

TOP GRADUATE DESTINATIONS\*

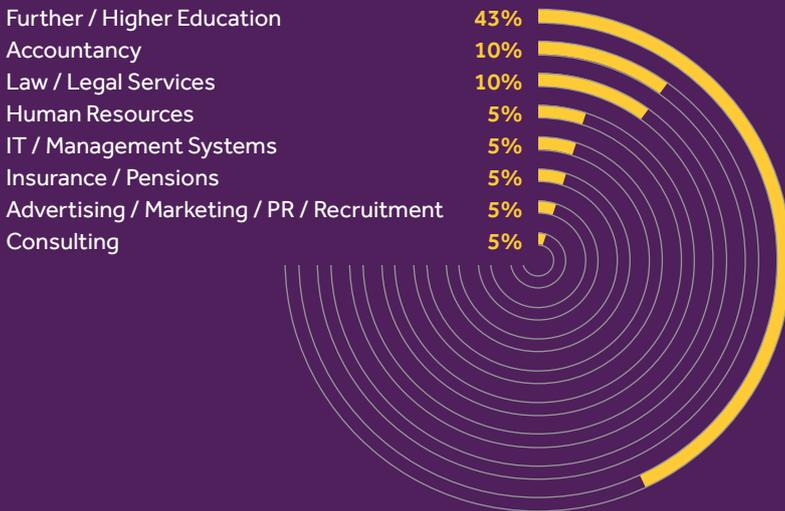
- UK
- China
- Greece
- Sudan
- Pakistan
- Denmark
- The Netherlands
- Mexico
- Thailand
- Saudi Arabia



MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY THE UK'S TOP EMPLOYERS

(HIGH FLYERS 2022)

JOB SECTORS



EMPLOYERS

- Information Commissioner's Office
- PwC
- Calico
- Capita Translation and Interpreting
- Coleraine Northern Ireland
- Barcode Recruitment Ltd
- Stephenson Harwood LLP
- The University of Manchester

JOB TITLES

- Company Director
- Social Services Consultant
- Research Grant Writer
- Bid Manager
- Case Officer
- Human Resources Officer
- Departmental Administrator
- Lecturer

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY DISCIPLINES



The eagle-eyed among you might notice that the above numbers don't quite add up to 100%. Our graduates come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds and work across a variety of industries, so for the sake of tidiness we've highlighted the top 8 results in each category. \*Data based on destinations of all Social Sciences graduates.



## GRADUATE PROFILE

**NAME:** Jonathan Howie  
**COURSE:** MA Philosophy  
**YEAR OF GRADUATION:** 2018

**ROLE:** Associate at a City law firm

## INTERVIEW

**Why did you originally choose to study your course at Manchester?**

Manchester was one of two or three places that were highly ranked for Philosophy, and in particular 20th Century Analytical Philosophy, which I was very keen to study. There were also a couple of academics that I was particularly interested in working with, such as Prof. Helen Beebee and Prof. Julian Dodd. Manchester also had a very definite 'edge' to it - it was an exciting place to be a student.

**Why were you interested in studying Philosophy?**

Before I started university, I had an interest in the area. The advice that I got from my parents and peers was that it doesn't matter that much what you study, it matters more that you enjoy it. Once I had started my studies, I came to realise that Philosophy actually allows you to specialise into many different career paths as it confers a lot of fantastic generalist skills.

**How did you get into your legal career?**

I was working at the Civil Service with lots

of lawyers who enjoyed their work. I loved the diligence that they had to demonstrate and the fact that we were working on some relatively new areas of the law, such as GDPR. I followed this spark and eventually managed to get onto a vacation scheme and training contract with my firm.

**How did your course set you up for your career path?**

The broad diet of material within the course encouraged the development of my analytical skills, such as the ability to immerse oneself into new areas of study; to digest, and subsequently marshal, large amounts of complex information; and sensitivity to changes in philosophical position, however delicate. The course required the production of several essays and a dissertation. Those provided the opportunity to develop searching, yet robust, arguments based on complicated philosophical positions.

In short, the course gave me confidence to think clearly about abstract and complicated problems which I have

frequently encountered in the law.

**What was the most surprising takeaway from your course that's helped you later in life?**

I frequently find distinctions in abstract philosophical discussions (and not just Occam's Razor!) to have real applicability to legal problems. I didn't appreciate how much topics like Formal Logic, Propositional Logic and Inductive Reasoning would become helpful in my career, such as in being able to quickly clarify if something is true and the reasons why it might be so.

**What advice would you give to a student looking to start your course and/or join the University?**

Study what you find interesting and enjoy it. They are years of your life that you won't be able to repeat, and you probably won't have the opportunity to follow an academic interest with this level of freedom and space again. The skills that you learn by studying will be beneficial to you and there will be more opportunities to specialise and find a job in the future.

The course gave me a number of opportunities to learn analytical skills and craft abstract arguments which have proved invaluable in my legal career.



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