INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & POLITICAL SCIENCE
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

An incredible breadth of career opportunities awaits you in the corporate world, in the public sector or with non-government organisations. 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.

NEW IN 2020
Flinders’ new 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.

This degree is for students with an interest in political and social questions that arise where they live and overseas. It is designed to equip a new generation of change makers for a new generation of challenges.

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).

Your studies could lead to a range of employment opportunities, including:
• Policy analyst for business, government and NGOs
• Diplomat or public service officer
• Environment and climate companies, agencies and NGOs
• Journalist or digital media content maker/manager
• International aid or development worker
• Electorate officer
• Research officer, analyst or assistant
• Intelligence, security or political analyst
• Risk manager or public relations specialist
• Education – teacher, aid, administrator
• Advocacy officer/researcher in the community sector
• Human resources.

No 1. SA UNI
for teaching quality, learning engagement and student support
QILT Student Experience Survey 2018, public SA-founded universities only.

RESEARCH RATED ABOVE WORLD STANDARD
Flinders Policy and Administration research is rated above world standard
Excellence in Research for Australia, 2018.

FIND OUT MORE
flinders.edu.au/international-relations

SHAPE THE WORLD
STUDY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & POLITICAL SCIENCE AT FLINDERS
Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science

You could play a part in world events.

Prepare yourself for a successful career engaging with political, social and cultural issues in Australia and around the world. 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 & global communities.

- Ask the big questions about populism, nationalism and the issues which drive political and social change.
- Engage with burning political questions like tackling environmental change and managing migration.
- You’ll deepen your understanding of diplomacy in Asia, issues arising in developing economies, and Australia’s relationship with the US.
- Study policy areas such as social policy, indigenous affairs, multiculturalism, education, trade, economic development, foreign affairs, and human rights.
- Explore the key political ideas which inspire people to action, historically and in our world today.
- Gain real world understanding of how Parliament and public agencies work through placement opportunities.
- 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.

Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science

PREREQUISITES
None

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE
None

SATAC CODE
244191

2019 MINIMUM SELECTION RANK
70.00

GUARANTEED ENTRY SELECTION RANK

TAFE/LINK

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

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

Find out more
flinders.edu.au/government-international-relations
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.

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.

**Washington Internship Program**

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

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.

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“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.

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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)
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

Explore your interests and unlock more career opportunities by combining this degree with one of the following:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Accounting
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business (International Business)
- Bachelor of Business (Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
- Bachelor of Finance
- Bachelor of Finance (Business Economics)
- Bachelor of Criminology
- Bachelor of Languages
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)
- Bachelor of Law and Society.

Find out more
flinders.edu.au/combined-degrees
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 minimum selection rank required for consideration to enter in next intake. The 2019 selection rank indicates 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 University Equity Scheme (UES) and the SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme (LLM).

Guaranteed entry selection rank
Achieve a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you’re guaranteed a place at Flinders. All you need to do is ensure you have listed Flinders degree first in your preferences and you will be offered a place in the highest Flinders degree preference that you are eligible for in 2020.

uniTEST
If you’re a school leaver, uniTEST is your chance to increase your offers 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.

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.

Semester 1 – February 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 entry. Check our midyear site for details: flinders.edu.au/midyear

How do I apply?
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Student Hub & Plaza
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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.

Bedford Park skyline
GLENELG & BEACH
(11 mins)
MARION SHOPPING CENTRE (11 mins)
ADELAIDE CBD (22 mins)
Flinders Victoria Square is within walking distance of restaurants, cafes and public transport

Student Hub & Plaza
Sturt Campus
Victoria Square
Tonsley
Flinders Medical Centre
Flinders Living
Central Library
Playing fields
Bedford Park and Tonsley campus
Loop buses
Flinders Campus loop 16 minutes
Tonsley loop to Bedford Park: 15 minutes
Tonsley train line (50 minutes to CBD)

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