BACHELOR OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

STUDY PROGRAM
The program is comprehensive but flexible. You will complete two major sequences – in management and public policy – and may select elective topics from a broad range of options including international relations, politics, Asian studies, business economics, and languages. The majors in public policy and management comprise ten compulsory core topics and six others selected from a range of options. The core topics give an introduction to democracy and government and political ideas and public policy, and cover areas such as government business and society; the applications, issues and dilemmas of Australian public policy; advanced perspectives on public policy; accounting for managers; management of people and organisations; human resource management; the Australian economy; and governance, sustainability and ethics. Throughout the course there is a strong emphasis on professional communication and a range of analytical and research techniques.

VET PATHWAY
If you have completed a TAFE/VET diploma or advanced diploma in a management, business or government-related area, you may be eligible for the VET pathway. Students accepted into this pathway may receive up to 1.5 years credit and be able to study externally.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The Bachelor of Government and Public Management offers a range of internship opportunities including the South Australian Parliamentary Internship, the Washington Internship Program in the US and the Australian Internship Program in Canberra managed by the Australian National University.

STUDYING OVERSEAS
Flinders University has a series of international exchange links that give you the chance to study part of your degree overseas. Studying in another country allows you to gain an international perspective which may be useful in your career and the exchange experience looks great on your résumé. You can also access scholarships from the University to support your study and living costs. For more information on all exchange opportunities and scholarships at Flinders go to: flinders.edu.au/flinders-abroad

COMBINED DEGREES
You can combine the Bachelor of Government and Public Management with the following bachelor degrees: business (non-specialised, business economics, entrepreneurship, human resource management, international business, management, or marketing); commerce (accounting, finance, or sustainability).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Some potential occupations for graduates include graduate policy officer, research and policy analyst, electorate officer, government house officer, communications and campaigns assistant, and ministerial officer. Potential employers include Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, Department of Parliamentary Services, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Government Relations Australia, and Australian and international consulting groups.

FURTHER STUDY
Graduates can apply to complete the public policy honours year offered within the Bachelor of Arts and/or the Master of Public Administration. Masters and PhD (research) is also available.

FIND OUT MORE
More course information can be found by navigating to the Bachelor of Government and Public Management on our undergraduate courses page via: flinders.edu.au/courses/undergrad

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AT FLINDERS
Flinders University’s Bachelor of Government and Public Management is unique in South Australia and has been developed in consultation with senior public-sector leaders. This course will teach you how government works and how to work with it. It is designed to give you an advanced understanding of the values and processes of governance; the policy, regulatory and service-delivery roles of the public sector; policy analysis; and the effective management of organisations, programs, resources and people.

Flinders has been a recognised leader in this field virtually since its creation over four decades ago. Our academics have advised and analysed political leaders in South Australia and nationally, and their opinions and commentary are widely sought and respected. The course gives you the opportunity to draw on this experience and expertise, and to eventually apply it in your career.

Governments shape the way in which we conduct much of our lives through development of public policy, management of the public sector and regulation of former state-owned enterprises. Public policy and the management of the agencies that control public resources are how politicians shape the world in which we live. The effectiveness of these big decisions depends on how the implementation of policy is managed.
What I learned at Flinders is very relevant and knowledge that is used every day. It was the right mix of theory and the hands-on. It definitely helps to study government management if you’re working in an organisation that is working with government. It gives you such an insight into what you’re working with.

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