Government & International Relations
Taking your first step into university life is a big change. New faces, new spaces, new experiences.

That’s why at Flinders, we do all we can to make your time at university the best it can be.

Our facilities are purpose-built for your study needs, providing the best the world has to offer. Plugged into industry trends, professional placements and practical experiences, our teaching is designed to take you from learning to earning.

Our researchers and lecturers are ready to equip you with up-to-the-minute knowledge based on our world-class research. You’ll gain specialised skills and knowledge in your chosen field plus develop abilities in independent thinking, communication, collaboration, ethics and creativity – qualities that will prepare you to become an expert and innovator in your field.

Everything we do at Flinders is designed to give you the best possible study experience and prepare you not just to succeed, but to go beyond.

Find out more flinders.edu.au/experience

The world is changing rapidly, and the decisions we make when determining government policy and international relations will help guide our country in the future. You could play a part in shaping that future.

UNDERSTAND AND DRIVE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

There’s an incredible breadth of career opportunities within the world’s largest employer, the public sector. You could work locally within a variety of government departments, pursue a career helping set international policy, or help change the world within organisations like Amnesty International or Projects Abroad.

A REWARDING CAREER

Your studies will prepare you for careers in government, non-government and not-for-profit organisations in Australia and abroad. You’ll study current international relations and politics, history’s effect on where we are today, and the issues that face our global futures. With these skills you’ll be well-positioned to begin a career influencing policy and diplomacy locally and beyond.

STUDY FOR SUCCESS

By studying Government and International Relations at Flinders, you’ll tap into over 40 years’ experience in politics and international relations. You’ll work with academics who have advised and provided analysis for local and national political leaders, and whose commentary is widely sought around the globe. At Flinders, you’ll graduate with exceptional skills and knowledge, prepared for a rewarding career.

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No.1 SA Uni

No.1 SA University for teaching quality, learning engagement and student support

GAS Student Experience Survey, 2018.

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Research Excellence in Research for Australia, 2018.

Flinders Policy and Administration research is rated above world standard

Shape the world

Study Government & International Relations

At Flinders
Bachelor of International Relations

You could play a part in world events.

Prepare yourself for a successful career in organisations that deal with other countries or have an international or intercultural focus. In this degree you’ll develop an understanding of how international relations drives policy development. You’ll graduate with a comprehensive understanding of key political, social, economic and strategic relations within the global community.

Bachelor of International Relations

- Study policy areas such as trade, economic development, foreign affairs, education, migration, and human rights.
- You’ll deepen your understanding of diplomacy in Asia, issues arising in developing economies, and Australia’s relationship with the US.
- You’ll meet professionals working on current international ventures, and could build your international professional network with overseas study.
- You’ll get practical experience through Work Integrated Learning and industry placements.
- You could learn a new language by selecting language topics.
- Engage with Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and defence officials in simulated activities.
- There are opportunities to take your studies overseas through internships and short-term study abroad programs including the Washington Internship Program.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Your degree is the first step towards a range of employment opportunities, including:
- immigration officer
- consular officer
- generalist intelligence officer
- international development officer.

Potential employers include:
- Amnesty International
- Australian Volunteers International
- Coffey International Development
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Department of Defence
- Projects Abroad.

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NUMBER OF YEARS
FULL-TIME
6
PART-TIME
9
AVAILABLE
DEFERRABLE
3

PREREQUISITES
None
ASSUMED
KNOWLEDGE
None
SATAC CODE
224991
2019 MINIMUM
SELECTION RANK
60.00
GUARANTEED ENTRY
SELECTION RANK
70.00
TAFELINK
Cert IV or above
ADJUSTMENT FACTORS
UES, LLM

See the inside back cover for more information on your admission pathways, opportunities to enhance your degree, and how to apply.

“The opportunity to gain international work experience made Flinders a natural choice for me. I undertook the Washington Internship Program which was incredible. I also did an internship with the United States Consulate General in Melbourne last year and found learning about diplomacy really fascinating.”

Molly Stephens
Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice with International Relations (Honours)

Find out more
flinders.edu.au/government-international-relations
Find out about combining these qualifications:

**Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice/Bachelor of International Relations**
A laws and legal practice degree from Flinders satisfies the academic and practical requirements to practise law in South Australia. Combining these studies with a Bachelor of International Relations opens the door to a multitude of careers in international organisations, aid and human rights, government, transnational crime, terrorism, and non-government organisations.

