AUSTRALIAN PRO BONO CENTRE

Social justice postgraduate degrees: updated for the 2026 academic year

This is a list of **postgraduate degrees currently offered in Australia that have a social justice focus**.[1] It is targeted at those who already have an undergraduate law degree – as such, we have attempted to only include degrees that require some legal background, and also have a social justice element.

Please note that listing a degree below is not an endorsement of the university, or the degree. We have attempted to be thorough; however, this is not an exhaustive list.[2]

	Name of degree	University	Location	Duration
Australian Capital Territory				
1.	Graduate Certificate of Climate Policy	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	
2.	Master of Climate Change	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	1.5 years full-time
3.	Graduate Certificate of International and Development Economics	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	
4.	Graduate Certificate of Policy Design and Analysis	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	
5.	Graduate Certificate of Public Policy	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	
6.	Graduate Diploma of Public Policy	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	1 year full-time
7.	Master of Public Policy	Australian National University	Canberra ACT	2 years full-time
8.	Graduate Certificate in International Development	University of Canberra	Canberra ACT	6 months full-time
9.	Graduate Diploma in International Development	University of Canberra	Canberra ACT	1 year full-time

[1] Table current as at December 2025.

[2] If we have not listed a course in this table that you believe deserves inclusion, please contact us at info@probonocentre.org.au and we will consider your request.

	Name of degree	University	Location	Duration
10.	Master of International Development	University of Canberra	Canberra ACT	2 years full-time
11.	Master of Public Policy	University of Canberra	Canberra ACT or online	2 years full-time
New South Wales				
12.	Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Cultural Competency	Charles Sturt University	Online	1 year part-time
13.	Graduate Certificate of Intersectionality, Diversity and Inclusion	Charles Sturt University	Online	1 year part-time
14.	Master of International Relations and Master of Public and Social Policy	Macquarie University	Sydney NSW or online	1 year full-time
15.	Master of Laws (Human Rights Law & Policy specialisation)	University of New South Wales	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
16.	Master of Public Policy and Governance	University of New South Wales	Sydney NSW	2 years full-time
17.	Graduate Certificate in Social Impact	University of New South Wales	Sydney NSW or online	0.7 years full-time
18.	Graduate Diploma in Social Impact	University of New South Wales	Sydney NSW or online	1 year full-time
19.	Master of Development Studies	University of New South Wales	Sydney NSW	2 years full-time
20.	Master of Social Change and Development	University of Newcastle	Newcastle NSW or online	1.5 years full-time
21.	Graduate Certificate in Social Change and Development	University of Newcastle	Newcastle NSW or online	0.5 years full-time
22.	Master of Environmental Law	University of Newcastle	Newcastle NSW	1 year full-time
23.	Graduate Certificate in Public Policy	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	6 months full-time
24.	Graduate Diploma in Public Policy	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
25.	Master of Public Policy	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	2 years full-time
26.	Graduate Certificate in Social Justice	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	6 months full-time
27.	Graduate Diploma in Social Justice (Development Studies)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
28.	Master of Social Justice (Development Studies)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1.5 years full-time
29.	Graduate Diploma in Social Justice (Human Rights)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
30.	Master of Social Justice (Human Rights)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1.5 years full-time
31.	Graduate Diploma in Social Justice (Peace and Conflict Studies)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
32.	Master of Social Justice (Peace and Conflict Studies)	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1.5 years full-time
33.	Graduate Diploma in Sustainability	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time

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34.	Master of Sustainability	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1.5 years full-time
35.	Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	6 months full-time
36.	Master of Environmental Law	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
37.	Master of Administrative Law and Policy	University of Sydney	Sydney NSW	1 year full-time
38.	Master of Not-for-Profit and Social Enterprise Management (Extension)	University of Technology Sydney	Sydney NSW	2 years full-time
39.	Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian and Development Studies	Western Sydney University	Parramatta NSW	6 months full-time
40.	Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian and Development Studies	Western Sydney University	Parramatta NSW	1 year full-time
41.	Master of Humanitarian and Development Studies	Western Sydney University	Parramatta NSW	2 years full-time
Northern Territory				
42.	Graduate Diploma of Indigenous Policy Development	Charles Darwin University	Darwin NT or online	1 year full-time
43.	Graduate Certificate of Public Policy	Charles Darwin University	Darwin NT or online	1 year part-time
44.	Master of Public Policy	Charles Darwin University	Darwin NT or online	2 years full-time
Queensland				
45.	Master of Global Development	Griffith University	Brisbane QLD or online	1 to 2 years full-time
46.	Graduate Certificate in International Relations	Griffith University	Brisbane QLD or online	1 year part-time
47.	Master of International Relations	Griffith University	Brisbane QLD or online	1 to 2 years full-time
48.	Graduate Certificate in International Law	Griffith University	Gold Coast QLD or online	6 months full-time
49.	Master of International Law	Griffith University	Gold Coast QLD or online	1 to 1.5 years full-time
50.	Master of International Law Studies	Griffith University	Gold Coast QLD or online	2 years full-time
51.	Graduate Certificate of Global Development	James Cook University	Cairns QLD or online	6 months full-time
52.	Master of Global Development	James Cook University	Cairns QLD or online	2 years full-time
53.	Graduate Certificate in Policy and Governance	Queensland University of Technology	Online	6 months full-time
54.	Graduate Certificate in Governance and Public Policy	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	6 months full-time
55.	Graduate Diploma in Governance and Public Policy	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	1 year full-time

