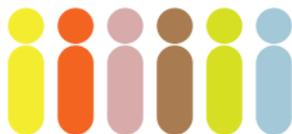


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YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW

BSocSc POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Congratulations!

You have reached the end of your degree in BSocSc Politics and International Relations.

So what happens next?

Whether you have your career all mapped out, or if you just don't know where to start, this booklet will show you how you can use your degree to move forward in planning for a successful future.

BSocSc Politics and International Relations and your future

How your degree can help you achieve success. Hints for things to write on your job applications!

Our Manchester Graduates

What can you do with a Politics degree?

Careers Service

You still have full access to the Careers Service for two years after graduation. Get in touch and see what they can do for you.

BSocSc Politics and IR and your future

We know how hard you work during your degree on your academic studies. All of this hard work makes you attractive to employers in future.

It's worked for previous Politics graduates.

Did you know that...?

- 90% of our recent Politics graduates are in work or further study six months after they graduate
- 65% were in professional or managerial jobs
- The median starting salary was £29,000/annum
- University of Manchester is the university most targeted by graduate recruiters

How could a Politics degree help you achieve career success in the future?

A degree in politics and international relations gives you many useful skills that can be transferred to jobs and careers.

These include:

- the ability to research, source and examine information thoroughly;
- good analytical skills and the ability to critically assess things;
- excellent written and oral communication skills;
- intellectual independence and autonomy;
- time management skills;
- team work skills;
- a flexible and open-minded approach to work.

Hints for things to write on your job applications!

A Politics degree can give you:

The ability to research, source and examine information thoroughly

Skills of accessing a range of different sources of information and making an accurate assessment of their usefulness are developed both through essays and exams - and more especially through opportunities for independent research made available through the Year 1 and 2 research projects (POLI10251 and POLI20900) and the Year 3 dissertation (POLI30300 or POLI30380). All that time you spent key word searching? Using google scholar, JSTOR, and library search? Rejecting sources because they were not journal articles or books? Checking that the sources were not biased, or that the data was rubbish, or the argument totally contradictory? That all counts.

Good analysis skills and critical assessment

All of your assessed and formative assignments demanded good analytical skills. We reward the successful application of analytical skills in the grades you get for assessed work – check the marking criteria. Anyone with a 2.1 and above has already demonstrated good analytical and critical abilities to a high standard. You will have the ability to identify, analyse and find solutions to problems, which is relevant to any workplace. If your overall average is lower, then have you got one essay or assessment, or one module, where you can show you achieved this?

Excellent written and oral communication skills

How many essays have you written? Why not use some of the positive feedback you got about your essays to demonstrate your excellent written skills? Also think about any other types of writing you may have done, such as reports, book reviews, and learning logs. The more varied the better. Your oral communication skills have been thoroughly developed through participation in tutorial discussions and presentations, and also through discussions with extended essay and dissertation supervisors. In Politics you were challenged on your oral skills in tutorials, so use this experience to your advantage.

Intellectual independence and autonomy

We want you to have your own ideas. We rewarded you when you did in essays, exams, the Politics Project and the dissertation. Also think about the more informal ways in which you have debated and negotiated in seminars and small group work. So this means you have got the ability to be intellectually independent.

Time management and organisation skills

The majority of time you spent on your Politics modules is self-directed learning. For example, we estimate that 1 module credit takes around 10 hours, so 20 credits = 200 hours. Of which, more than half is self-managed study. This is more true of some degrees than others, so emphasise this aspect of your Politics degree. E.g. explain how you coped with the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 and Year 2 to Year 3. Think carefully about how you can articulate your strategy: what goals and deadlines did you set; did you diarise study time; how did you review progress?

Our Manchester Graduates

Examples of recent employers for Politics students:

BBC; Deloitte; RBS; Ernst & Young; British Council; KPMG; British Red Cross; The Conservative Party; Royal Danish Embassy; Ministry of Justice; Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Bloomberg.

Examples of recent job roles:

Aerospace Battle Manager; Digital Marketing Executive, Graduate Project Manager; Election Manager; Assistant Policy Manager; Project Marketing Manager; Management Consultant; Recruitment Coordinator; Content Officer.

Further Study:

Whilst staying at Manchester is by far the most popular route for students going on to further study our recent graduates have also gone to study at: the University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, University of Nottingham, University of Durham, University of Exeter, London School of Economics & Political Science and the School of Oriental & African Studies.

Examples of the types of jobs a Politics and IR degree might be relevant for can be found here:

www.prospects.ac.uk/options_politics_international_relations.htm

Careers Service

Chat to us about exploring your options and how to take your next steps. Not sure what you want to do after graduating? Let us help you start figuring out what's right for you whether that's finding a job, further study or taking some time out to travel.

If you know what you want to do we can help with finding opportunities and making your way through the recruitment process.

