



Diploma in International Studies (Dip Int Stud)

Notes for Medical Students

Inter-calculating with MBBS

The Dip Int. Studies consists of 8 units selected from a broad range of subjects in the Faculty of Arts. It is usually undertaken as a part time course concurrent (as an overload) with the MBBS. However having a gap year from MBBS studies, where the Diploma in International Studies could be undertaken full time, would enable up to 6 units to be completed in one year. Some units can be completed over summer holidays, e.g. in country intensives or as medical electives (a summer intensive of 3 weeks = 12.5% unit)

Rule for undergraduate course length

This is called the “2 + 1” rule . Someone enrolling part time can take a maximum of two times the standard length of the course plus one year. So in the case of the diploma a part time enrolment is a maximum of three years. (MBBS students might want to ‘dip’ in and out throughout the full length of their course). ie 8 units over 3 years. Exemptions may be provided in some circumstances

Minimum requirements

8 units consisting of a minimum of: 25% 100 Level subjects, 25% 200 level subjects and 25% 300 level subjects

Suggested pathways

While students are free to pick any combination of units there will suggestions for themed collection of units (see Appendix that will enable a focus on a theme e.g. cultural, language, race and ethnicity, and politics and international relations. Students will be offered course unit selection (content and timing) counselling from both the the Course Coordinator (AProf Pam Allen) and a representative from the School of Medicine (e.g. Associate Head of School or Director of Electives)

Overload Approval

The School of Medicine has to approve an overload in enrolment for students to commit to the Dip Int Stud

Criteria for approval of over-enrolments include:

- Overload units should start no earlier than Year 3 MBBS
- Previous academic performance satisfactory with no supplementary exams
- No overload greater than 12.5% per semester or 25% per year
- An awareness of Census dates so students can withdraw if academic progress is impeded
- Demonstration of the student’s capacity to undertake additional study through history of organisational skills, efficient learning style and external social support.
- Annual review of progress is made by the Course Coordinator in conjunction with a representative from the School of Medicine

HECS Fees

Current UTAS guidelines state that if a concurrent undergraduate course is undertaken the HECS fees are waived.

Travel Scholarships

The SOM may offer modest travel scholarships to assist with travel to attend the course and for electives overseas

Appendix

Diploma of International Studies: Themes

The themes suggested below represent examples of how students might package together their units for the Diploma. They do not constitute formal or compulsory programs within the Diploma and are not intended to be prescriptive.

Culture

HEA101 Reading Stories

HGA101 Sociology A

HMA102 Asia: Transformation and Change

FST213 Contemporary Art of the Asia-Pacific Region

HMA206 Understanding Asia through Food

HMC217 Contemporary Chinese Cinema

HMJ210 Japan in the 21st Century

HAB310 Indigenous Tourism

Economics

BMA181 Introduction to International Business

HSG106 Introduction to International Relations

BFA206 Globalisation and Accountability

HGA262 Social Inequalities: Global and Local

HMC224 Political Economy of Post-Reform China

HSD241 Global Political Economy

HSG307 Third World Development Politics

KSA302 International Marine Management

Language and Literature

HEA105 Studying Texts

HEG101 German 1A

HEG102 German 1B

HEA218 Contemporary Fiction

HEA232 Postcolonial Fictions

HEG317 German Texts from Rock to Rap

HMJ340 Film and Text in Japan

Politics and International Relations

HSG105 Introduction to Global Politics

HSG106 Introduction to International Relations

HMC225 Political and Cultural History of Taiwan

HSA258 International Relations of Asia

HSA270 Espionage, Terror and Global Disorder

HSR300 International Security

HMN318 Political and Social Change in Contemporary Indonesia

HSA305 American Politics

Race and Ethnicity

HGA101 Sociology A

HGA102 Sociology B

HMC226 Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary China

HSA201 Race and Ethnic Politics

HTA275 History of the Indigenous peoples of North America

HAB310 Indigenous Tourism

HMA351 Volunteering in Asia

HMA361 Asian Ethnic and Religious Politics

Religion

HMA101 Asia: Enduring Traditions

HMA102 Asia: Transformation and Change

HMA214 Islam in Asia

HPA219 Buddhist Philosophy

HPA234 Zen and Tao: East Asian Philosophy

HTA275 History of the Indigenous peoples of North America

HMA321 Contemporary Asian Issues

HMA361 Asian Ethnic and Religious Politics