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56.	Master of Governance and Public Policy	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	2 years full-time
57.	Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	6 months full-time
58.	Master of Peace and Conflict Studies	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	2 years full-time
59.	Master of International Relations	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	2 years full-time
60.	Masters of International Relations / Peace and Conflict Studies	University of Queensland	Brisbane QLD	2 years full-time
South Australia				
61.	Master of Laws (International Law and International Relations)	Flinders University	Online	1 year or 1.5 years full-time
62.	Graduate Certificate in Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Analysis	Flinders University	Adelaide SA or online	1 year part-time
63.	Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy and Management	Adelaide University	Adelaide SA	6 months full-time
64.	Master of Environmental Policy and Management	Adelaide University	Adelaide SA	2 years full-time
65.	Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies	Adelaide University	Adelaide SA	6 months full-time
66.	Master of Aboriginal Studies	Adelaide University	Adelaide SA	2 years full-time
67.	Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies	University of South Australia	Adelaide SA or online	6 months full-time
68.	Graduate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies	University of South Australia	Adelaide SA or online	1 year full-time
69.	Master of Aboriginal Studies	University of South Australia	Adelaide SA or online	2 years full-time
Victoria				
70.	Master of Politics and Policy	Deakin University	Online	1 or 1.5 years full-time
71.	Graduate Certificate of Sustainability	Deakin University	Melbourne VIC or online	6 months full-time
72.	Graduate Diploma of Sustainability	Deakin University	Melbourne VIC or online	1 year full-time
73.	Master of Sustainability	Deakin University	Melbourne VIC or online	1.5 years full-time
74.	Master of International Development Practice	Monash University	Melbourne VIC	1 to 2 years full-time
75.	Graduate Certificate in Domestic and Family Violence	RMIT University	Online	1 year part-time
76.	Master of Global Studies	RMIT University	Melbourne VIC or online	2 years full-time
77.	Master of Public Policy	RMIT University	Melbourne VIC	2 years full-time

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78.	Graduate Certificate of Social Impact	Swinburne University of Technology	Melbourne VIC	1 year part-time
79.	Master of Public and International Law	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	1 year full-time
80.	Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	6 months full-time
81.	Master of Social Policy	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	2 years full-time
82.	Master of Human Rights Law	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	1 year full-time
83.	Master of Environmental Law	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	1 year full-time
84.	Master of Public Policy and Management	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	2 years full-time
85.	Master of Social Policy	University of Melbourne	Melbourne VIC	2 years full-time
86.	Graduate Certificate in International Community Development	Victoria University	Melbourne VIC or online	6 months full-time
87.	Graduate Diploma in International Community Development	Victoria University	Melbourne VIC or online	1 year full-time
88.	Master of International Community Development	Victoria University	Melbourne VIC or online	2 years full-time
Western Australia				
89.	Graduate Certificate in Human Rights	Curtin University	Perth WA or online	6 months full-time
90.	Master of Human Rights	Curtin University	Perth WA or online	1.5 years full-time
91.	Master of Human Rights and Global Engagement	Curtin University	Perth WA or online	2 years full-time
92.	Graduate Certificate in Community Development	Murdoch University	Perth WA	1 year part-time
93.	Graduate Diploma in Community Development	Murdoch University	Perth WA	1 year full-time
94.	Master of Criminology	Murdoch University	Perth WA	2 years full-time
95.	Master of Sustainable Development	Murdoch University	Perth WA	2 years full-time
96.	Master of Development Studies	Murdoch University	Perth WA	2 years full-time
97.	Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Fremantle WA	1 year part-time
98.	Graduate Certificate in Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Fremantle WA or online	6 months full-time
99.	Graduate Diploma of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Fremantle WA or online	1 year full-time

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100.	Graduate Certificate in Public Policy	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	6 months full-time
101.	Master of Public Policy	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	1.5 – 2 years full-time
102.	Master of International Development	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	1.5 – 2 years full-time
103.	Graduate Certificate in Social Impact	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	1 year part-time
104.	Graduate Diploma in Law, Policy and Government	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	6 months full-time
105.	Master of Law, Policy and Government	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	1 year full-time
106.	Graduate Diploma in International Law	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	6 months full-time
107.	Master of International Law	University of Western Australia	Perth WA	1 year full-time