A quality educational experience

The Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs offers students a unique opportunity to engage with big policy issues, develop high-level skills and build career opportunities through professional Masters degrees and other graduate programs.

Taking advantage of Murdoch University’s long engagement with practical policy questions and deep expertise on Australia, Asia and the Indo-Pacific region, the Sir Walter Murdoch School is an ambitious new venture in graduate education. Masters coursework degrees are offered in Public Policy and Management, International Affairs and Development Studies. New offerings in health policy begin in 2015.

Focusing on national and international policy challenges, the Sir Walter Murdoch School will appeal to high-achieving, globally-aware professionals seeking to enhance their career trajectory by developing disciplinary expertise, professional skills and policy knowledge. Each Masters degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience, enabling students to apply their learning to a practical issue through a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis. Our 2015 Global Voices partnership will allow select students to participate in national and international policy negotiations at the United Nations, World Trade Organisation and inter-regional bodies.

Designed to fit a busy lifestyle

Classes are delivered in flexible formats, designed to fit into a demanding professional life, with units offered in the evenings, on weekends, or in intensive blocks. All classes are taught face-to-face in small group seminars and workshops designed to maximize the on-campus student experience.

Murdoch’s Library Learning Centre and computer labs are available 24 hours a day, so students can study when it suits them. Previous tertiary qualifications combined with relevant professional experience may qualify students for advanced standing, meaning they could complete a Masters qualification in as little as 12 or 18 months.

Leading academics from around the globe

Located in Perth, Western Australia, at the hub of the booming Indo-Pacific region, Murdoch University is a leading Australian research university which ranks in the world’s top 2% globally (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012 – 2013). The Sir Walter Murdoch School draws upon Murdoch’s world-class reputation in applied science, governance, public policy and Asian studies. It will appeal to graduates who are innovative thinkers, problem solvers and leaders, capable of engaging with demanding regional and global challenges. Students are taught by leading academics, professional practitioners and visiting scholars from across Australia and around the world.

Our courses

Masters coursework degrees are offered in Public Policy and Management, International Affairs and Development Studies.

We also offer Graduate Certificates in Public Policy and Management, Development Studies and, starting in 2015, Health Policy and Leadership.

As Australia’s fastest-growing graduate policy school, we welcome students with undergraduate degrees in any subject, and offer them the opportunity to pursue their passion, acquire new professional skills, advance their career, build a network of valuable contacts, and expand their life experience.
Professor Benjamin Reilly
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Professor Benjamin Reilly, Dean of the Sir Walter Murdoch School, is a political scientist specialising in democratisation, comparative politics and political development. Formerly Professor of Political Science, head of the Policy and Governance program and Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University (ANU), Professor Reilly has also worked with the Australian government, the United Nations and other international organisations, and held visiting appointments at Harvard, Oxford, and Johns Hopkins universities. He has authored or edited seven books and over 100 scholarly articles and chapters, and received financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the United States Institute of Peace, the East-West Centre, the National Endowment for Democracy and the Australian Research Council. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the ANU.

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Masters Coursework Programs

Master of Public Policy and Management
Course code M1194
The Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) equips students with the strategic, analytical and professional skills for a career in the government, non-profit, and private sectors both in Australia and internationally. It provides students with the knowledge and skills to analyse, design and implement policy in complex institutional and regulatory environments.

The MPPM offers students:
- A detailed knowledge of the theories and practice of contemporary governance and public policy making through intensive study in specialist units
- High-level analytical skills to lead policy design, implementation and evaluation, developed through the practical investigation of current policy issues and challenges
- An understanding of professional and public ethics, and of human resource management
- Professional skills relating to leadership, finance and project management, and communication
- Policy electives that focus on pressing economic and environmental problems relevant at the local, regional and global levels

The core units of the program cover public policy theory and practice, policy design, public sector management, policy research and evaluation, and public sector economics. Students can choose electives to suit their professional needs and policy interests. The degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience, with students opting to undertake either a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis.

Master of Development Studies
Course code M1195
The Master of Development Studies (MDS) is a professional degree focussing on the challenges of social, economic, and political development and poverty alleviation. Aimed at students from the developing world and those working in international development assistance, the MDS concentrates on the nexus of development, politics and social and environmental sustainability, food and health security, state building, conflict management, gender relations and other significant issues impacting development.

