

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ASIAN STUDIES, MAJOR (0019)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0019

Previous Code: M1055.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

This major has been designed to meet the needs of Australian government, business and society to engage the states and peoples of Asia at all levels in pursuit of national interests and as part of the globalisation process. It provides students with the opportunity to study contemporary Asia, as well as the rich and diverse histories, politics, cultures and languages of Asian countries and the international issues affecting Australia's interests and role in the region and in the world at large. The major area also includes a range of subjects concerned with the United States and Europe as well as with Asia itself, and subjects in international relations covering other parts of the world. It seeks to produce graduates with a broad, liberal education with the skills to mediate between Australia and the world in general and Asia in particular through political, economic, commercial, cultural, diplomatic and strategic links. Students are encouraged to undertake a minor in an Asian language in conjunction with the major. Employment opportunities may be found in the State and Commonwealth public service, overseas organisations, the media, business and industry, education and research.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au

Major Structure Current

This major may be able to be studied entirely online, depending on student subject selection.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects:

Subject	Title	Credit Points
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
POLI 2008	Transnational Diplomacy	10
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
Total Credit Points		40

And four subjects from the following pools, with no less than three Level 3 subjects in order to pass the major.

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 Subject Pool		
HUMN 2014	Civil Society in Contemporary China	10
HUMN 2039	Political Terror	10
Level 3 Subject Pool		
POLI 3004	American Foreign Policy Since 1945	10
POLI 3005	Democracy in Asia	10
HUMN 3042	Global Politics	10
HUMN 3046	History of Modern China to 1949	10
POLI 3006	International Organisations and Global Governance	10
HUMN 3054	Islam in Southeast Asia	10
POLI 3009	Looking at Global Politics Through Film	10
POLI 3010	Politics of Post-War Japan	10
HUMN 3076	Sultans, Colonists and Nationalists: Indonesia C1200-1942	10
HUMN 3080	The History of Southeast Asia	10
HUMN 3081	The International Relations of the Middle East Since 1945	10
POLI 3012	The Politics of Civilisation	10
HUMN 3092	WWII in Asia and the Pacific	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subject listed below count towards completion of this major for students who passed these subjects in 2023 or earlier.
POLI 2006 Politics of Australia and Asia Relations , replaced by POLI 2008 Transnational Diplomacy

The subject listed below count towards completion of the major for students who may have passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.
POLI 1002 Introduction to International Relations replaced by POLI 1007 World Politics and International Relations

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the major for students who may have passed subjects in the list in 2019 or earlier.

LANG 3008 Applied Critical Methods, no longer offered.
HUMN 2013 Buddhism in the Contemporary World, replaced by HUMN 2001 A History of Modern Global Buddhism
HUMN 2021 Doing Business in China, no longer offered as part of this major.
HUMN 2023 Empire: European Colonial Rule and its Subjects, 1750-1920, no longer offered.
BEHV 3013 Humanities Internship, no longer offered as part of this major.
CULT 2007 International Politics of North Asia , no longer offered as part of this major.
HUMN 3053 International Study Tours, no longer offered as part of this major.
POLI 3011 The External Relations of the European Union, no longer offered.
HUMN 2054 The History of Modern Indonesia, no longer offered.
HUMN 3089 Understanding Global Insecurity, no longer offered.
POLI 3013 United States Government and Politics, no longer offered.
HUMN 2059 War, replaced by HUMN 3093 War
POLI 3014 War and Peace, no longer offered as part of this major.
HUMN 3095 Warlords, Artists and Emperors: Power and Authority in Japanese History, no longer offered.
POLI 1006 World Politics: An Introduction, no longer offered.

Major Structure 2023

This major may be able to be studied entirely online, depending on student subject selection.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
Total Credit Points		40

Students must also complete four subjects from the following pools with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3.

Note: not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 Subject Pool		
HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	10
HUMN 2014	Civil Society in Contemporary China	10
HUMN 2039	Political Terror	10
Level 3 Subject Pool		
POLI 3004	American Foreign Policy Since 1945	10
POLI 3005	Democracy in Asia	10
HUMN 3032	Dictators, Democrats and Dreamers: Indonesia 1942 to now	10
HUMN 3042	Global Politics	10
HUMN 3046	History of Modern China to 1949	10
POLI 3006	International Organisations and Global Governance	10
POLI 3007	International Relations of Southeast Asia	10
POLI 3008	International Special Study	10
HUMN 3054	Islam in Southeast Asia	10
POLI 3009	Looking at Global Politics Through Film	10
HUMN 3060	Modern Japanese History	10
POLI 3010	Politics of Post-War Japan	10
HUMN 3111	History of the People's Republic of China	10
HUMN 3076	Sultans, Colonists and Nationalists: Indonesia C1200-1942	10
HUMN 3080	The History of Southeast Asia	10
HUMN 3081	The International Relations of the Middle East Since 1945	10
POLI 3012	The Politics of Civilisation	10
HUMN 3093	War	10
HUMN 3092	WWII in Asia and the Pacific	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subject listed below count towards completion of the major for students who may have passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

POLI 1002 Introduction to International Relations replaced by
POLI 1007 World Politics and International Relations

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the major for students who may have passed subjects in the list in 2019 or earlier.

LANG 3008 - Applied Critical Methods, no longer offered.

HUMN 2013 - Buddhism in the Contemporary World, replaced by
HUMN 2001 A History of Modern Global Buddhism

HUMN 2021 - Doing Business in China, no longer offered as part of this major.

HUMN 2023 - Empire: European Colonial Rule and its Subjects, 1750-1920, no longer offered.

BEHV 3013 - Humanities Internship, no longer offered as part of this major.

CULT 2007 - International Politics of North Asia, no longer offered as part of this major.

HUMN 3053 - International Study Tours, no longer offered as part of this major.

POLI 3011 - The External Relations of the European Union, no longer offered.

HUMN 2054 - The History of Modern Indonesia, no longer offered.

HUMN 3089 - Understanding Global Insecurity, no longer offered.

POLI 3013 - United States Government and Politics, no longer offered.

HUMN 2059 - War, replaced by HUMN 3093 War

POLI 3014 - War and Peace, no longer offered as part of this major.

HUMN 3095 - Warlords, Artists and Emperors: Power and Authority in Japanese History, no longer offered.

POLI 1006 - World Politics: An Introduction, no longer offered.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (1708) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars (1822) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of International Studies (1707) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-communication-bachelor-international-studies/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of International Studies (1658) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies/>)

Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholars) (1739) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Business (1820) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Social Science (1807) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of International Studies (3764) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-international-studies/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (6019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (6017) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/>)