

POLITICAL SCIENCE SPECIALISATION

WHY POLITICS?

In the view of the great ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, Politics was the 'master science', essential to an understanding of what makes us human. If that was the case over 2000 years ago, it is even more so in the fast-changing modern world. The study of our political environment is crucial to understanding change at the global and national levels.

This specialisation provides the foundation for the study of Australian and International Politics and covers areas such as globalisation, terrorism, contemporary protest movements and current debates on civil society and democratic theory. Students will be given the opportunity to develop a range of research skills relevant to social and political inquiry. The specialisation also offers professional training through its Internship program with the Victorian Parliament. A specialisation in Political Science provides access to careers in foreign affairs, diplomacy, the media, the trade union movement and government and non-government sectors. A Politics specialisation also complements a number of other specialisations, including History, Law, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice Studies and Sociology.

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The study of Politics invites an inquiring and open mind, and develops research and writing skills which are valued by discerning employers. Politics graduates will be well-placed for careers in teaching, the public service and private enterprise. A Politics specialisation might also be used as a building block for more vocational training in careers such as journalism.

HOW CAN I STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE?

This specialisation is undertaken as part of a three-year sequence of study in a number of Bachelor of Arts degrees and also in the Bachelor of International Studies degree. Units may also be taken as electives within other degree programmes.

STRUCTURE OF THE POLITICS SPECIALISATION

Students are required to complete **SIX** units including the two first-year units.

Core Units

AAP1010 Foundations of Political Science
AAP1002 Australian Politics

Other Specialisation Units

Students select four Second and/or Third Year Units from the following:

AAH2014 The Making of the Modern Middle East
AAP2004 Southeast Asian Politics
AAP2012 Culture and Politics in Indonesia 1
AAP2015 International Relations
AAP2016 Dictatorship and Democracy
AAP2017 North American Politics
AAP3014 Dimensions of Global Politics
AAP3016 Parliamentary Internship*
ASP2001 Political Economy of Colonialism and Neocolonialism
ASS2025 Transnational Social Movements
ASP2003 International Security
ASX3500 International Interdisciplinary Project

*selected entry by application only

Units offered may vary each year. List of offerings in each academic year is published on the Faculty Student Website: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD

Detailed unit outlines can be obtained from the Victoria University online handbook: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/COURSES

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