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International Relations

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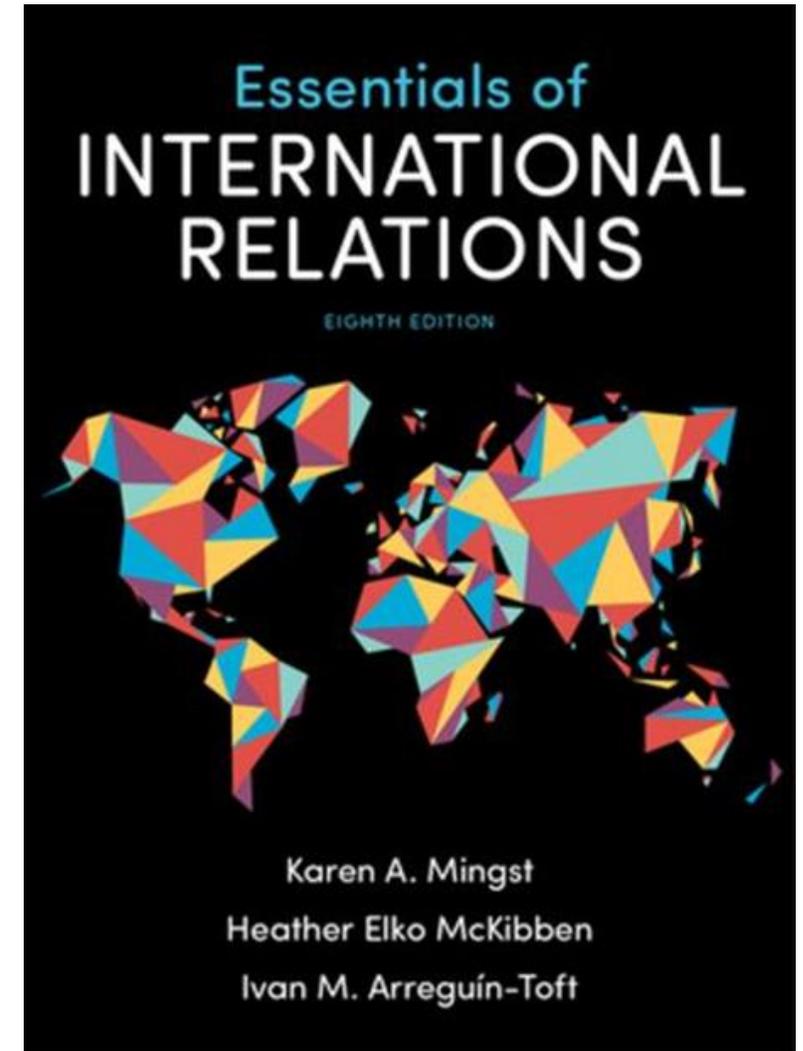
Today's Session

Intro to International Relations

Degree Outline [Study Plan]

Special Features and Careers

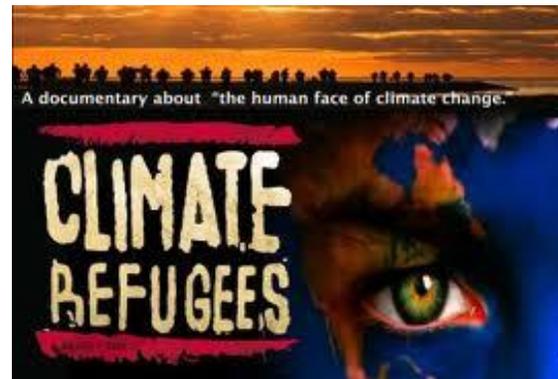
Making the most of the degree



What is International Relations?

The study of:

- Politics around the world
- Relations between governments
- Political, economic, social, legal, environmental and health issues beyond national boundaries
- New actors and processes in world politics and the way they shape the world of work, security and justice



Our Program: The Basics

The aim is to **make sense of the world** –of political divisions, economic and cultural globalisation, environmental change, war and peace.

The approach is **inter-disciplinary** –in our teaching and research we use methods, techniques and insights from politics, law, history, economics, philosophy, sociology, geography, etc.

Our objectives are to equip you with a **broad understanding** of the workings of international politics and economics, as well as with **transferable skills** in analysing and explaining complex social phenomena.

Top 10 skills

in 2020

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Critical Thinking
3. Creativity
4. People Management
5. Coordinating with Others
6. Emotional Intelligence
7. Judgment and Decision Making
8. Service Orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive Flexibility

in 2015

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Coordinating with Others
3. People Management
4. Critical Thinking
5. Negotiation
6. Quality Control
7. Service Orientation
8. Judgment and Decision Making
9. Active Listening
10. Creativity



Source: Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum

Analysing and Explaining

International Relations asks questions that help us make sense of the present, including questions about past and future trends:

- Is China rising? **What** does that mean?
- Does the rise of China matter? **Why**?
- What the implications of China's rise?
- **How** is it taking place (e.g. hard power vs soft power)?
- How will other countries react (e.g. the USA, Japan, India)?
- **Who** will benefit and who will lose from the rise of China?
- How should Australia conduct its foreign policy regarding China?

