International Relations & Political Science

Starting at Flinders

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Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which its campuses are located, spanning across South Australia and the Northern Territory. We honour their Elders and Custodians past, present and emerging. We recognise the three largest Flinders University campuses across South Australia and Northern Territory are located on the lands of the Kaurna (Bedford Park, SA), Arrernte (Alice Springs, NT) and Larrakia (Darwin, NT) Nations.
Choose your degree
Flinders University offers a range of flexible degrees across business, commerce, finance, international relations and political science. Choose a degree that reflects your passions and graduate with the skills and knowledge to take your place in an ever-changing world. Study on campus or choose from a range of topics offered online.

Be taught by leaders
Flinders’ Business, International Relations & Political Science degrees are taught by teachers who are leaders in their fields. Our close industry links with leading business partners, practical Work Integrated Learning (WIL) placement opportunities and a strong focus on future business trends will help you graduate job-ready. Our international relations and political science experts will teach you how policies are developed and implemented, preparing you for careers in government, non-government and not-for-profit organisations in Australia and abroad.

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

Business industry partners
Flinders has close ties to leading industry partners. Your studies will give you the opportunity to work on real-world industry projects alongside major industry organisations.

“Uni in general has taught me a lot of skills: how to be more independent, how to talk to people, I was quite shy when I started uni, how to network, which is very important in an international relations degree, it’s made me believe that it is possible for change to happen, because I’m meeting people that want to go into this world of politics, and want to make a difference.”

Christina Mathieson
Bachelor of International Relations and Political Sciences/Bachelor of Languages

At Flinders, it’s all about your global career
Develop global skills
Flinders’ International Relations & Political Science degree will teach you the skills to play a part in world events and drive political, social and economic change through exciting careers in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Study with international experts
Study with SA’s largest group of international relations and political science experts, and gain practical experience through industry placements and opportunities to travel to Indonesia, China, Japan, USA and elsewhere, including unique internship opportunities with the US Congress (Washington) and Consulate (Melbourne).

A career in diplomacy, international aid or global consulting
An incredible breadth of career opportunities awaits you in a range of international organisations, in the public or not-for-profit sectors, or as a diplomat. You could work locally for a government department or an SA-based business, pursue a corporate career helping set international policy or help change the world with organisations like Amnesty International or Projects Abroad.

No. 1 in SA in Political Sciences*
* 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities, public SA-founded universities only

International Relations & Political Science

Top 200 in the world for Public Administration**
** 2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of International Relations & Political Science
Bachelor of International Relations & Political Science (Honours)

In this degree you'll develop an understanding of how to drive policy development at home and abroad. You'll graduate with a comprehensive understanding of key political, social, economic and strategic relations within the domestic and global communities.

| SATAC code | 244191 |
| SATAC code (Honours) | 244271 |
| Prerequisites | None |
| Assumed knowledge | None |
| 2022 selection rank | 60.00 |
| 2022 selection rank (Honours) | 70.00 |
| Guaranteed entry selection rank | 70.00 |
| Guaranteed entry selection rank (Honours) | 80.00 |
| TAFELink | Cert IV or above |
| TAFELink (Honours) | Dip or above |
| Adjustment factors | Yes |

- Learn the policy and political skills that will be needed by the policymakers and leaders of tomorrow – in Australia and around the world.
- Study policy areas such as social policy, Indigenous affairs, multiculturalism, education, trade, economic development, foreign affairs and human rights.
- Gain real-world understanding of how Parliament and public agencies work through placement opportunities.
- Meet professionals working on current international ventures and build your international professional profile.
- Engage with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and defence officials in simulated activities.
- Experience South Australian politics first-hand through the South Australian Parliamentary Internship and the South Australian Government Cabinet Office Internship, or take your studies overseas with the Washington Internship Program.

Career opportunities
Your degree could open up a range of employment opportunities, including:
- policy analyst
- diplomat or public service officer
- journalist or digital media content maker/manager
- international aid or development worker
- electorate officer
- research officer, analyst or assistant
- intelligence, security or political analyst.

Potential employers include:
- federal, state and local government
- international aid sector
- not-for-profit sector
- private sector
- consulting firms.

For more information visit flinders.edu.au/international-relations-political-science

COMBINED DEGREES

Explore your interests and unlock more career opportunities by combining degrees.