Whatever you do, we will continue to support you for two years after your graduation.

Get Advice

Book yourself a guidance appointment to receive tailored, one-to-one support to help you reach your goals. You can also get help with CVs, applications, psychometric tests, assessment centres and interviews.

You can find the Careers Service in the Atrium in University Place, but if you can't make it on to campus, you can get the same advice via email, on the phone or on Skype.

www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/services/guidance/

Find a job

Hundreds of job vacancies are advertised on CareersLink as well as a range of placements and internships.

You'll even be able to find voluntary opportunities which can give you valuable experience to put on your CV.

Here are two useful job search links to get you started:

www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink/

www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/findjobs/graduatejobs/grad-jobsearch/

Want to stay in Manchester? Find a graduate internship with Manchester Graduate Talent

MGT helps source paid graduate-level jobs exclusively for University of Manchester students graduating in 2018. Participating recruiters are all based in Greater Manchester, and include start-ups, multi-national firms and departments within the University. MGT vacancies cover a variety of sectors and a wide range of roles. They include graduate internships and permanent positions.

<http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/findjobs/graduatejobs/mgt>

Use LinkedIn

LinkedIn currently has over 225 million members. It's a great resource for finding people, organisations and roles you might be interested in learning more about.

Build your LinkedIn profile using our guide, and use the next steps tips to take your profile to the next level.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/findjobs/networking/linkedin

You'll also find some really useful resources for using LinkedIn at <https://students.linkedin.com/uk>.

Explore your options

It's not too late to start thinking about what you'll do next. Find out what's out there, explore your options and most importantly discover what's right for you.

<http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/whichcareer/>

For more information and support

Visit our graduate website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/graduates

Remember to update your email address on your Careerslink account so that you continue to receive vacancy email alerts:

www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink/

Whatever you do - tell us about it!

Each year all leavers are asked to take part in a survey to find out what they are doing.

This survey takes place around 15 months after you have graduated.

It is called The Graduate Outcomes survey and will be carried out by an independent company on behalf of the University.

Look out for the request to take part in the survey.

Help us collect as much information as possible to ensure that the University and our School are accurately represented.

Stay in touch!

Join our School of Social Sciences LinkedIn group.

The group is open to all current and past students and staff to share ideas and keep in touch.

Join the group by following this link: www.linkedin.com/groups/8135040

Or search: School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester

Connect with other alumni

Through LinkedIn you can connect instantly with over 22,000 alumni of the University of Manchester and you can research the career paths of over 130,000 former students.

Use your network to find alumni who can help answer your questions, show you what they did after they graduated and point you in the right direction – backed up by real life experience.

You can find information about the alumni network here at <http://your.manchester.ac.uk/alumni-network>

Need some guidance on getting started with LinkedIn?

Go to: www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/findjobs/networking/linkedin/

Your global alumni community

At Manchester we're proud to have the largest global alumni community of any campus-based university in the UK, with many of the 380,000 graduates we are in contact with holding top positions in every imaginable field.

Get advice online

The Manchester Network is The University of Manchester's online professional networking service. It features Ask Me About, which you can use to connect with thousands of alumni who want to:

- offer careers advice;
- review CVs and applications;
- offer work experience, internships and jobs.

You can register and find out more at **<http://network.manchester.ac.uk>**.

You can also use the Manchester Network to share advice with current Manchester students.

Update your personal details

You can also use the Manchester Network to update your personal details. We will use this information to:

- send you your alumni magazine and news about the University;
- invite you to exciting events around the globe;
- let you know about ways to network with Manchester alumni wherever you are in the world;
- tell you about volunteering opportunities and ways you can give back to the University. "

Library e-resources

As well as on-campus access to The University of Manchester Library, we are able to offer you access to free or heavily discounted e-resources that will prove invaluable to you for personal research and professional development.

You can find our more at **<https://your.manchester.ac.uk/services/discounts/e-resources/>**.

While you study to develop what you know, use your alumni network to grow who you know

USE YOUR ALUMNI NETWORK



STEP ONE

Create an effective profile on LinkedIn - visit our website (link below) for tips



STEP TWO
Connect instantly with over 22k+ alumni by joining our LinkedIn group: The University of Manchester Alumni Association

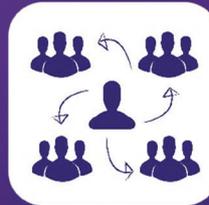


STEP FOUR

Tactfully approach an alumnus/na you want to learn from. Invite them to join the LinkedIn group where you can have an open discussion



STEP FIVE
Grow your network and find opportunities - as you gain confidence, offer your help to the students of the future



STEP THREE
Explore the careers of 130k+ alumni by using the LinkedIn alumni search directory: bit.ly/Li_UoM



your.manchester.ac.uk/alumni-network

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