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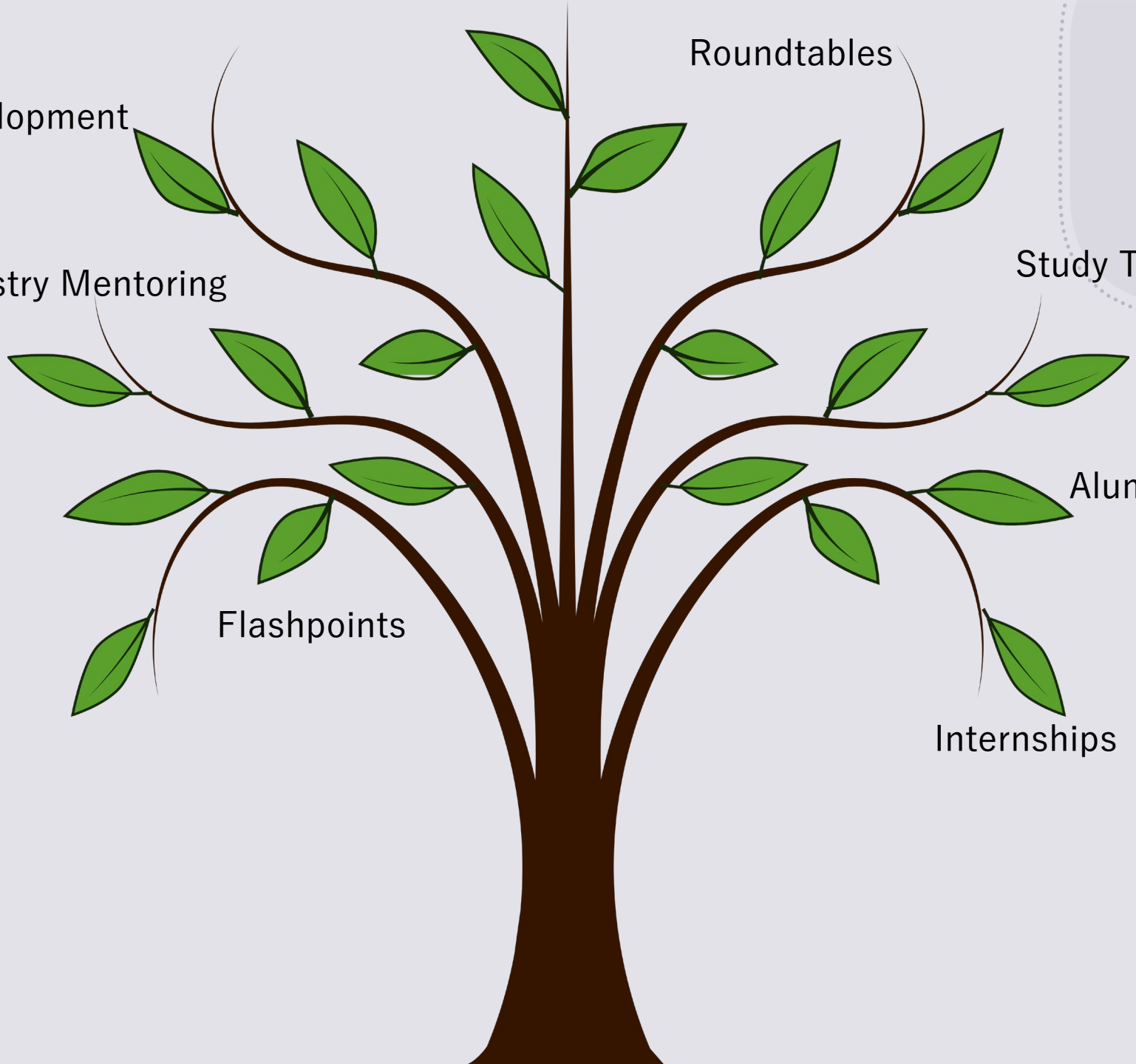
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
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Publications

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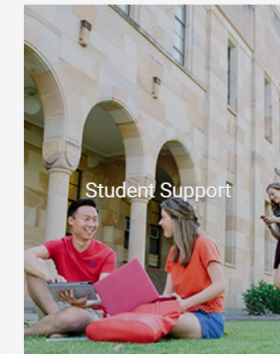
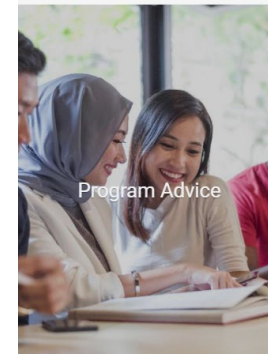
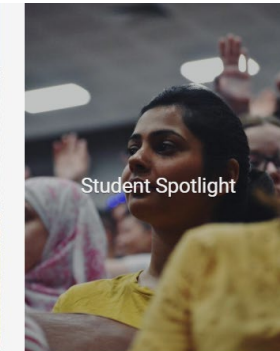
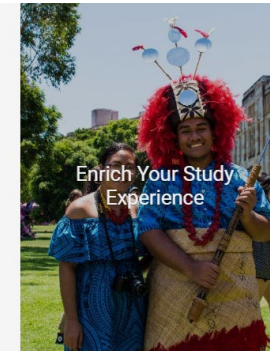
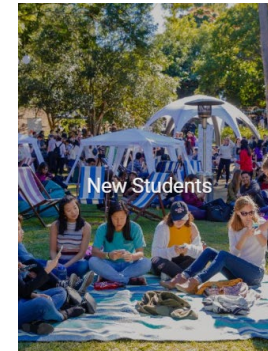
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- #32 Masters and #32 Grad certs must do POLS7000 (Writing Politics) and POLS7002 (Foundations)
- Grad certs not articulating can choose from core and flexible courses
- Research Methods (POLS7701) only Semester 2 (Variations possible)
- External courses are not always timetabled. Always check ECPs

Important dates

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Orientation Week for Semester 1, 2025

Monday 24 February

First day of classes for Semester 1, 2025

Friday 7 March

Last day to add a course for Semester 1, 2025

Monday 31 March

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