We don't offer *the* answer to these questions, but teach you methods, skills and insights to find your own answers; to develop and engage in critical thinking. ["soft skills"]



To Think Critically, Think **RED**



2020 Study Plan

Bachelor of International Relations

Year 1			
POLIS 1104 Introduction to Comparative Politics	International Relations Closed Elective Level I	Minor Level I	Language Level I (*If exempt from language studies: International Relations Closed Elective Level I)
POLIS 1102 Introduction to Global Politics	ARTS 1007 The Enquiring Mind or ARTS 1007OL The Enquiring Mind (online)	Minor Level I	Language Level I (*If exempt from language studies: International Relations Closed Elective Level I)
Year 2			
POLIS 2114 Approaches in International Relations	International Relations Closed Elective Level II	Minor Level II	Language Level II (*If exempt from language studies: International Relations Closed Elective Level II)
International Relations Closed Elective Level II	International Relations Closed Elective Level II	Minor Level II	Elective Level II (or optional Language Minor)
Year 3			
One 6-unit course from: POLIS 3107 International Relations Internship POLIS 3108 International Relations Practice (S2)		Minor Level III	Elective Level III (or optional Language Minor)
International Relations Closed Elective Level III	International Relations Closed Elective Level III	Minor Level III	Elective Level III (or optional Language Minor)
International Relations course	Elective	Minor course	Compulsory course

Self-chosen Specialisations

- International Security
- Global Governance
- Rising Powers
- Global Justice
- Human Rights
- Global Citizenship

- This means that you can provide narrative coherence to your own degree when selecting electives.



Double Degrees

- Bachelor of International Relations with Bachelor of [Arts](#)
- Bachelor of International Relations with Bachelor of [Economics](#)
- Bachelor of [Media](#) with Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of International Relations with Bachelor of [Laws](#) (5 years)



Internships



100 YEARS
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
1914-2014



Study Tours

UK [elections], US [primaries]
Singapore [e.g. [Student Blog](#)]

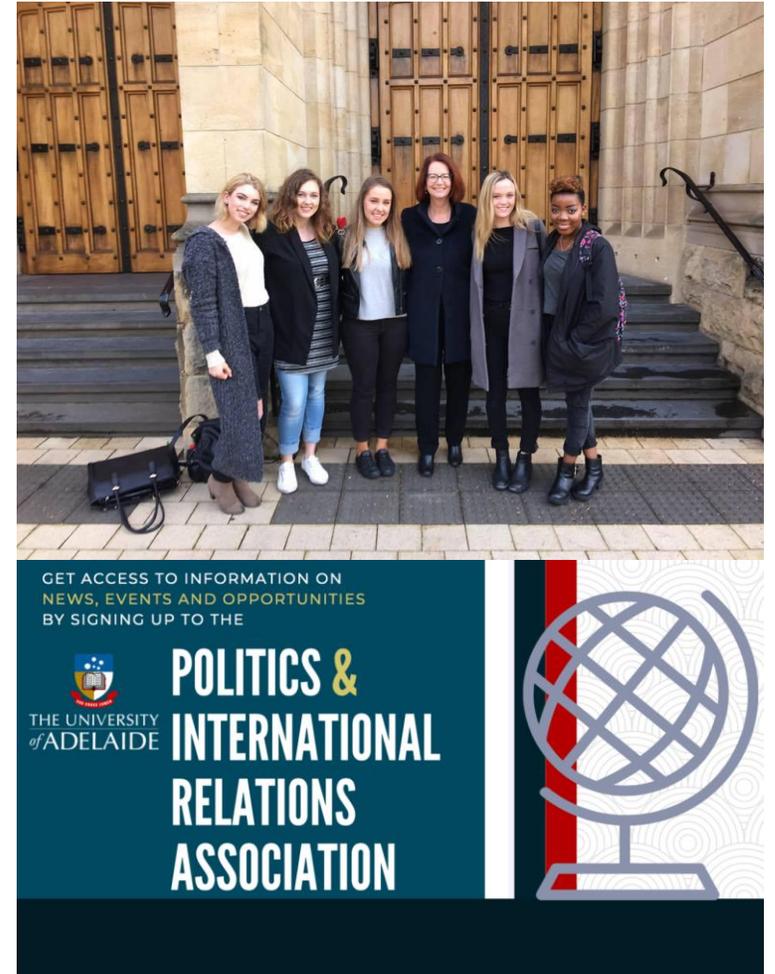


Stimulating Intellectual Environment

- Access to world class experts and mentoring
- Invitations to academic/research seminars
- Special guest lectures and film screenings
- Internships, study tours and exchanges
- Start publishing before graduating
- Student-run association (PIRA)

Developing Your ‘Soft Skills’

- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Intercultural and Interpersonal skills
- Flexibility, adaptability and creativity



Career Prospects

Our graduates enter a wide range of careers in:

- The **state/government** sector: diplomats (national and IGOs), policy advisors, civil servants;
- The **military/security** sector: security advisers, intelligence analysts;
- The **non-state/NGO** sector: human rights officers, international aid workers, various positions in numerous NGOs (e.g. research, advocacy, etc.);
- The **business** sector: international business specialists, consultants and negotiators, foreign traders, corporate social responsibility officers, marketing consultants, public relations experts;
- The **media** sector: political analysts, political commentators, foreign affairs reporters.



How to make the most of the BIntRel

- expect a challenging learning environment
- you need to become self-driven and resilient
- familiarise yourself with the [support services](#)
- attend lectures and participate in tutorials/seminars
- at least, do the weekly readings; ideally, read widely
- respect different perspectives and different opinions
- keep abreast of international issues and news: must!
- participate in extra-curricular activities e.g. join PIRA

make the most of the experience and enjoy the journey

Thank You

More information:

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