

# POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CAREER SNAPSHOT

## Study Opportunities

Considering studying JCU?

Then check out:

[Politics and International Relations - JCU Australia](#)

## Clarify your study goals

Prepare yourself for the new world of work by exploring the careers that match your skills and interests.

[The Good Careers Guide](#)

## Graduate Opportunities

If you want to have influence on a global level via policymaking, diplomacy and/or analytics then a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics and International Relations (IR) may be the most appropriate field of study for you.

Politics and IR covers the interconnectedness of politics, history, government, policy (domestic and international), and foreign relations on a global level. It examines Australia in world affairs, particularly its global position and role.

Job opportunities for Politics and International Relations graduates are:

- Foreign Policy Officer
- Policy and/or Intelligence Analyst
- Diplomatic Service Officer
- Government Social Research Officer
- Political Risk Analyst
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Public Policy Analyst
- Politician
- Electorate Officer
- Campaign Manager

*Please note, some jobs listed may require further study, training, or experience.*

## Employment Data

The [James Cook University LinkedIn](#) page, you can drill down to alumni with your major. Investigate their LinkedIn profiles to identify their career paths following completion of their studies, including job titles and current and past employers.

**The top five job areas of graduates** listed on LinkedIn are:

- Business Development
- Operations
- Community and Social Services
- Administrative
- Research

Employers include:

- James Cook University
- The Australian National University
- Queensland Parliament
- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

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## Further Study Options

### Honours

A Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree is available for high-achieving students. It consists of extra study and the development of a personal research project and thesis.

An Honours degree enables you to explore a topic in greater depth and

achievement and advanced research and writing skills. It is usually essential for entry into research higher degrees.

Visit the [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\) handbook](#) for eligibility information.

### Postgraduate Coursework

The Bachelor of Arts lays an excellent foundation for many professions which can be accessed via postgraduate coursework study.

BA graduates may choose to enter professions such as accounting, teaching, and social work via further graduate coursework study.

Visit [JCU Postgraduate courses](#) for availability and further course details.

### Postgraduate Research

Graduates interested in a career in **research, academia or developing higher level skills and knowledge** may undertake an Honours year in the field of study in which they have majored.

This is typically followed by further graduate research study, either Masters or PhD. Highon8(so)3(n)3(a)3(l)38( )-10(r)-8(e)300



