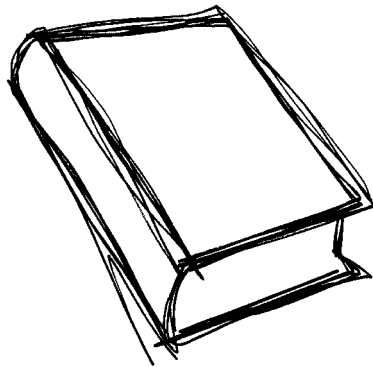


Bachelor of International Studies 2010



Planning your degree

Completing your BIS core component,
Minors and Strands

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The BIS Core Component, Minors, and Strands

What is the BIS core component?

The BIS core component of the degree is a prescribed selection of 50 credit points, consisting of subjects with the INTS subject code. The core component is compulsory and common to all students in the degree. It is designed to give all graduates of the degree a firm foundation in the theme of International Studies; an analysis, appreciation and study of the diversity of the global community.

What is a Minor?

A Minor is a concentrated area of study that requires fewer credit points than a Major. Normally around 28 credit points, a Minor is a useful way of rounding out, or supplementing your Bachelor of International Studies degree. In a language area, for example, a Minor could be useful if you want proficiency, but not necessarily fluency, in a language. A Minor in a language is compulsory for completion of the Bachelor of International Studies degree. However, you can take additional Minors from many other disciplines. A list of approved Minors for the Bachelor of Arts which can be taken through your Bachelor of International Studies is listed below. However, you should note that you cannot cross count subjects from a nominated Minor into any other Major or Minor. Minors do not appear on your testamur but do appear on your transcript (i.e. your academic record).

Approved Bachelor of Arts Minors

The approved Minors for the Bachelor of Arts, which can also be taken through the Bachelor of International Studies, are:

- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Australian Studies
- Chinese (Mandarin) for Non-Chinese Background Students
- Chinese (Mandarin) for Character Background Students
- Employment Relations
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literatures
- Environmental Studies
- European Studies
- French
- Gender Studies
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- Indonesian
- Information Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Media and Cultural Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Postcolonial Studies
- Resource and Environmental Studies
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- War and Society

The required credit points necessary to complete one of the Minors listed above range from 28 credit points to 34 credit points

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Minor Combinations

You can undertake two Minors (commonly called a double Minor, NOT a double degree) in the Bachelor of International Studies. You will need to complete the compulsory language Minor. However, you can take an additional Minor either from the approved Minors for the Bachelor of Arts listed on the previous page, or a Minor from another Faculty, provided you meet the requirements for that Minor.

What is a Strand?

A Strand is a specialised area of study within the Bachelor of International Studies which allows students to focus on specific areas of interest. Strands do not appear on your testamur when you graduate. Students must complete one Strand within their Bachelor of International Studies in order to complete the degree. Students can select from the approved Strands listed below:

- Asia
- Global Labour and Employment Studies
- Popular Culture
- Conflict and Society
- Media and Communications
- Study of States
- Europe
- Pacific
- World Literatures

Choosing subjects for your Bachelor of International Studies degree

Graduation requirements of a Bachelor of International Studies

- The completion of 144 credit points (minimum requirement). The student will normally achieve this by undertaking a fulltime study load of 24 credit points per session over 6 sessions (3 years)
- Only 60 credit points or ten 100 level subjects can be counted towards the degree.

Selecting BIS core component subjects

It is critical you read the *Course Handbook* covering your degree for the year that you enrolled to understand the requirements BIS core* :

1. The online *Course Handbook* can be viewed here:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ugcourses/index.html>
2. Click the year in which you first enrolled/transferred into your Bachelor of International Studies
3. Click 'Faculty of Arts'
4. Click 'Bachelor of International Studies'
5. Scroll down to read the requirements of each Strand. Take care to select a Strand that both appeals to you, and fits in well with your study schedule.
6. [Plan your BIS core component schedule](#) (*Planning your Minor/Strand/BIS core component study schedule, pg. 2*)
7. [Complete a BIS core component plan](#) (*Sample Sociology Minor plan, pg. 3*)

Selecting subjects for your Minor/s

It is critical you read the *Course Handbook* covering your Minor for the year that you enrolled to understand the requirements of the Minor you wish to undertake†:

1. The online *Course Handbook* can be viewed here:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ugcourses/index.html>
2. Click the year in which you first enrolled/transferred into your Bachelor of International Studies
3. Click 'Faculty of Arts'
4. Click 'Bachelor of Arts'
5. Scroll down and click the Minor you wish to complete.
6. [Plan your Minor schedule](#) (*Planning your Minor/Strand/BIS core component study schedule, pg. 2*)
7. [Complete a Minor plan](#) (*Sample Sociology Minor plan, pg. 3*)

* You may also consult the printed *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook* which you would have received during your enrolment

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Selecting subjects for your Strand

It is critical you read the *Course Handbook* covering your degree for the year that you enrolled to understand the requirements of the Strand you wish to undertake[‡]:

1. The online *Course Handbook* can be viewed here:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/ugcourses/index.html>
2. Click the year in which you first enrolled/transferred into your Bachelor of International Studies
3. Click 'Faculty of Arts'
4. Click 'Bachelor of International Studies'
5. Scroll down to read about the requirements of each Strand. Take care to select a Strand that both appeals to you, and fits in well with your study schedule.
6. [Plan your Strand schedule](#) (*Planning your Minor/Strand/BIS core component study schedule, pg. 2*)
7. [Complete a Strand plan](#) (*Sample Sociology Minor plan, pg. 3*)

Selecting elective subjects (subjects outside your Major):

1. Select *Elective*[§] subjects from the *General Schedule*^{**} (for the year that you enrolled) to fill any gaps in your study schedule. The *General Schedule* can be viewed here:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/uggeneralschedules/index.html>

Finalising your degree plan

1. Look over some complete [degree plans](#) (*Suggested Degree Plan: Bachelor of International Studies with a Spanish Minor, an Australian Studies Minor, and completion of the Global Labour and Employment Studies Strand, pg. 9*) as a guide.
2. Merge your planned BIS core component, Minors, Strands and elective subjects into a single [Blank Degree Planning Template](#) (*Blank Degree Planning Template, pg. 7*)
3. Log on to SOLS to enrol the subjects you planned for the current and forthcoming semesters.
4. Continue to follow your degree plan throughout the course of your degree, being aware of any changes in subject availability that may happen on a year to year basis.

[‡] You may also consult the printed *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook* which you would have received during your enrolment

[§] The term *Elective* is used to refer to any subject you select which does not count towards any of your planned Majors, or Minors, Strands, or the BIS core component

^{**} The *General Schedule* is a list of subjects that count towards any degree

Planning your Minor/Strand/BIS core component study schedule

To plan your Minor study schedule compare the *Minor Study Outline* against the *Minor Study Program*. This technique can also be used to plan your Bachelor of International Studies Strand and BIS core component.

The *Minor Study Outline* lists the requirements to achieve a Minor. The subjects which meet these requirements are listed in the *Minor Study Program* (displayed on the right).

The *2010 Course Handbook* entry on the Sociology Minor is shown below. The *Minor Study Outline* is circled in red:

Sociology

Sociology is the study of social life, cultural and social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour. By acquiring sociological skills students develop the ability to analyse a wide variety of social processes, institutions, causes of social change and the structures of groups and societies.

Specific areas of study include social policy; social theory and methodologies; gender, sexuality and the body; class; crime and punishment; race and ethnicity; family, welfare and education reform; everyday interaction; social movements; social change in Asia; media and entertainment, and youth and popular culture.

In a rapidly changing world, sociology provides distinctive methodologies and perspectives that offer solutions to complex problems arising from social inequality, globalisation, criminal justice and racism.

Sociology is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

Minor Study

A minor in Sociology will consist of at least 28 credit points from the schedule of the major. It will include SOC103 or SOC104, as well as SOC203 and SOC231. It must not include more than two subjects at 100-level. Subjects in the minor may not be cross-counted with any other minor or major study.

The best way to plan a Minor is by drawing up a small [table](#) (*Blank Degree Template, pg. 4*) covering your subject selection over the three years of your Bachelor of International Studies. We have put together a sample of this planning practice on the following page using the Sociology Minor as an example.