**Bachelor of Languages/Bachelor of International Relations**
Combining your Bachelor of International Relations with study of a language will open up a broader range of international study opportunities and improve your career prospects, both in Australia and overseas. Language studies also provide a greater understanding and appreciation of foreign cultures, which will further enrich your international relations studies.

Flinders University’s links with world-class universities and organisations enable you to undertake an exchange program or internship that will enhance your international relations experience.

Opportunities include six internships in the United States Congress every year – we’ve had over 100 Flinders participants since the year 2000. There are also opportunities in Indonesia, and over 100 of our students have studied or worked in Indonesia in the last five years, some for a semester or more. For those interested in an experience closer to home, you can also participate in internationally relevant internships onshore, with a variety of organisations in Adelaide and across Australia.

Key affiliated international institutions in North America, Europe and Asia include:
- Georgetown University – Washington, USA
- York University – Toronto, Canada
- Uppsala University – Uppsala, Sweden
- UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water Research – The Netherlands
- Hiroshima University – Hiroshima, Japan
- Nankai University – Tianjin, China
- Parahyangan Catholic University – Bandung, Indonesia
- International Network of Universities.

Key affiliated national institutions include:
- Department of Defence – Adelaide and Canberra
- Defence Science and Technology Group – Adelaide and Canberra
- Cabinet Office, Department of the Premier and Cabinet – South Australia
- Department of Human Services
- Amnesty International
- Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS).

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The Washington Internship Program provides you with an opportunity, unparalleled in Australia, to experience political life in Washington DC.

Flinders has been sending students on this unique seven-week placement in the US Congress since the program’s inception in 2000. Last year, we sent our 100th Washington intern to Capitol Hill.

The program gives you a unique insight into US politics and appreciation of the workings of the American political system.

As a participant in the program, you will work full-time in the office of a member of the United States Senate or the US House of Representatives. During this time, you are required to develop a research project, which will be the basis for your assessment. The placement contributes to the completion of your final year of study, or a component of your honours degree.

“My degree has taken me around the world, and in 2016 I interned in Washington DC for two months for Republican Congressman Billy Long. I was able to grasp a better understanding of the internal workings of American politics. I vastly improved my writing and research skills. I was able to network with a variety of people and organisations.”

Sarah Flynn
Bachelor of International Relations student

We’re here to help

Whatever you decide to study at Flinders, we’re always here to help you succeed.

Transition to university
Starting at university is a big step, let’s make it easier.

The Transition Office can help make your shift into university study as smooth as possible, and the Student Learning Centre provides a range of services from writing and mathematics support to assistance with study and time-management skills.

Work-Integrated Learning
Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) enables you to gain work experience while you study. Flinders aims to provide each and every student with access to a WIL opportunity during their studies through placements, practicums, field studies, and simulated workplace settings and assessment activities.

Scholarships
Flinders University offers over 550 undergraduate scholarships, worth $2.2M in total. A generous range of scholarships is available to new and continuing undergraduate students.

Flinders Connect
Flinders Connect can help with everything from enrolment and fees to exams and graduation.

You can also access Flinders Connect for specialist services in admissions, careers and IT help. A range of support services is also available.

Flinders University Student Association (FUSA)
Flinders has a long history of active student involvement.

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) continues that tradition, and represents the rights and interests of students. FUSA manages social events, non-sporting clubs and societies, the student publication Empire Times, and helps with academic, administrative and welfare issues.

Careers & Employability Service
The Careers and Employability Service helps give you the edge in your career.

CareerHub, our online employment portal, is more than a service to help you prepare for and find the job you want. It offers personalised job opportunities, career planning, programs to help you broaden your skills and experience, access to employer events and career-related resources.

Whatever you are studying, CareerHub can help you find your direction and start your career.

INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Careers are evolving and the workplace of the future will look very different from today.

That’s why we offer a suite of innovation and enterprise electives and courses to prepare you for the careers of tomorrow. Powered by Flinders’ New Venture Institute, these electives will help you to develop the ‘personal enterprise skills’ that employers are looking for, and equip you with the ability to adapt to whatever life throws at you, personally and professionally.

