

Bachelor of International Studies

Information for continuing students
about transitioning to the new degree
program starting in 2010.

New curriculum at Macquarie University

Macquarie University is introducing a new curriculum in 2010. This undertaking will generate many questions, and this presentation is to provide current Bachelor of International Studies students with specific information about the changes to the Bachelor of International Studies degree program.

What does this mean for you if you are enrolled in the double degree the Bachelor of International Studies with the Bachelor of Laws ?

If you are enrolled at Macquarie University in the Bachelor of International Studies with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 2009, the Department of International Studies is recommending that you ***do not transfer*** into the 2010 degree because the new program has many more requirements than the current program.

The Department of International Studies is recommending that you speak to an adviser in the School of Law regarding the implications of the new changes for students who do not complete their degree prior 2013.

What does this mean for you if you are formally transferring into the Bachelor of International Studies with the Bachelor of Laws ?

If you are currently admitted to the Bachelor of International Studies and enrolled in first year Law subjects via the Law quota intake, you need to be aware that you are not yet formally admitted to the Bachelor of International Studies with the Bachelor of Laws. If you intend to formally transfer into the Bachelor of International Studies with the Bachelor of Laws on the basis of your performance in the Law quota program, you will be admitted to the ***new degree structure in 2010***.

****This means that you will need to complete *all the requirements* of the new combined degree.*****

What does this mean for you if you are enrolled in the single degree the Bachelor of International Studies?

If you are enrolled at Macquarie University in the Bachelor of International Studies degree in 2009, you will have a choice between continuing in your current degree program or changing to the new version of your degree. If you decide to change to the new version, you will have to meet all the requirements for that degree to graduate, including completing INTS300 Study Abroad in semester 1 of your third year and the Capstone unit, INTS304 Global Issues in the second semester of your third year. There are no transfer criteria, such as a specified Grade Point Average (GPA) to make this changeover, but you will need to check carefully what changing over will mean for your study program.

*****Once you have changed to the new degree, you will not be able to go back to your old degree if you change your mind. However, you will be exempt from any People and Planet unit requirements as long as you complete the degree before 31 December 2013.*****

What does this mean for you if you are enrolled in another degree at Macquarie University and want to transfer into the single degree the Bachelor of International Studies?

If you are enrolled an undergraduate degree at Macquarie University in 2009 and want to transfer to the Bachelor of International Studies degree you will ***only*** be allowed to transfer into the new program.

You still follow the procedure for course transfer found at

<http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/current/currentstudents/coursetransfer.htm>

If you have any queries about this procedure, please contact

coursework@mq.edu.au

What are the most significant changes?

The three most significant changes are

1. the language requirement is more flexible allowing more language study in the earlier years of your degree to apply towards the overall requirement
2. the semester of study abroad has moved to the first semester of the third year of the program.
3. The new capstone unit is INTS304 Global Issues

The first two changes are a response to student feedback. They are designed to further facilitate preparation for the required the study abroad semester and to allow you to gain the most from your study abroad experience.

The capstone units are a central feature of the university-wide new curriculum. INTS304 Global Issues is a new unit that will be offered in the second semester of the third year and will draw upon your study abroad experiences of the previous semester.

***Information about INTS304 Global Issues
will be available on the Department of International Studies
website in late January 2010.***

What are the new language requirements ?

18 credit points in units from **one** language.

You need to enrol in at *least one* language unit (3 credit points) per semester in your first four semesters.

You can enrol in the other two language units anytime (providing you meet the prerequisites) other than the first semester of your third year when you will be on exchange.

Short term in-country programs can now be applied to the language requirements. Please see the Study Abroad Adviser, Carolina Rodriguez, for further information.

NOTE: *CHN 157, JPN 122, JPN 124, JPS 121 and JPS 221 are not language units.*

Who should change?

If you are enrolled at Macquarie University in the Bachelor of International Studies degree in 2009 or earlier and have not yet completed INTS200 Study Abroad, you should probably change to the new version of the degree.

If you decide to change to the new version, the following slides will indicate which units that you have already completed will be recognized in the new degree program.

The Department of International Studies is strongly recommending that all 2009 first year Bachelor of International Studies students (single degree) transfer to the new program.

Students following the English Language and Literature program *should not change*. The new degree does not have an English Language and Literature program so you will have to complete the old program. For advice on changes to ENGL units, please contact the Department of English.

How do I get credit for what I have already done ?

The following slides present equivalencies for units completed in the old program. Please note that if you transfer to the new program and have not completed an old requirement in 2009 or earlier, than you must complete the new requirement.

If you have completed all 100 level requirements in the old program and transfer to the new, you pick up the new requirements at the 200 level.

These equivalencies only apply to students who have completed old requirements prior to 2010.

