School of Government and International Relations

A leading centre of learning in government and international relations.

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As a leading centre of research and teaching in politics, international relations, public policy and public management, the School of Government and International Relations has a formidable reputation. Its staff maintain a level of engagement with practitioner developments in their areas of expertise that is second to none.

Over the past 25 years, the School has been at the cutting edge of Australian politics and public policy research and teaching. The School continues to hold this position, and our staff have a strong tradition of moving between the University and senior positions in government and non-government organisations, ensuring they are always abreast of current industry developments.

Developing future leaders

The School of Government and International Relations has a long history of connecting research and teaching. For more than two decades, the School has contributed to the professional skills, knowledge and capabilities of policy makers across all levels of government.

Our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in government and international relations, policy analysis and public administration are informed by our world-class research. In the most recent (2012) Australian Research Council Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) exercise, Political Science at Griffith was rated ‘well above world standard’—the highest ranking possible.

The School is a founding partner of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), developing the future generation of public sector leaders and promoting public administration as a profession. Our Queensland ANZSOG students are senior public servants who complete an Executive Master of Public Administration, working closely with colleagues from around Australia and New Zealand.

In addition to an undergraduate program in government and international relations, students can also undertake a double degree with arts, law, or business. This allows students to follow their passion while developing a range of skills and capabilities, enhancing their job prospects in a rapidly changing environment.

At the postgraduate level, Masters programs in Public Administration and International Relations complement the career-focused offerings at the undergraduate level.

Professor Andrew O’Neil
Head, School of Government and International Relations
A former member of the Australian Foreign Minister’s Consultative Committee on National Security Issues, Andrew presently sits on the Lowy Institute's G20 Studies Centre advisory board.
Our programs

Bachelor of Government and International Relations
This degree provides students with a deep understanding of policy, politics and power in the modern world, and the forces that shape these dynamics at the global and domestic levels.

Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis
Equipping professionals to respond to the complex challenges involved in 21st century policy analysis, design and implementation, this program provides skill-based policy training. It significantly increases the skill sets of those in the public and private sectors at all levels.

Master of Public Administration
This globally-recognised qualification focuses on developing public management skills to advance graduates’ career outcomes in both the public and private sectors. Our expert teaching team includes academics with experience in a variety of governmental roles, and those at the cutting edge of public sector research and analysis.

Master of International Relations
This program has a strong practitioner focus and is highly relevant for students working in—or aspiring to work in—government and international organisations. Topics covered include international security and terrorism, human rights, religion and identity politics, diplomacy and statecraft, political economy and global governance.

Higher Degrees by Research
Our research programs include the Bachelor of Government and International Relations with Honours, Graduate Diploma in Research Studies (Business), Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy by Publication and Doctor of Philosophy.

‘The Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis emphasised the collaborative nature of government work, and the need to operate across portfolios and jurisdictions in order to remain informed and manage policy outcomes.’

Amanda O’Hara
Principal Policy Officer
Policy, Performance and Planning Division
Department of Education, Training and Employment
Research excellence

Political Science is a major area of strategic investment for Griffith University. Our staff have an international reputation for research excellence and are in high demand in industry and government around the world. They are experts who write the books and journal articles that shape the knowledge of the field.

- Griffith’s research in the field of Political Science has been assessed as ‘well above world standard’, receiving the maximum rating in the 2012 Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) review.
- Griffith has been a leader in Australian Research Council (ARC) grants in Political Science for the past 20 years, ranking second only to ANU in the 2000–2012 period.
- Our staff publish their work in highly cited scholarly outlets, including highly ranked journals and book presses. Additionally, staff regularly engage with policy-relevant literature that is followed by those in government and industry.

School staff actively contribute to the research and outreach activities of the Centre of Governance and Public Policy, the Griffith Asia Institute, and the Area of Strategic Investment in Asian Politics, Security and Development.

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