

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

WHY STUDY POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?

Power, justice, security and ethics

The politics and policies of local, national and international bodies affect us every day. How is that power exercised? How do law, economics and politics intersect across the world? How do yesterday's problems affect tomorrow's issues? You will discover and challenge concepts, ideas and issues with global impact.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Our graduates have become public servants, politicians, diplomats, entrepreneurs, business and marketing executives, consultants, policy analysts, journalists and members of international and non-governmental organisations. Whether it's the public sector or private industry that interests you, a major in Politics and International Relations can help get you there.

"You will learn the foundational knowledge for beginning to understand the world around you. It won't give you all the answers, but it will show you different ways to see the world that help to make sense of the actions of institutions and the power of different narratives to shape society."



Ryan Mearns

**Senior Communications Adviser,
Department of the Prime Minister
and Cabinet**

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Politics
and International Relations



"We address questions and concerns that are important to students. We deal with big issues, like the demands of security, justice, and freedom; the threats of violence, inequality, and disinformation; and the means for making positive change."

Stephen Winter
Associate Professor



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

You can study a range of important political problems, from questions about multiculturalism, democracy and climate governance to human rights, conflict and public policy.

Get excited about your course options:



Stage 1 Course*

POLITICS 107 - New Zealand Politics

An introduction to understanding who governs New Zealand and in whose interests. Topics include national identity, institutions of government, leadership, voting and elections, the place of Māori within the political system, parties and political participation. The course draws on current research in NZ politics and provides knowledge that can be applied to a variety of careers, including law, business and public service.

Stage 2 Course*

POLITICS 233 - Politics, Media and Public Sphere

Critics voice disquiet about the future of journalism and political deliberation, and the lack of a unified public space where citizens can engage seriously with matters of collective concern. The course surveys the changing public sphere over time, from its early-modern emergence to the challenges of tabloid news and online fragmentation in contemporary media culture.

Stage 3 Course*

POLITICS 356 - Ethno-political violence from hate crimes to genocide

Examines the causes and prevention of ethno-political violence. Forms of violence examined include hate crimes; ethnic and religious conflict; revolution, insurgency and civil war; mass killings and genocide. Students will become familiar with the main theories and explanations of this violence, numerous case studies and policies for their prevention.

Courses you could study*

Global Politics

Foundations of Western Politics and Law

Democrats and Dictators

Complementary majors include:

Politics and International Relations



Communication

History

Māori Studies

Media and Screen Studies



"I enjoy how applicable my subjects are to recent events and times, and being able to critique and develop my own opinions."

"I also love that I can choose other subject papers to broaden my range of study."

Liz Lotoa

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and International Relations / Bachelor of Laws

*Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit the Arts website. Published August 2023

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