New Requirements for First Year

SEMESTER 1

1 Language Unit

EUL101 Societies of Europe, ***offered in sem 1, 2010 only***

INTS100 Intercultural Communication

SEMESTER 2

1 Language Unit

ASN101 Asia in the Global Context

Required one of :

CHN 157 Contemporary China, sem1

INTS102 China in World History, sem 1

JPS 121 Japan – Past and Present, sem 2

First Year Transition

Current Requirements

EUL101 Societies of Europe →
POL168 Introduction to Global Politics →

One of:
CHN 157 Contemporary China
JPN122 A Survey of Japanese Culture
JPN124 Japan - Past and Present

One of:
AHMG 101 Greek Heroes and Heroines: From Achilles to Zorba
AHST101 Myth in the Ancient World
AHST104 Antiquity's Heirs: Barbarian Europe, Byzantium, and Islam →
HIST114 The World Since 1945: An Australian Perspective
HIST115 An Introduction to World History
HIST189 The Coming of Modernity: Europe Since 1550

New Requirements

EUL101 Societies of Europe, ***sem 1, 2010***
INTS100 Intercultural Communication
sem. 1 if you have not completed POL 168 Communication in 2009 or earlier

One of:
→ CHN 157 Contemporary China, sem1
INTS102 China in World History, sem 1
JPS 121 Japan – Past and Present, sem 2
(if you have not completed CHN157, JPN122 or JPN124 in 2009 or earlier)

ASN101 Asia in the Global Context
sem 2 (if you have not completed one of the AHST or HIST 100 level options in 2009 or earlier)

New Requirements for Second Year

IMPORTANT: the deadline for applications for required semester of study abroad is early July in your second year.

SEMESTER 1

1 Language Unit
INTS202 Citizenship: Past, Present,
Global (replaces INTS201)

SEMESTER 2

1 Language Unit
Recommended: additional
Language Unit

*Required **two** of :*

SEMESTER 1

EUL202 The European Union

SEMSTER 2

INTS204 Latin American Histories

INTS210 Modern Chinese History (replaces HIST250)

JPS221 Modern Japanese Society (replaces JPN250)

INTS203 Internship (replaces INTS302)

*(students will need to have the internship in place
prior to the start of semester 2)*

Highly recommended: complete an additional language unit.

Second Year Transition

Old Program

INTS200 Study Abroad

INTS201 Citizenship: Past, Present, Global

One of:

HIST250 Modern Chinese History

JPN250 Modern Japanese Society

AHMG201 Gods and Athletes, Sports and Global Politics

AHST222 Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World

AHST235 Byzantium, East and West

AHST272 The Classical Traditions of Thought

EUL201 Screening Europe: Cinema and Identity

EUL202 The European Union

HIST247 European History from the French Revolution to Fascism

HIST253 War and Peace in World History

HIST270 Twentieth-Century Europe

POL251 African Politics and Globalisation

POL266 Middle-East Politics

POL270 International Relations

POL282 The Politics of Nationalism

POL369 Europe and Islam

New Program

INTS202 Citizenship: Past, Present, Global

Two of:

INTS210 Modern Chinese History (replaces HIST250)

JPS221 Modern Japanese Society (replaces JPN250)

INTS204 Latin American Histories

INTS203 Internship

If you have completed any unit/s from this list before 2010, you can apply them towards the 2010 requirement.

You must, however, complete **2** units, whether 2 from the old list before 2009 or 1 from the old list in 2009 and one from the new list in 2010, or 2 from the new list.

New Requirements for Third Year

SEMESTER 1

INTS300 International Study
Abroad (12 cps)

SEMESTER 2

INTS304 Global Issues

Recommended: Additional
Language Unit/s to meet
the required 18 credit
points in Language units

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to required units listed previously, you must complete a minimum:
68 credit points in total
38 at 200 level and higher, 18 of which **MUST** be at 300 level.

Third Year Transition

If you have completed INTS200 before 2010, it is deemed as fulfilling the study abroad requirement. You will still need to complete 18 credit points at 300 level including one of INTS301 or INTS303, plus INTS302 and at least 6 credit points in language units. If you completed INTS200 prior to 2010, you should seek advice before transferring to the new degree.

If you are enrolling in INTS300 in 2010 or later, you will need to complete the new unit INTS 304 Global Issues

Additional Information

Study Abroad Requirement

The completion of a semester of study abroad is a requirement of the degree (with the exception of the English Language and Literature program which will no longer be available from 2010).

You need to be aware that UNIVERSITY POLICY states that students must have a minimum gpa (grade point average) of 2.0 in order to be eligible to go on exchange. If you do not meet this minimum requirement, you will not be allowed to go on exchange, therefore you will not be able to complete the degree. There are no exceptions to this rule. You will need to change your degree if you cannot complete the exchange requirement.

People and Planet Units

Continuing students transferring to the new curriculum do not need to complete a People or a Planet unit, provided that they complete their studies by the end of 2013.

Important scheduling considerations

In planning your degree, please be aware of certain scheduling constraints.

1. The required unit INTS202 Citizenship Past, Present Global is only available in semester 1. If you do not enrol in this requirement in your second year, you cannot complete it in your third year because you will be enrolled in Study Abroad in semester 1 of your third year.
2. The required unit INTS300 Study Abroad is only available in the first semester of your third year. The application deadline for participation in this program is late June of your second year.
3. The Capstone unit INTS304 Global Issues is only available in the second semester of your third year.
4. The Internship (either INTS302 in the old program or INTS203 in the new program) is only available in the second semester. You **MUST** enrol in January/February for this unit if you plan to participate. The application and interview process occurs in semester 1 in order to ensure that internships are in place by the beginning of semester 2. The only way the University can provide students with application information is via the list of enrolled students. If you are not enrolled, you will not receive necessary information.

For general information about the new curriculum, including how and when to transfer, please see the FAQ at:

http://mq.edu.au/new_curriculum_faq.html

For specific queries about the Bachelor of International Studies, please contact

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