

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics



#1 Victorian university for student satisfaction¹



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Are you interested in finding out how power and ethics influence real-world decisions? Study Deakin's Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics and learn how power, ethics, sustainability, and economics converge to shape our lives. Built by leading academics and researchers, this course is designed for deep and creative thinkers looking to make an impact on society.

Course essentials

Deakin code: A336

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Locations: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong), Online

Key dates: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Course overview

Do you want to examine society as it is and question how it could be? Studying the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics means you'll understand the nature of public decision-making, explore resource management issues, and get the skills to analyse business problems in line with social justice. This course balances the big picture view of public problems while developing your professional and work skills.

As a student of politics, philosophy and economics, you'll focus on three distinct yet complementary disciplines to understand how societies govern themselves and determine their values.

Politics

- Develop written and online communication skills.
- Explore different forms of government, their origins and effects.
- Examine relationships between countries and cultures.
- Articulate solutions for real-world political problems.

Philosophy

- Develop critical thinking and logical rigor skills.
- Learn how to question assumptions.
- Explore ethics, justice and moral challenges.

Economics

- Learn how business, government and consumers shape society.
- Use economic insights and ask questions about issues from inequality to environmental sustainability.

Course structure

To complete the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, students must complete 24 credit points.



Students must also ensure that they have met the following course rules to be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics:

- a maximum of 10 credit points at level 1
- a minimum of 6 credit points at level 3
- DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin Module (0-credit-point compulsory unit).

Work experience

Enhance your career prospects via exciting real-world experiences, including internships, volunteer placements and study tours. Plus, there's the opportunity to collaborate on team-based industry and community projects, and to take part in our global experiential learning programmes.

Career opportunities

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics graduates can confidently enter roles in private enterprise, government, and not-for-profit organisations, in a variety of professional positions:

- media advisor
- community leader
- policy officer
- political advisor
- engagement officer
- research assistant
- government administrator
- manager
- project coordinator.



'I was nervous as a (very) mature student, returning to study after many years, but I found the processes and support services at Deakin amazing - and every lecturer and tutor I have had has been incredibly welcoming, patient, and generous with their time.'

JASON BROOKS

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics student

Double degrees

A double degree lets you pursue complementary studies in both degrees while exploring particular areas of interest to you.

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics/ Bachelor of Communication

Deakin code: D337

Duration: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Locations: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurn Ponds (Geelong), Online

Key dates: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Transform your understanding of the world and your ability to influence it with our Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) and Bachelor of Communication. This double degree teaches you how to be an ethical leader, skilled communicator and opinion shaper. Whether your goal is to influence policy, lead public relations campaigns, or work in NGOs or private enterprise, you will gain the knowledge and skills needed to excel.

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Deakin code: D334

Duration: 5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Locations: Burwood (Melbourne), Online

Key dates: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Complement an industry-leading legal education at one of Australia's top law schools⁴ with an in-depth understanding of how power, incentives and ethics influence real-world decisions by studying Deakin's Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Your knowledge of political systems, economic ways of thinking, and ethical and moral principles, alongside a solid foundation of legal skills from Deakin Law School, will open up a range of exciting career opportunities.

Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of prior learning may be granted to applicants based on prior studies and/or equivalent industry experience. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/rpl you can also use the pathways finder tool to discover how to get into your dream course when you don't quite meet the entry requirements at deakin.edu.au/pathways

Scholarships for all types of students

A Deakin scholarship might change your life. If you've got something special to offer Deakin – or you just need the financial help to get you here – we may have a scholarship opportunity for you.

Search or browse through our [scholarships](#)

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 Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2022 (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), based on overall employment for domestic undergraduates, 4–6 months after course completion, equal overall employment rate with Monash University)

³ 2022 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

⁴ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023