By combining your degree with a qualification in another discipline, you’ll connect diverse knowledge in unique ways and develop specialised abilities to help you stand out from the pack. Studying a combined degree at Flinders is the key to enhancing your career opportunities. Example degree combinations:

**Bachelor of Languages/Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science**

SATAC CODE 214921
Leverage your love of languages into a career engaging with political, social and cultural issues in Australia and around the world.

**Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science/Bachelor of Arts**

SATAC CODE 244191
Combine your interest in political, social and cultural issues with the complex critical thinking skills required to solve some of the world’s greatest challenges.

Other combinations
- Bachelor of Accounting
  SATAC CODE 244001
- Bachelor of Business
  SATAC CODE 214761
- Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)
  SATAC CODE 224401
- Bachelor of Business (International Business)
  SATAC CODE 224411
- Bachelor of Business (Management)
  SATAC CODE 224361
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
  SATAC CODE 224371
- Bachelor of Business Economics
  SATAC CODE 244061
- Bachelor of Criminology
  SATAC CODE 234661
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
  SATAC CODE 244111
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)
  SATAC CODE 244121
- Bachelor of Law and Society
  SATAC CODE 234641

For a full list of combined degree options visit flinders.edu.au/combineddegrees

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“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)
South Australian Parliamentary Internship

2020 was the 25th anniversary of the prestigious South Australian Parliamentary Internship Program.

This degree and career enhancing program gives successful applicants the opportunity to experience how Parliament operates from the inside. Interns will work attached to the office of a Member of Parliament while completing a public policy research project nominated by the member under the formal supervision of a member of the Flinders academic staff.

Washington Internship Program

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. Recently, we sent our 100th Washington intern to Capitol Hill.

The program gives you a unique insight into US politics and an 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 2020 I interned in Washington DC for Congressman Tom McClintock. I did all sorts of things as an intern: attended hearings and briefings, ran tours of the Capitol building for constituents, talked to visiting dignitaries, Chiefs of Staff, Members of Congress, and much more. I put the theory I’ve learnt at University into practice, learnt about American politics and networked with many people and organisations.”

Shannon McSkimming
Flinders International Relations and Political Science student
Take your studies global

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 and political science 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
- 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)

For more information visit: flinders.edu.au/international-relations
Starting at Flinders

One of the world’s top universities, Flinders offers students a supportive, inclusive education in an unrivalled study environment.

Flinders is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world*

* THE World University Rankings 2022 as a percentage of the total number of universities in the world according to the International Association of Universities
Get more out of your study

**Combined degrees**

Combining your degree with a qualification in another discipline will give you more expertise and expand your career prospects. Studying a combined degree at Flinders will help you stand out from the crowd. A combined degree is a combination of two Flinders bachelor degrees. As a combined degree graduate you will have two qualifications in just one to one-and-a-half years of extra study.

Our combined degree programs are designed to enhance your educational, academic and professional qualifications while minimising the cost and length of your studies. Flinders’ combined degrees allow you to undertake in-depth study in exciting combinations that aren’t usually available in single degrees.

flinders.edu.au/combineddegrees

Begin your journey to a successful career

**Flinders diplomas**

Flinders’ diploma-level qualifications give you the chance to experience university life without having to commit to long-term study.

The one-year Diploma in Business, Diploma in Laws, or Diploma in Arts give you the chance to explore a range of interests, and successful completion allows you to apply for up to one year of credit towards a range of bachelor degrees, and guaranteed entry to the following courses:

- Bachelor of Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business Economics
- Bachelor of Creative Industries (Digital Media, Film and Television, Interactive Design, Theatre and Performance, Writing and Publishing, Festivals and Arts Production)
- Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion
- Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education
- Bachelor of Engineering Science
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of International Business (Wine, Spirits and Tourism)
- Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science
- Bachelor of Law and Society
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science

Standard University admission requirements apply.

flinders.edu.au/diplomas
Pathways to study

Whether you are a school leaver or returning to study at a later date, there are many ways to gain admission to Flinders University. Explore your options and find the entry path that’s right for you.

If you have secondary education

Year 12 Entry
Most Year 12 applicants enter university via the traditional 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.

satac.edu.au

Guaranteed entry
If you achieve an ATAR equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank (and you meet course prerequisites) you will be guaranteed a place at Flinders. We offer guaranteed entry for most courses.

Indigenous Admission Scheme
The Indigenous Admission Scheme provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who may not have been able to gain entry to university by traditional means, with the opportunity to study at Flinders.

See page 27 for further details.