Study Program

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credit Points	Session
100 level: At least one of the following			
SOC 103	Introduction to Sociology	6	Autumn
SOC 104	Communication, Media & Society	6	Spring
200 level: 24 credit points including SOC203 and SOC231			
SOC 203	Explaining Society	8	Autumn
SOC 205	Childhoods, Families and Relationships	8	Spring
SOC 206	Youth and Popular Culture	8	Autumn
SOC 222	Crime, Criminality and Criminalisation	8	N/O 2010
SOC 224	Violence, Fear and Civilisation: The Evolution of States	8	Autumn
SOC 230	Body & Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 231	Social Analysis	8	Spring
SOC 233	Living with Animals	8	Autumn
SOC 242	Contemporary Issues in Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 243	Contesting Asia: Culture, Diversity Difference	8	Autumn
SOC 244	Punishment: Purpose, Practice, Policy	8	Spring
SOC 250	Everyday Interaction	8	Spring
SOC 272	Sociology of Work	8	Spring
POL 290	Women in Society	8	Autumn
MACS 200	Media Events and Rituals	8	Spring
300 level: 24 credit points			
SOC 302	Contemporary Social and Political Thought	8	Spring
SOC 303	The New Individual	8	N/O 2010
SOC 305	Race and Ethnic Studies	8	N/O 2010
SOC 308	Social Policy and the Neoliberal State	8	Spring
SOC 309	Social Movements and Community Activism	8	N/O 2010
SOC 310	The Third Sector	8	Autumn
SOC 318	Modernity, Development and Social Change	8	Autumn
SOC 325	Social Research Methods in Policy and Evaluation	8	Autumn
SOC 326	Globalising Asia	8	Spring
SOC 330	Gender and Society	8	Autumn
SOC 341	Special Topics	8	Autumn/Spring/Summer
SOC 349	Governing Society: The Self and the Social	8	N/O 2010
MACS 301	Culture & Emotion	8	Spring
MACS 325	Happiness: Investigating Its Causes and Conditions	8	Autumn

Sociology Minor

A Minor in Sociology will consist of at least 28 credit points from the schedule of the Major. It will include SOC 103 or SOC 104, as well as SOC 203 and SOC 231. It must not include more than two subjects at 100-level. Subjects in the Minor may not be cross-counted with any other Minor or Major study.

Study Program

Subject Code	Subject Name	CP	Session
100 level: At least one of the following			
SOC 103	Introduction to Sociology	6	Autumn
SOC 104	Communication, Media and Society	6	Spring
200 level: 24 credit points including SOC203 and SOC231			

SOC 203	Explaining Society	8	Autumn
SOC 205	Childhood, Families and Relationships	8	Spring
SOC 206	Youth and Popular Culture	8	Autumn
SOC 222	Crime, Criminality and Criminalisation	8	N/O 2010
SOC 224	Violence, Fear and Civilisation: The Evolution of States	8	Autumn
SOC 230	Body and Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 231	Social Analysis	8	Spring
SOC 233	Living with Animals	8	Autumn
SOC 242	Contemporary Issues in Society	8	N/O 2010
SOC 243	Contesting Asia: Culture, Diversity, Difference	8	Autumn
SOC 244	Punishment: Purpose, Practice, Policy	8	Spring
SOC 250	Everyday Interaction		Spring
SOC 272	Sociology of Work	8	Spring
POL 290	Women in Society: Productive and Reproductive Labour	8	Autumn
MACS200	Media Events and Rituals	8	Spring
300 level: 24 credit points			
SOC 302	Contemporary Social and Political Thought	8	Spring
SOC 303	The New Individual	8	N/O 2010
SOC 305	Race and Ethnic Studies	8	N/O 2010
SOC 308	Social Policy and the Neoliberal State	8	Spring
SOC 309	Social Movement and Community Activism	8	N/O 2010
SOC 310	The Third Sector	8	Autumn
SOC 318	Modernity, Development and Social Change	8	Autumn
SOC 325	Social Research Methods in Policy and Evaluation	8	Autumn
SOC 326	Globalising Asia	8	Spring
SOC 330	Gender and Society	8	Autumn
SOC 341	Special Topics	8	Autumn/ Spring/ Summer
SOC 349	Governing Society: The Self and the Social	8	N/O 2010
MACS301	Culture & Emotion	8	Spring
MACS325	Happiness: Investigating its Causes and Conditions	8	Autumn

Sample Sociology Minor plan

First Year

Autumn Session:

SOC 103

Elective

Elective

Elective

Spring Session:

SOC 104

Elective

Elective

Elective

Second Year

Autumn Session:

SOC 203

Elective

Elective

Spring Session:

SOC 231

Elective

Elective

Third Year

Autumn Session:

Elective

Elective

Elective

Spring Session:

Elective

Elective

Elective

PLEASE NOTE:

* Subjects on offer change from year to year

† This sample subject selection plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

Blank Degree Planning Template

(Use this template in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

Insert Degree Name (Minors, Strands) here _____

	1st year	2nd year	Final year
Autumn	INTS100 (6cp)	INTS225 (8cp)	INTS375 (if available) (8cp)
Autumn			INTS399 (8cp)
Autumn			
Autumn		-	-
Spring	INTS107 (6cp)		INTS300 (8cp)
Spring	INTS121 (6cp)		INTS375 (if available) (8cp)
Spring			
Spring		-	-
Total Credit Points per year			

Credit Points over Course of Degree:

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BIS core component credit point breakdown:

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_____ **Language Minor credit point breakdown:**

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_____ **Minor credit point breakdown:**

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Suggested Degree Plan

(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

Bachelor of International Studies with a *French* Minor, and completion of the *Pacific* Strand

	1 st year	2 nd year	Final year
Autumn	INTS100 (6cp)	INTS225 (8cp)	INTS375 (8cp) (if available) or Elective (8cp)
Autumn	FREN151 (6cp)	FREN251 (8cp)	POL317 (8cp)
Autumn	100 lvl Elective (6cp)	Elective (8cp)	INTS399 (8cp)
Autumn	100 lvl Elective (6cp)	—	—
Spring	INTS107 (6cp)	HIST201 (8cp)	INTS300 (8cp)
Spring	INTS121 (6cp)	FREN252 (8cp)	INTS375 (8cp) (if available) or Elective (8cp)
Spring	100 lvl Elective (6cp)	Elective (8cp)	ENGL373 (8cp)
Spring	FREN152 (6cp)	—	—
Total Credit Points per year	48	48	48

Credit Points over Course of Degree = 48cp + 48cp + 48cp

= 144cp **DEGREE COMPLETE!**

French Minor = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp = 28cp **MINOR COMPLETE!**

BIS core component = 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 50cp **CORE COMPLETE!**

Subjects that count towards *Pacific* Strand

Subjects that count towards BIS core component

Subjects that count towards *French* Minor

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester

* Subjects on offer change from year to year

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

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Suggested Degree Plan

(Use this plan in consultation with *Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Handbook*)

Bachelor of International Studies with a *Spanish Minor*, an *Australian Studies Minor*, and completion of the *Global Labour and Employment Studies Strand*

	1 st year	2 nd year	Final year
Autumn	INTS100 (6cp)	INTS225 (8cp)	INTS375 (8cp) (if available) or Elective (8cp)
Autumn	SPAN151 (6cp)	SPAN251 (8cp)	INTS399 (8cp)
Autumn	AUST101 OR INTS150 OR SOC 103 (6cp)	INDS200 OR HIST220 OR MACS225 OR POL290 (8cp)	ERLS342 (8cp)
Autumn	100 lvl Elective (6cp)	—	—
Spring	INTS107 (6cp)	ERLS240 (8cp)	INTS300 (8cp)
Spring	INTS121 (6cp)	SPAN252 (8cp)	INTS375 (8cp) (if available) or Elective (8cp)
Spring	SPAN152 (6cp)	HIST203 or HIST239 OR HIST255 OR POL 222 OR SOC 205 (8cp)	ERLS340 (8cp)
Spring	AUST102 (6cp)	—	—
Total Credit Points per year	48	48	48

Credit Points over Course of Degree

= 48cp + 48cp + 48cp

= 144cp **DEGREE COMPLETE!**

Australian Studies Minor = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp = 28cp **MINOR COMPLETE!**

Spanish Minor = 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp = 28cp **MINOR COMPLETE!**

BIS core component = 6cp + 6cp + 6cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp + 8cp = 50cp **CORE COMPLETE!**

Subjects that count towards *Global Labour and Employment Studies Strand*

Subjects that count towards BIS core component

Subjects that count towards *Spanish Minor*

Subjects that count towards *Australian Studies Minor*

— indicates a subject need not be taken in this slot, as student has already met the standard full-time study load of 24 credit points for that semester

* Subjects on offer change from year to year

† This suggested degree plan assumes a full-time study load of 24 credit points a semester

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