

# TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS



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There have been some important changes to:

## **Bachelor of Development Studies/ Bachelor of Communication**

Program Code: 40246

**For students who commenced prior to 2025.**

### **What kind of changes have been made to this program?**

There have recently been some important changes to the core courses, course lists and majors in the Bachelor of Development Studies/ Bachelor of Communication. All previously completed courses will still count towards your program, however this change may require some variation to your future enrolment.

### **What you need to do**

#### **For students who commenced prior to 2025:**

Review the Transition Arrangements table on the following pages to see which courses have been impacted and it's replacement. You will need to make these adjustments in your Program Planner.

#### **For students who commenced from 2025:**

Refer to your program handbook.

#### **Further information or advice:**

- See FAQs at the end of this document
- Visit [AskUON](#)
- Contact your Program Advisor on [programadvice@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:programadvice@newcastle.edu.au)

# Overview of Changes

The Bachelor of Development Studies/ Bachelor of Communication will have a number of changes from 2025, impacting core course, and major requirements. Similar changes are occurring in the single Bachelor of Development Studies program however there may be differences due to the structure of the combined program, so it is important that students refer to the transition arrangements and program handbook of their specific program. There will be no changes to the Bachelor of Communication for Semester 1, 2025.

## Core Courses:

From 2025, core course ECON1002 will be discontinued and replaced with a new core course ECON1111. This course will be a combination of the content covered in ECON1002 and ECON1001.

For information about how this change will impact your future enrolment, please refer to the transition arrangements on [Page 3](#).

## POLI Courses:

From 2025, all POLI courses will be discontinued. Students who have previously completed any POLI courses will continue to count them towards their program.

To account for the removal of POLI courses and to ensure students continue to have a variety of course options to choose from, a suite of new courses have been added to the program. All students can choose to take any of the new courses added to the program under their Development Studies major as long as they have the space to do so, and they do not conflict with other program requirements.

## Development Studies Majors:

The **Globalisation and Economic Development major** will be discontinued from 2025. Students who commenced prior to 2025 will be able to continue to complete and graduate with this major.

Compulsory course ECON1001, and all POLI course list options will be discontinued from 2025. An alternative compulsory course, GEOG1020 and a suite of new course list options have been added to the major to allow students who commenced prior to 2025 to complete their major requirements.

Students who have completed any of the discontinued courses will continue to count these toward their program. For more information about these changes and how they will impact your future enrolment, please refer to the transition arrangements on [Page 4](#).

A new **Geopolitics and Economic Development major** will be added to the program from 2025. Students who commenced prior to 2025 can choose to transition to this major if they wish. Please contact [Program Advice](#) for individual advice and arrangements.

**All other Development Studies majors** may have changes to course list options. Students who have completed courses that have been discontinued/ removed from their major course list will continue to count these toward their program. Students who have not completed all major course list requirements can take any of the new courses added to the program from 2025. For more information about these changes and how they will impact your future enrolment, please refer to the transition arrangements on [Page 5](#).

# Transition Arrangements

\* 'Completed' means successfully passed a course or received approved credit for a course

## Discontinued course

(Not yet completed)

## Replacement course

(Course to be completed from 2025 onwards as offered)

## Core Courses

*ECON1002 Macroeconomics in the Global Economy*

Replaced with  
**ECON1111** Economics for Business Decisions

**If you have previously completed ECON1002**, this will continue to count toward your program as a core course. You will not be required to complete ECON1111.

**If you have NOT previously completed ECON1002 but HAVE completed ECON1001**, ECON1001 will continue to count toward your program as a core course in place of ECON1002. You will not be required to complete ECON1111.

**If you have previously completed both ECON1002 and ECON1001**, both courses will continue to count toward your program as per the pre-2025 program structure. You will not be required to complete ECON1111.

**If you have NOT completed either ECON1002 or ECON1001**, you will be required to complete the replacement course ECON1111 as a core course.

**If you are completing the Globalisation and Economic Development major**, please refer to the transition arrangements on [Page 4](#).

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## Globalisation and Economic Development

Major discontinued from 2025- The below course and requirement changes have been made to allow students who commenced prior to 2025 to continue to complete and graduate with this major.

### Discontinued course

(Not yet completed)

### Compulsory

**ECON1001** Microeconomics for Business Decisions

### Replacement course

(Course to be completed from 2025 onwards as offered)

Replaced with

**GEOG1020** Introduction to Human Geography<sup>^</sup>

### Course List

Complete 70 units including a minimum of 40 units at 3000 level, including either ECON3008 or POLI3203, and at least 20 units of ECON courses above 1000 level. Students wishing to complete ECON3008 must complete ECON2002 prior to enrolment in ECON3008.

**POLI2200** The Global Politics of Indigenous People  
**POLI2203** International Political Economy and Global Development  
**ECON3003** Global Trade and Finance  
**POLI3002** Power and State  
**POLI3140** The Politics of Globalisation  
**POLI3150** Issues in International Relations  
**POLI3160** Global Power and World Order  
**POLI3203** Democracy in the 21st Century: Local Power, Policy and Participatory Politics

New courses added to course list

Complete 70 units including a minimum of 40 units at 3000 level, including either ECON3008 or IREL3003, and at least 20 units of ECON courses above 1000 level. Students wishing to complete ECON3008 must complete ECON2002 prior to enrolment in ECON3008.

