



The University of Manchester

YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW

BA SOCIAL SCIENCES



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Congratulations!

You have reached the end of your BA Social Sciences degree.

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.

BA Social Sciences (BASS) 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 BA Social Sciences (BASS) 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.

BA Social Sciences and your future

The structure of the BASS programme ensures that all our graduates appreciate the advantages of taking a holistic perspective on social life and are equipped with a broad range of achievements.

You will have learned to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of different theoretical and methodological approaches throughout your training. A BASS degree fosters intellectual and practical skills that enhance graduate employability.

By now you will have developed a set of cognitive skills and competencies, personal capabilities as well as technical abilities that are transferable to new environments.

Of those we highlight the following:

- The ability to identify problems, solve them and draw conclusions about them. This includes the ability to analyse, to exercise critical thinking, to use one's judgement and to pay attention to details as well as the whole picture.

- Our graduates develop excellent skills in communication. This includes writing and oral presentation skills, the ability to use arguments to persuade, sensitivity to different disciplinary and other perspectives, listening, questioning and pitching a message to different audiences.
- A BASS degree enables graduates to develop emotional intelligence that will equip them with dealing with a variety of situations and contexts. This includes self-awareness, flexibility, working under pressure, the ability to work alone and in teams, working creatively, 'thinking outside the box' and strategic planning skills.
- A Manchester graduate leaves with the ability to work with different technologies.

With these transferable skills, students of the Social Sciences have enjoyed working in a variety of sectors: charities, international development organisations, local government, diplomatic services, market research, advertising, civil service, educational institutions, museums, social work, newspapers, public relations, recruitment, health management and legal aid.

Many move to higher education and specialise through post-graduate degrees.

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.

If you do not wish to participate in the survey, please contact us at **careers@manchester.ac.uk**

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 out 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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