

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA – GRADUATE CERTIFICATE		PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Graduate Certificate qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional/highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning		
KNOWLEDGE	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have specialised knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge that may include the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in a new or existing discipline or professional area	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate in International Relations will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialised knowledge of contemporary theories of International Relations and Foreign policy-making • broad and coherent body of knowledge of contemporary theories of international relations and their application to empirical contexts • knowledge of the relationship between key historical, political and theoretical developments • an understanding of research principles, disciplinary concepts and methodologies necessary for understanding complex issue areas in international relations. 	
SKILLS	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge and identify and provide solutions to complex problems • cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas • specialised technical and creative skills in a field of highly skilled and/or professional practice • communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts 	Graduates of a Graduate Certificate in International Relations will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high-level cognitive and technical skills to review, analyse and synthesise complex theoretical concepts and empirical information in international relations • cognitive skills to analyse complex international problems, using appropriate theory to test assumptions, and translating results into appropriate forms • high-level research and information retrieval skills in locating, identifying and critically evaluating appropriate sources of information • academic and professional communications skills of a high competency, both verbally and in writing, and a thorough knowledge of correct methods for citation and referencing sources of information. 	

**APPLICATION OF
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SKILLS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences 	
<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to make high level, independent judgements in a range of technical or management functions in varied specialised contexts • to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised technical and/or creative contexts • with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of the work or function of others within broad parameters 	<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate in International Relations will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to independently research and apply theories to issues of contemporary and historical issues in international relations • to autonomously plan and execute research or evaluation projects relating to contemporary policy challenges in international relations • to reflect autonomy, critical judgement, adaptability and responsibility in academic practice and professional development.