

# POLI 2006 POLITICS OF AUSTRALIA AND ASIA RELATIONS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 100277

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**Description** In 2024, this subject is replaced by POLI 2008 - Transnational Diplomacy. In this subject students will become familiar with Australian diplomacy and appreciate the range of pressing historical, political and cultural issues that affect Australia's place in the Asia Pacific region. It explores the factors that have shaped Australia's relationships with key countries in the region and considers the vital impact of political actors and their ideological stances. In developing a depth of knowledge on the importance of Australia's regional policies, this subject provides students with the opportunity to be involved in a simulation task dealing with a 'hot topic' for Australia's relations within the Asia Pacific region.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Political Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

## Restrictions

Successful completion of 40 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. describe the continuity and change in Australian foreign policy towards the Asia Pacific region
2. identify both domestic and international factors that have shaped Australia's relations with Asian countries
3. critique the ideological approaches to Asian relations of the major Australian political parties
4. provide critical commentary on Australia's key relationships with Asia
5. conduct research on a hot topic for Australia's relations with Asia
6. articulate a clear and logical position on issues that affect Australia's relations with countries in the Asia Pacific region.

## Subject Content

Australia and Asia in the post-war environment  
 The making of foreign policy  
 Australia-Asia relations during the Cold War  
 Partisan approaches to Australian foreign policy  
 The new Asia Pacific politics of engagement  
 Australia-Asia relations post 9/11  
 Australia's key bilateral relations in the region  
 Australia as a middle power in the region  
 Australia's place in the Asian Century

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Short Answer	1,500 words	30	N	Individual
Critical Review	1,500 words	30	N	Individual
Simulation	2 hours + 500 words	40	N	Individual

## Prescribed Texts

- Baldino, D., Carr, A. & Langlois, A. (2014). Australian Foreign Policy: Controversies and Debates. Melbourne: Oxford University Press.