

BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (DEAN'S SCHOLARS) (1739)

Approved Abbreviation: BlntlSt(DeansSchol)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1739

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 107231G

This program is suspended from Autumn session 2024, no new students will be admitted from this session.

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year Spring 2018 to 2019 - please refer to 1739.3 Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholars) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1739.3>)

For Commencement Year 2017 - please refer to 1739.2 Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholars) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1739.2>)

For Commencement Year 2015 and 2016 - please refer to 1739.1 Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholars) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1739.1>)

This program examines the relationship of nations, cultures, languages and systems of government within the international system. It develops students' capacity to analyse the historical development of relations among nation states and contemporary political, social and cultural issues, such as globalisation, transnationalism and migration.

International Studies allows students to combine studies from a range of discipline areas, including Asian and Islamic Studies, cultural and social analysis, history, politics and philosophy, and modern languages (Arabic, Chinese or Japanese). The program provides for one semester study abroad during three years of full-time study.

This degree is exclusively for high-achieving students, and will continually challenge you to do even better and build on your academic success.

Students in this program also have the opportunity to complete a semester of study overseas and receive advanced standing towards their majors, minors or electives. They are encouraged to do so but must discuss this with a program advisor.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Charles Barbour

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

enquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice	
Bankstown City Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above	Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above	Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road

Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above

Admission

From Autumn 2024, there will be no further admissions into this program.

Assumed knowledge: two units of HSC English.

Recommended studies: HSC English Standard, or equivalent.

ATAR score of at least 90 required.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

All students must enrol in and complete the 40 credit points of the Bachelor of Arts Level 1 core subjects plus 20 credit points from the Engaged Learning pool consisting of Level 3 subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 1 Core Subjects		
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Bachelor of Arts Engaged Learning Pool Level 3 Subjects		
Select 20 credit points of the following:		20
BEHV 3013	Humanities Internship	
BEHV 3026	Service Learning	
HUMN 3103	Group Project	
HUMN 3106	Study Tours	
HUMN 3108	We Are The University: Students Co-creating Change	

Students must also complete subjects in the following, as per the chosen program structure:

Major - International Relations and Asian Studies	80
Minor in language other than English (see Minors listed below)	40
Plus 60 credit points of elective subjects	60
Total Credit Points	240

Major - International Relations and Asian Studies

International Relations and Asian Studies, Major (0019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/>)

Minors

A minor in Arabic, Chinese, Immersion Language, Indonesian, International English or Japanese must be undertaken in conjunction with the major.

Students should seek program advice in relation to the level 2/3 language sequences.

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Arabic, Minor (0003) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-minor/>)

Chinese, Minor (0004) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)

Immersion Language, Minor (0014) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/immersion-language-minor/>)

Indonesian, Minor (0309) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indonesian-minor/>)

International English, Minor (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-minor/>)

Japanese, Minor (0021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>)

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Chinese, Minor (0004) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)

Immersion Language, Minor (0014) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/immersion-language-minor/>)

International English, Minor (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-minor/>)

Japanese, Minor (0021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>)

Students may complete the Immersion Language minor which covers languages that are not taught at Western Sydney University. The handbook entry for 0014 Immersion Language contains further details.

Note: The Arabic, Chinese and Japanese minors have inherent requirements. Please see the link below:

Inherent Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_languages_courses/)

Recommended Sequence

The following recommended sequence is for students beginning in Autumn semester. For students beginning in Spring semester, the first year sequence needs to be slightly changed and you will need to

complete LANG 1029 Foundations of Academic English in your first semester.

Language Skill Level: Beginner - Program Structure Summary without Study Abroad

Recommended Sequence - Bankstown Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Select one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one IRAS Major pool Level 2 or 3 subject		10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) or one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) or one elective		10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

Note: Students may choose 4 Language subjects from Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese as part of their electives, and graduate with a Major in Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese

Recommended Sequence - Parramatta Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Select one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one IRAS Major pool Level 2 or 3 subject		10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) or one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) or one elective		10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

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Language Skill Level: Beginner - Program Structure Summary including Study Abroad Semester Option Recommended Sequence - Bankstown Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject		10
Select one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Select one Level 2 Language subject		10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select two Level 2/3 IRAS subjects		20
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10
Select one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
Study Abroad semester		40
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10
Select two Level 2/3 IRAS subjects		20
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3) or one elective		10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

Note: Students may choose 4 Language subjects from Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese as part of their electives, and graduate with a Major in Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese

Recommended Sequence - Parramatta Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10