The MDS offers students:
- Understanding of the key strategies for social, economic and political development and poverty alleviation
- High-level analytical skills to evaluate the priorities, strengths and limitations of competing policy approaches to development, developed through the practical investigation of current policy issues
- Professional skills relating to leadership, finance and project management, and communication
- A detailed knowledge of the interests, processes and problems of contemporary development assistance, and international aid work, through intensive study in specialist units
- Policy electives that provide an understanding of contemporary political, social and cultural trends within the Australian, East Asian and Indo-Pacific regional context

Students can choose electives to suit their professional needs and policy interests. The degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience with students opting to undertake either a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis.

Graduate Certificate of Public Policy and Management
Course code C1102
The Graduate Certificate in Public Policy and Management introduces students to the strategic, analytical and professional knowledge and skills necessary for policy careers in the government, non-profit and private sectors.

Graduate Certificate of Development Studies
Course code C1103
The Graduate Certificate will prepare students to participate in the world of international development. Students develop the theoretical foundation and the professional skills necessary for rewarding careers in all types of organisations (public, private and not for profit, national and international) engaged in development policy, planning and practice, in Australia and internationally.

Graduate Certificate in Health Policy and Leadership
Course Code C9503
The Graduate Certificate in Health Policy and Leadership provides a conceptual, strategic and practical toolkit for current and future health sector professionals and leaders. Students will gain expertise in strategic health leadership and management, healthcare policy and governance, health economics and finance, and financial management and decision making. In so doing it will provide students with a core grounding in the policy, management, financial and leadership skills needed for a dynamically changing industry, and with a springboard for future leadership roles in the sector.

The MIA offers students:
- A detailed knowledge of key concepts and issues in international relations, through intensive study of specialist units
- High-level analytical skills to evaluate contemporary challenges in international affairs, developed through the practical investigation of pressing global issues and problems
- Professional skills in leadership, management and communication
- Policy electives that provide a deep understanding of contemporary political, social and cultural trends in East Asia and the Indo-Pacific region in a global context

Students can choose from a range of electives to suit their professional needs and policy interests, including an opportunity to study Indonesian or Japanese. The degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience with students opting to undertake either a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis.

Master of International Affairs
Course code M1196
The Master of International Affairs (MIA) is a genuinely multi-disciplinary professional degree that explores the political, economic, strategic, cultural and legal forces that shape our region and world. Taking advantage of Murdoch’s Indo-Pacific location, the degree equips students with the knowledge and skills for careers in a wide variety of sectors including government and foreign affairs, international organisations, national and international NGOs, and the private sector.

Students can choose electives to suit their professional needs and policy interests. The degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience with students opting to undertake either a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis.
Admissions
Requirements

Masters degrees
Admission to the Masters degrees is available to students who have a Bachelor degree in any area.

English language requirements also apply.

The course duration is up to 2 years full-time or the part-time equivalent.

Up to 12 points (0.5 year) of advanced standing is available to students with:
- A Bachelor degree with a major in public policy, international studies or development studies as appropriate to the chosen course, or a cognate area
- Or, a Bachelor degree in an unrelated discipline and a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Public Policy, International Studies or Development Studies as appropriate,
- Or, an Honours degree or equivalent in an unrelated discipline and two years of relevant, documented professional experience

Up to 24 points (1 year) of advanced standing is available to students with:
- An Honours Bachelor degree or equivalent in public policy, international studies or development studies as appropriate to the chosen course, or a cognate area
- Or, an Honours degree or equivalent in an unrelated discipline and at least two years of relevant documented professional experience

A student’s advanced standing is assessed at the time of application, taking into account level of higher study and/or professional experience.

Graduate Certificates
The course duration is 6 months full-time or the part-time equivalent.

Admission to the Graduate Certificates is available to students who have a recognised Bachelor degree in any field.

Location
These courses can be studied at Murdoch University’s South Street campus in Western Australia.

Key dates
Courses commence in February for semester one and July for semester two.

Accommodation
Accommodation is available for interstate and international students at Murdoch University Village. For further information, visit www.murdochuv.com.au

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