Find out more
flinders.edu.au/innovation
How do I apply?

Applicants need to apply through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC): satac.edu.au

To find out more about your admission pathways to Flinders, visit: flinders.edu.au/pathways

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

At Flinders we recognise that every prospective student is an individual and that what works for one might not be right for another. That’s why we provide various admission pathways into Flinders University and your preferred degree. You’re encouraged to explore your options and find the entry path that’s right for you.

Year 12 entry

The majority of Year 12 applicants enter university via the traditional competitive entry method, where offers are made to eligible applicants with the highest selection rank until all places in the degree are filled. Your selection rank is used by Flinders to assess your admission to a course, and is based on your ATAR plus any adjustment factors for which you are eligible. The 2019 Minimum Selection Rank is the lowest rank for which an offer was made to an applicant in that degree for the previous year (including any adjustment factors). This selection rank is provided only as a guide for 2020 entry as it may change from year to year.

Adjustment factors

Adjustment factors (formerly referred to as bonus points) may be used in combination with your ATAR to derive your course selection rank. Adjustment factors may be available for South Australian Year 12 students applying for entry to Flinders in 2020: the SA Universities Equity Scheme (USES) and the SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme (LLM).

Guaranteed entry selection rank

Achieves a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you’ve guaranteed a place at Flinders. All you need to do is ensure you have listed Flinders in your top preferences and you will be offered a place in the highest Flinders degree preference.

Flinders UniLeap

Flinders UniLeap can help you qualify for entry into a Flinders University degree in four weeks. It’s a free intensive four-week program that has been designed for school leavers, to develop their independent learning skills and prepare them for university study.

Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies program has been designed to introduce you to university study in a supportive learning environment. Open to people from all backgrounds, the program provides a pathway to gain entry to most degrees at Flinders and offers a guide for entry into some degrees.

TAFElink

Flinders offers guaranteed entry to selected degrees for applicants who have completed a TAFE/VET certificate IV or higher-level qualification, as long as degree prerequisites are met. Importantly, your TAFE/VET qualification does not need to be related to your selected area of study at Flinders.

TAFE SA dual offers

You can apply for a TAFE SA or advanced diploma that is linked to a Flinders degree. You’ll receive an offer to both TAFE SA and Flinders University and, on successful completion of the TAFE course, you’ll receive a range of Flinders degrees. For more information, call 1800 804 404.

Admissions Pathways

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of General Studies is a flexible degree that provides a sound basis of knowledge in an area of your choice. It is designed to prepare you with communication skills, a firm grasp of ethics, and the confidence to make connections across geographical, disciplinary, social and cultural boundaries. Successful completion of the first year to the required standard also provides you with guaranteed entry into a range of our degrees.

Get more out of your degree

Whatever you’re studying, Flinders gives you the opportunity to do more with your degree to help you have a competitive edge when you graduate. A combined degree is a combination of two Flinders bachelor degrees, meaning you will have two qualifications in just one to one-and-a-half years of extra study and undertake in-depth study in exciting combinations that aren’t usually available in single degrees.

The Bachelor of Letters is available to study alongside any degree at Flinders and enables you to graduate with two qualifications.

WHEN CAN I START?

Flinders offers two admissions cycles each year for undergraduate degrees.

1. Semester 1 – February start

Applications open in August for commencement the following year.

2. Semester 2 – July start

Mid-year applications open in August for commencement in July the following year.

Get more out of your degree

This is Flinders

Flinders’ huge main campus features an award-winning hub and plaza, with retail, food outlets and a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre. Take a virtual tour of Flinders University and explore our amazing locations. It’s the next best thing to being here! flinders.edu.au/vr

Student Hub & Plaza

Open 24/7, the award-winning Hub and Plaza brings the best of coffee and street food culture to the heart of the Bedford Park campus, with retail options, innovative study spaces and free wi-fi access.

Food & Drink

You’ll never go hungry at Bedford Park, with a wide variety of food outlets.

Retail

Bedford Park features a range of retail outlets.

UniTEST is an easy way to gain a place in your preferred degree. uniTEST is designed for school leavers and complements existing selection criteria by enhancing your overall selection rank.