Elite Athlete Pathway
If you’ve officially represented your school or state at a national level competition, we’ll consider your school’s recommendation about your academic potential when you apply.

flinders.edu.au/study/sport/elite-athletes

Research Project B Pathway
If you have strong results in the Research Project B subject you will be considered for entry into Flinders on the basis of your Year 12 results and Research Project B performance.

flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry/research-project

School Recommendation Program
We may consider your school’s recommendation about your academic performance as part of your admission into Flinders.
If you have work and life experience

**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, Foundation Studies provides a pathway to gain entry to most degrees at Flinders and offers guaranteed entry into some degrees.

[flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/foundation-studies](flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/foundation-studies)

**Military Pathways**
Use your military service in the Australian Defence Force as a pathway to a Flinders University degree.

[flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/military-veterans](flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/military-veterans)

**Adult Entry**
The adult entry scheme enables people aged 18 years and over to apply to study at Flinders via the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). Applications are made via SATAC.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider an undergraduate certificate or diploma. These shorter courses allow you the opportunity to explore your interests and to progress to further study. Certificate courses are Commonwealth supported.

[flinders.edu.au/pathways](flinders.edu.au/pathways)

If you have some higher education

**Tertiary Transfer**
If you have completed at least one semester of full-time equivalent study at university, you may be able to transfer to study at Flinders University using your grade point average (GPA).

**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.

[flinders.edu.au/tafelink](flinders.edu.au/tafelink)

**TAFE SA Dual Offers**
Flinders University together with TAFE SA offer over 45 dual offer pathways in various disciplines.
Student support

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

Careers & Employability Service
The Careers and Employability Service helps give you the edge in your career. CareerHub, our online employment portal, 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.

flinders.edu.au/careers

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.edu.au/flindersconnect

Flinders Library
Our extensive library is more than a book repository. We provide a range of services such as computing and printing, document delivery and one-on-one librarian appointments for assistance with search strategies and finding resources for your assignments.

library.flinders.edu.au

Flinders Living
Flinders is the only university in Adelaide that gives you the opportunity to live on campus, and both University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village are located within the Bedford Park campus. The wide range of social, sporting and community activities also enhances the student experience at Flinders Living.

flinders.edu.au/living

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

fusa.edu.au

Health, Counselling and Disability Services
Managing your health is important. We have facilities and services available to help you look after your physical and mental health.

flinders.edu.au/hcd

Horizon Award
The Flinders Horizon Award program sits alongside your academic studies; it is an innovative program that provides further opportunities to develop your professional skills and gain new experiences and insights that will benefit you now and in your future career.

flinders.edu.au/horizon

Transition to university
Starting at university is a big step; let’s make it easier. The Student Learning Centre provides a range of services from writing and mathematics support to assistance with study and time-management skills.

students.flinders.edu.au/study-support/slc

Yungkurrinthi Student Engagement
Yungkurrinthi Student Engagement is committed to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student access, participation, retention and success at Flinders University. Providing a range of services and supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, our team of highly qualified staff is dedicated to supporting you throughout your student journey.

flinders.edu.au/study/indigenous-students
The Indigenous Admission Scheme provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who may not have been able to gain entry to university by traditional means, with the opportunity to study at Flinders.

Are you eligible?
To be eligible for the Indigenous Admission Scheme you must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person in accordance with the Commonwealth definition, which requires you to:
- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
- be accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which you live or have lived. You may be currently studying Year 12 or be a non-school leaver.

How to apply
1. Apply for the course you want to study through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). You will get an application number from SATAC that you will need for your Indigenous Admission application form.
2. Complete the Indigenous Admission Scheme Application form online (flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions). If you are having trouble completing an online application, you can request a paper based application via ias@flinders.edu.au or call us on 08 8201 3033.
3. An interview is part of the application process, but you will be notified about this.

Application and interview dates
First round applications close late November and second round applications close early January for semester 1. For our midyear intake to a number of courses, applications close in June.

flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions
Study abroad/scholarships

Over 450 scholarships worth $2.4 million in total – ranging from $1,000 to $20,000.

