Undergraduate Study

International & Political Studies involves the study of power in a rapidly changing global environment. Our courses cover the major actors, ideas and key issues of domestic, regional and global politics, all of which have a profound impact on Australia’s national security and its place in the world. The high-level analytical skills and knowledge gained through the program are valuable for members of the ADF in an increasingly challenging domestic and international environment.

First Year

First year introduces students to the theories and key issues of politics and international relations. Students learn about the role of ideals, interests and power in politics, as well as the shifting balance of international power, the role and function of international organisations, and the sources of conflict.

Session 1
ZHSS1401 IPS 1A Ideals, Interests & Power

Session 2
ZHSS1402 IPS 1B World Politics

Upper Level

In years 2 and 3, students can choose subjects from any of our four key themes, as well as from five courses offered by other HASS disciplines. Most subjects are offered once in every two year cycle.
## Upper Level Subjects Offered by Theme

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*This timetable subject to change.
Postgraduate Coursework

International & Political Studies offers a Graduate Diploma or Master of Arts in three postgraduate coursework programs: Strategy & Security; Strategy and Management; International Law and Security (with the Faculty of Law).

We focus on both traditional and cutting-edge conflict and security agendas that shape the work of policy professionals, and national security and Defence personnel. The program is taught by leading international scholars and national security experts. Past and present students include security and foreign affairs officials, business-people, journalists, and military officers from Australia and the region. Our postgraduate courses include: Global Security, Cyber Security, Asia-Pacific Security, Australian Defence Policy, Comparative Defence Policy, Contemporary Strategy, Legal and Moral Problems of International Violence, Air Power in the 21st Century, Global Governance, Seeking the Information Edge, China’s Security Policy, Global Justice, Reforming Repressive Regimes, Peacekeeping, and Justice of War.
Postgraduate Research

International & Political Studies at UNSW Canberra has a strong and recognised research track record, particularly in understanding the political and security dynamics of the Asia Pacific. Many of our current students are aligned with two of the School’s Areas of Research Strength & Standing: ‘International Security’ and ‘International Ethics’. Other research strengths include: Australian Foreign Policy & Security; Strategic & Defence Studies; Comparative Politics of South East Asia; Country Studies Expertise on China, Indonesia, Japan, North Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, East Timor & the USA; Terrorism & Political Violence; Air Power in the 21st Century; Ethnic Conflict; Intra-State Conflict; Civil-Military Relations; International & Domestic Political Theory; International Relations Theory; History of Political Thought; Comparative Political Thought; Democracy & Democratisation; Political Culture; and Australian Politics.

Students may choose from one of three research degrees: PhD, MA, or MPhil.
Staff & Research Interests

Dr Peter Balint
Senior Lecturer
- Political theory & multiculturalism
- Social cohesion
- National identity

Dr Deane-Peter Baker
Senior Lecturer
- Military ethics
- African security
- Military strategy and tactics

A/Prof Anthony Burke
Associate Professor
- International ethics
- Foreign policy
- Refugees & terrorism
- International relations theory

Dr Stephen Coleman
Senior Lecturer
- Military & police ethics
- Medical ethics
- Practical application of human rights

Dr Ned Dobos
Lecturer
- Philosophy of war
- Military ethics
- Business ethics
- Political & ethical theory

Dr Lindy Edwards
Senior Lecturer
- Australian politics
- Political ideology
- Political economy

Prof Toni Erskine
Professor
- International relations
- Moral and political philosophy
- Ethics of war
- Responsibility to protect

A/Prof Clinton Fernandes
Associate Professor
- International relations
- Strategic studies
- Cognitive science
Mr Andrew Gilbert  
Air Power Fellow  
- Air power  
- Military personnel  
- Organisational effectiveness

Prof David Lovell  
Professor  
- Democracy  
- Communism  
- Political thought  
- Corruption

Dr Gavin Mount  
Lecturer  
- Ethnic studies  
- Critical security  
- International relations theory

Dr Morten Pedersen  
Senior Lecturer  
- Burma  
- Human rights  
- International statecraft

A/Prof Christopher Roberts  
Associate Professor  
- Southeast Asian politics & security  
- ASEAN & regionalism  
- The Indo-pacific regional order

Dr John Walker  
Senior Lecturer  
- Political culture  
- Southeast Asia  
- Sarawak

Dr Jian Zhang  
Senior Lecturer  
- China & Asia-Pacific Security  
- Chinese military  
- International relations
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