

Postgraduate politics and policy

Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy
Master of Politics and Policy



Top 1% of universities globally¹



#1 university for postgraduate overall employment in Victoria²



#1 university in Australia for educational experience³

Deakin's unique politics and policy program is one of just a few in Australia that combine the two disciplines. In it, you'll unpack the political context in which public policy is developed and build the industry skills to enact real change.

Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy

Deakin code: A502

Location: Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)

Fees: \$11,300*

Duration: 1 year part-time

The Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy emphasises a dual focus on politics and public policy and offers units designed to appeal to public sector, business, NGO and community professionals as well as those wishing to acquire new skills.

Core units explore public policy analysis frameworks, the development and implementation of public policy under conditions of democratic governance, governance and accountability, and intergovernmental relations.

Master of Politics and Policy

Deakin code: A702

Location: Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)

Fees: \$22,600*

Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

In the 21st century the world faces an array of complex political problems: climate disasters, refugee crises, pandemics, ethnic and religious conflicts and new forms of populism and authoritarianism. Deakin's Master of Politics and Policy equips students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to understand and address these complex global challenges.

Through an exploration of the contexts and factors that impact policy development, you'll develop a rich understanding of how public policy is conceived and implemented. You'll gain practical skills that reflect current industry practices, such as the ability to prepare policy briefing papers and political communication strategies. You'll also explore how differing political perspectives shape the dynamics between government, the private sector and community.

Start a career with immense potential.

No matter your qualification level or background, Deakin's politics and policy degrees will equip you with the skills and knowledge to make your mark on a range of public and public sectors – both nationally and internationally.

As a graduate of the masters, you'll have the expertise and practical skills to confidently enter a role as policy officer, analyst, consultant or adviser in a variety of professional fields, including:

- local, state and national government
- political office
- international relations
- industry and the private sector
- stakeholder engagement
- communication and training

Completing a Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy will ensure you have a solid foundation with which to begin your political and policymaking journey.

Or if you're already in industry, your acquired skills, knowledge and qualifications will improve your career standing and equip you for senior roles that take a bigger-picture approach to policymaking

Your pathway into a PhD

The masters degree provides a direct pathway to PhD study through research training and a two-credit point research minor thesis. You'll have the opportunity to develop foundational research skills and a highly-engaged network of academic peers.

Expand your professional network

A well-developed professional network provides lifelong benefits and is essential for career growth. Through networking opportunities that Deakin facilitates you'll meet and connect with industry leaders, fellow students, employers, mentors and experts in the field.

Study when and where it suits you

You don't need to change your lifestyle to study at Deakin. Our dedicated online classroom lets you choose when and where you learn, so you can develop a study routine that works for you. Learn via our premium interactive platform, connect with teachers and students in a few clicks and access Australia's highest rated tech support[#].

Course structure

Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy

To be awarded a Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy, you must successfully complete 4 credit points and a 0-credit point academic integrity unit.

2 core units

AIP704 Making Policy
AIP783 Rethinking Democracy

Choose 2 electives from below

AIP740 Policy Lessons from Overseas
AIP748 Intergovernmental Relations
AIP773 Governance and Accountability
AIP781 Political Communication

Master of Politics and Policy

To be awarded a Master of Politics and Policy, you must successfully complete 8 credit points and a 0-credit point academic integrity unit.

Students can choose either option 1 or option 2:

Option 1: Research Paper

1 research unit

AIX701 Research Paper

3 core units

AIP740 Policy Lessons from Overseas
AIP746 Challenges to Democratic Governance
AIX706 Research Design

4 electives from below

AIP781 Political Communication
AIP780 Governing the Economy
AIP785 Political Competition
AIP748 Intergovernmental Relations
AIP703 Political Values and Public Policy
AIP704 Making Policy
AIP783 Rethinking Democracy
AIP773 Governance and Accountability

Option 2: Minor Thesis (PhD pathway)

2 research units

AIX704 Minor Thesis A
AIX705 Minor Thesis B

3 core units

3 electives from below

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

You may be able to reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL). RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience).

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/rpl

Scholarships for all types of students

Deakin's extensive range of scholarships can make postgraduate study more accessible for you, no matter your background or interest area. Deakin offers more than 20 postgraduate scholarships recognising and rewarding you for your achievements. For Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family we offer a postgraduate bursary for full-fee paying students – a 10% discount on fees.

We also offer other ways to make postgraduate study more accessible, such as allowing you to defer payment so you can focus on your studies.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Entry requirements

Admission to study postgraduate coursework at Deakin is based on recognition of your professional experience and previous qualifications. Find the entry requirements for each course at deakin.edu.au/politics

If you don't meet the minimum admission criteria for the masters degree, we offer a guaranteed pathway via the Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy.

Applying to Deakin

Find out how to apply, ask a question or get help with your application at deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

If you are ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au

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We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **study support**
- **career services**
- **online study experience**
- **fees and scholarships**
- **health and wellbeing.**

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¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU2020)

² 2019 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students

³ Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS) Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT2020)

⁴ According to the Voice Project IT Service Quality Support Benchmark Survey

⁵ 2022 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change.

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