Take your studies overseas

Why wait until you graduate to explore the world? Flinders’ Learn Without Borders could see you studying overseas, gaining a unique perspective and immersing yourself in a different culture, language and lifestyle. Our global study programs are designed to allow students to take their Flinders study overseas and earn academic credit toward their Flinders program. With 70+ overseas partner universities why wait until you graduate to see the world?

flinders.edu.au/learn-without-borders

Explore Flinders scholarships

Flinders offers a generous range of scholarships for students in undergraduate courses. With over 450 available scholarships, including scholarships to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, students from rural and regional areas, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, you may be eligible for support that will help you achieve your goals at university.

flinders.edu.au/scholarships

“I always knew I wanted to study overseas at some stage during my degree. A semester exchange gave me the chance to complete topics that weren’t available in my home university and experience life in a city that is very different to my own. Having completed a semester overseas, I now have an edge over the countless other students that are completing the same degree as me and have formed memories that will always stay with me.”

Annelise Smith
Bachelor of Business
(Advanced Leadership)

“The Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund has been invaluable to reduce the financial pressure during studies, especially now that I am in the later years of my degree.”

Ryan Rowston
Bachelor of Computer Science

Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund recipient
How to apply

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

Read the course information
• check the admission criteria
• check the prerequisites
• check assumed knowledge and additional admission criteria
• consider combined degrees
• consider pathways to your degree

Visit us
• attend Flinders Open Days
• check other upcoming events at events.flinders.edu.au

Contact us if you have any questions
• call 1300 354 633 (local call cost)
• email askflinders@flinders.edu.au

Apply
• apply through SATAC at satac.edu.au
• apply for scholarships at flinders.edu.au/scholarships
• lodge separate Indigenous Admission Scheme (if applicable) at flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions

Accept your offer
Enrol in your subject/topics at students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/enrolment

When can I start?

Flinders offers two admissions cycles each year for undergraduate degrees.

Semester 1 – March start
Applications open in August for commencement the following year.

Semester 2* – July start
Mid-year applications open in August for commencement in July the following year.

* Not all degrees are offered for semester 2.

Key dates
Flinders Open Days: August 2022
Semester 1 2023 start date: 27 February 2023
Semester 1 Orientation week: 20 February 2023
Semester 2 2023 start date: 24 July 2023
Semester 2 Orientation week: 24 July 2023

Fees and charges
Your course fees – Commonwealth support
All our courses list indicative fees, but as an undergraduate student your course is Commonwealth supported provided you’re an eligible Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

Your course being Commonwealth supported means that your course fees are shared between the Australian government and you – with your portion being the student contribution amount.

HECS-HELP loan
You won’t have to pay your fees up-front if you’re an Australian citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa. You can get a HECS-HELP loan for your student contribution portion of your uni fees. Find out more about costs to plan for while you’re at uni at flinders.edu.au/fees
Glossary

There are many terms used within a university that may be unfamiliar or confusing. Below are a few terms that may need explanation.

Admission pathway
Any one of the options available to a prospective higher education student that will enable them to meet the entry requirements of their chosen courses.

ATAR
The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a ranking from 30 (lowest) to 99.95 (highest) agreed by COAG as a nationally equivalent measure of a person’s relative academic ranking within their complete age cohort in the year they graduated from senior secondary school.

Adjustment factors
Often referred to previously as ‘bonus points’, these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant’s ATAR to derive a person’s course selection rank.

Defer
Delaying the start of a course of study by one year (commencing students only). If you have already enrolled, then you need to withdraw from topics before you can defer.

Guaranteed entry selection rank
Achieve a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you’ll be guaranteed a place at Flinders.

Major
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, normally across all years of a course.

Minor
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, generally as part of a major.

Offer round/s
Refers to the series of dates on which offers of higher education places are issued to applicants throughout the year, whether through a tertiary admission centre or directly by a higher education provider.

Selection rank
The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course. A person’s course selection rank can include their ATAR, any adjustments they are eligible for, such as equity or subject adjustments, other contributions calculated on the basis of work experience or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, other supplementary tests, etc.

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

The Flinders railway line is now open

The new Flinders train line has made travel easier and more convenient than ever, linking Bedford Park to our Tonsley campus and the Adelaide city centre, now just 22 minutes away.
Key
- Flinders University Campus Locations
- Hospital
- Buses (including loop buses)
  - Flinders campus loop: 16 minutes
  - Tonsley loop to Bedford Park: 15 minutes
- Tonsley Station (20 minutes to CBD)
- Flinders Station (22 minutes to CBD)
- Train Lines
- Main Roads (25 minutes to CBD)
- Shopping Centre
Flinders for Business, International Relations & Political Science

Contact us
Our friendly staff are available to answer your questions:
1300 354 633 (local call cost) | askflinders@flinders.edu.au | flinders.edu.au/ask

International students should contact:
+61 8 8201 2727 | flinders.edu.au/international | INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au

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