Select one Level 1 Language subject	10	Year 2	
Credit Points	40		
Spring session		Autumn session	
HUMN 1052 Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10	POLI 2006 Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10
POLI 1007 World Politics and International Relations	10	Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects	20
LANG 1030 Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10	Select one elective	10
Select one Level 1 Language subject	10	Credit Points	40
Credit Points	40	Spring session	
Year 2		Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10
Autumn session		Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects	20
POLI 2006 Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10	Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10
Select one Level 2 Language subject	10	Credit Points	40
Select one Level 2 Language subject	10	Year 3	
Select one elective	10	Autumn session	
Credit Points	40	Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10
Spring session		Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10
Select two Level 2/3 IRAS subjects	20	Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10	Select one elective	10
Select one elective	10	Credit Points	40
Credit Points	40	Spring session	
Year 3		HUMN 3079 The Asian Century	10
Autumn session		Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10
Study Abroad semester	40	Select two electives	20
Credit Points	40	Credit Points	40
Total Credit Points	240	Total Credit Points	240
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Recommended Sequence - Parramatta Campus			
Course	Title	Credit Points	
Year 1			
Autumn session			
CULT 1001 Asia in the World	10		
HUMN 1053 Diversity, Language and Culture	10		
LANG 1029 Foundations of Academic English	10		
Select one elective	10	Credit Points	40
Spring session			
HUMN 1052 Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10		
POLI 1007 World Politics and International Relations	10		
LANG 1030 Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10		
Select one elective	10	Credit Points	40
Year 2			
Autumn session			
POLI 2006 Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10		
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects	20		
Select one elective	10	Credit Points	40
Spring session			
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10		
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects	20		

Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10	Spring session	
Credit Points	40	HUMN 3079	The Asian Century
Year 3		Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10
Autumn session		Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10	Select one elective	10
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10	Credit Points	40
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)	10	Total Credit Points	240
Select one elective	10	Note: Students may choose 4 Language subjects from Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese as part of their electives, and graduate with a Major in Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese	
Credit Points	40		
Spring session			
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century		
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject	10		
Select two electives	20		
Credit Points	40		
Total Credit Points	240		

Note: Students may choose 4 Language subjects from Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese as part of their electives, and graduate with a Major in Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese

Language Skill Level: Intermediate or Advanced - Program Structure Summary including Year 2 Study Abroad Semester Option

Recommended Sequence - Bankstown Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points	POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10
			LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
Year 1			Select one elective		10
Autumn session				Credit Points	40
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10			
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10			
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10			
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10			
	Credit Points	40			
Spring session				Credit Points	40
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10			
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10			
Select one Level 2 IRAS subject and one elective or two elective subjects		20			
	Credit Points	40			
Year 2					
Autumn session			Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10	Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10	Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject or one elective		10
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects		20	Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10
	Credit Points	40		Credit Points	40
Spring session					
Study Abroad semester					
	Credit Points	40			
Year 3					
Autumn session					
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10			
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10			
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects		20			
	Credit Points	40			
Spring session					
Study Abroad semester					
	Credit Points	40			
Year 3					
Autumn session					
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10			
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10			
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject or one elective		10			
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10			
	Credit Points	40			
	Total Credit Points	240			
Note: Students may choose 4 Language subjects from Arabic, Chinese, International English or Japanese as part of their electives,					

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Language Skill Level: Intermediate or Advanced - Program Structure Summary including Year 3 Study Abroad Semester Option

Recommended Sequence - Bankstown Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points	Select one elective	10		
			Credit Points	40		
Year 1						
Autumn session						
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10				
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10				
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10				
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10				
	Credit Points	40				
Spring session						
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10				
POLI 1007	World Politics and International Relations	10				
Select one Level 2 IRAS subject and one elective or two elective subjects		20				
	Credit Points	40				
Year 2						
Autumn session						
POLI 2006	Politics of Australia and Asia Relations	10				
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10				
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects		20				
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10				
	Credit Points	40				
Spring session						
Select one Level 2/3 IRAS subject		10				
Select two Level 2/3 Language subjects		20				
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10				
	Credit Points	40				
Year 3						
Autumn session						
Study Abroad semester		40				
	Credit Points	40				
Spring session						
HUMN 3079	The Asian Century	10				
Select two Level 2/3 IRAS subjects		20				
Select one Engaged Learning Pool subject (Level 3)		10				
	Credit Points	40				
Total Credit Points						
		240				

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Recommended Sequence - Parramatta Campus

Course	Title	Credit Points	Select one elective	10		
			Credit Points	40		
Year 1						
Autumn session						
CULT 1001	Asia in the World	10				
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10				
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10				
	Credit Points	40				
Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors						

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Equivalent Core Subjects

The core subject listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

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

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Sustainable Futures, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/)

home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)

Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)

Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)

Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)

Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor-/>)

Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)

Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)

Students in Advanced programs may use elective subjects toward obtaining an additional approved minor in Applied Leadership or Critical Thinking.

Applied Leadership

Critical Thinking