

INR2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia
INR3000
Choose either HMT3001 Independent Study Project A or HMT3002 Independent Study Project B
INR3002 Nationalism and Revolution in Southeast Asia [†]
INR3005 Migrant Worlds: Issues in Contemporary and Historical Migration
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies [†]

Footnotes

- † This course is offered in even-numbered years only.
History major students may take POL2000 instead of [HIS2000](#)
[HMT3001](#) and [HMT3002](#) are normally taken by intending Honours students only
- ‡ This course is offered in odd years 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)
- 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.

Electives/Approved 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

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

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

Credit

Students are eligible for credit 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

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1, 2	1	S1, S2, S3			Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
One of the following two courses:							
CSC1402	1	1, 2, 3	1	1, 2, 3			
CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts	1	1, 2	1	1, 2			
INR1000 Introduction to International Relations	1	1	1	1			
Course from Major Study	1	1	1	1			
Course from Minor Study or Elective	1	1	1	1			
INR1001	1	2	1	2			
Course Major Study	1	2	1	2			
Course from Minor Study or Elective	1	2	1	2			

Recommended enrolment pattern - Second year

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	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 ^o	2	1	2	2			
Course from Minor Study	2	2	2	2			
Elective Course or Course from Major Study or Minor Study	2	2	2	2			
INR2002 Contemporary Issues in Asia	2	2	2	2			

Footnotes

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

Recommended enrolment pattern - Third year

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Choose one of the following two courses:							
INR3002 Nationalism and Revolution in Southeast Asia [†]	3	1	3	1			
Or							
INR3003 War and Terrorism: Introduction to Strategic Studies [†]	3	1	3	1			
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 five courses							
HIS2000 Contemporary Australia [†]	3	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: One unit of History or INR1000 or INR1001
INR3000 [‡]	3	2			3	2	
INR3005 Migrant Worlds: Issues in Contemporary and Historical Migration					3	2	Pre-requisite: Successful completion of a minimum of 12 units of study in any discipline or major
Select one of the following courses - either / or, but not both. Students considering Honours in International Relations are advised to enrol in one of these courses.							
HMT3001 Independent Study Project A			3	1			Pre-requisite: Completion of 16 units, of which 5 must be in area of proposed study project; subject to agreement of appropriate supervisor. Enrolment is not permitted in HMT3001 or HMT3002 if PRL3002 has been previously completed.

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
HMT3002 Independent Study Project B			3	2			Pre-requisite: Completion of 16 units, of which 5 must be in area of proposed study project; subject to agreement of appropriate supervisor. Enrolment is not permitted in HMT3001 or HMT3002 if PRL3002 has been previously completed.

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