**ECON2112** Health Economics and Finance  
**IREL2001** International Policy, Politics and the Economy > Replaces **POLI2203**  
**IREL2002** Business and the Politics of Globalisation > Replaces **POLI3140**  
**IREL2003** The International Politics of Climate Change  
**IREL2004** Diplomacy, Trade and Politics  
**ECON3111** Behavioural Economics  
**ECON3112** International Economics and Payment Infrastructure  
**IREL3001** Public Diplomacy and Social Media  
**IREL3002** Global Data Governance for Just and Sustainable Futures  
**IREL3003** International Relations in a Changing World Order > Replaces **POLI3150** and **POLI3160**  
**IREL3004** Indigenising International Politics, Policy and the Economy > Replaces **POLI3004**  
**THHE3002** Strategy for Tourism Futures and Innovation  
**THHE3006** Tourism Experience Economies

**Note:** The above course lists include discontinued (left) and new courses added from 2025 (right) only. All other courses from the existing course list will continue to be offered from 2025 and will still be available as part of the Globalisation and Economic Development Major.

**If you have completed both ECON1001 and ECON1002**, ECON1001 will continue to count as a compulsory course in this major. You will not be required to complete GEOG1020.

**If you have completed ECON1001 but not ECON1002**, ECON1001 will count as a core course, and you will be required to complete GEOG1020 as a compulsory major course.

**If you have NOT completed ECON1001**, you will be required to complete GEOG1020 as a compulsory major course.

**If you have NOT completed ECON3008 or POLI3203**, you will be required to complete either ECON3008 or IREL3003.

**If you have completed any of the discontinued course list options**, these will continue to count toward your major course list, and you will take any remaining course list requirements from the updated course list.

**If you have completed a course that has been directly replaced**, you cannot take the replacement course, e.g. if you have completed POLI2203 you cannot complete IREL2001.

<sup>^</sup>**GEOG1020 is not a direct replacement/equivalent course of ECON1001, students may complete both courses where required.**

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## Discontinued course

(Not yet completed)

## Replacement course

(Course to be completed from 2025 onwards as offered)

## Cultures and Citizenship

### Course List

Complete 70 units including a minimum of 30 units at 3000 level.

**POLI2200** *The Global Politics of Indigenous People*

**POLI3203** *Democracy in the 21st Century: Local Power, Policy and Participatory Politics*

*New courses added to course list*

**ABOR2022** *Aboriginal Cultural Immersion*

**IREL2002** *Business and the Politics of Globalisation*  
> **Replaces POLI3140**

**IREL3004** *Indigenising International Politics, Policy and the Economy* > **Replaces POLI2200**

**SOCA2022** *Grave matters: anthropology of death and dying*

**THHE2002** *Tourism and Intercultural Encounters*

**Note:** The above course lists include discontinued (left) and new courses added from 2025 (right) only. All other compulsory courses and courses from the existing course list will continue to be offered from 2025 and will still be available as part of the Cultures and Citizenship major.

## Environmental Sustainability

### Course List

Complete 70 units including a minimum of 30 units at 3000 level.

*No discontinued courses*

*New courses added to course list*

**IREL2003** *The International Politics of Climate Change and the Future World*

**THHE3001** *Managing and Marketing Destinations*

**Note:** The above course lists include discontinued (left) and new courses added from 2025 (right) only. All other compulsory courses and courses from the existing course list will continue to be offered from 2025 and will still be available as part of Environmental Sustainability major.

## Urban and Regional Development

### Course List

Complete 70 units including a minimum of 30 units at 3000 level.

**POLI3180** *Politics, Policy and Government*

*New courses added to course list*

**THHE3002** *Strategy for Tourism Futures and Innovation*

**THHE3006** *Tourism Experience Economies*

**Note:** The above course lists include discontinued (left) and new courses added from 2025 (right) only. All other compulsory courses and courses from the existing course list will continue to be offered from 2025 and will still be available as part of Urban and Regional Development major.

**If you have completed any of the discontinued course list options**, these will continue to count toward your major course list, and you will take any remaining course list requirements from the updated course list.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**I have completed courses that have been removed from the program, will these still count toward my program?**

Yes! All courses that previously counted toward your program requirements will continue to count.

**New courses have been added to the Development studies program, can I complete these in my program?**

Yes! Students who commenced prior to 2024 are able to enrol in any of the new courses added to the Development Studies program as long as you have space to do so in your Development Studies major and these courses do not conflict with any other program requirements i.e. is not equivalent/directly replacing a course you have already completed, and fits within course level requirements.

**Can I complete the new Geopolitics and Economic Development major?**

Yes! Students commenced prior to 2025 can chose to transition to the new Geopolitics and Economic Development major if they have space in their program to do so. Students wishing to complete the new major must contact Program Advice for individual advice and arrangements.

**The new 2000 level course list options have also been added to my major, can I count these courses toward both requirements?**

No. Students must ensure that they complete a total of 240 units. As a result, courses can only count toward one program requirement.

**I have completed a course that has been discontinued and replaced, am I able to complete the replacement course?**

No, students who have completed a course with a direct replacement cannot complete the new replacement course. This is to avoid students completing two equivalent courses and doubling up on content, and to ensure that students do not complete more than their programs required total units.

**What is a course list and is it the same as a directed list?**

A course list refers to a specific grouping or subset of courses that students can select from within a program. Students are able to choose any of the courses from this subset as long as they meet the component's unit requirements. Prior to 2025, Course Lists were called Directed Lists. These terms have the same meaning.

**I have further questions or concerns about this transition arrangement, who do I contact?**

If you have any questions or concerns with the outlined transition arrangement, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Program Advice team through [askuon@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:askuon@newcastle.edu.au). The Program Advice team are happy to assist you in interpreting these changes and their impact on your future progression.