

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO 'DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS' SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

Range of employment sectors

- Activities of membership organisations
- Business and other management consultancy
- Fire service activities
- General public administration
- Higher education
- Public order and safety activities
- Regulation of the activities of providing health care, education, cultural services and other social services, excluding social security
- Social work activities (without accommodation)
- Tertiary education

Range of employers

- Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group
- Gambling Commission
- Knowledge Transfer Initiative
- Local authorities
- Ofqual
- Onside Advocacy (equality and inclusion for disadvantaged people)
- Police forces
- Public Health England
- University of Bangor
- West Midlands Fire Service
- Civil Service

Range of occupations

- Business Development Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commission and Procurement Manager
- Exhibitions Intern
- Freelance Artist
- Gallery Assistant
- Gallery Coordinator
- Humanities Teacher
- Lecturer in Art and Design
- Research Coordinator
- Enforcement Officer
- Head of Communities and Governance
- Housing Options Manager
- Overview and Scrutiny Manager
- Policy Officer
- Public Procurement Consultant
- Revenues Assessor
- Social Care Performance Manager
- Senior Economic Regeneration Officer
- Senior Lecturer
- Senior Manager
- Senior Probation Officer
- Local Government Officer



'My MSc has given me a number of skills and theoretical frameworks which are helpful in my everyday work, especially as I have developed into more of a leadership role, as part of a senior management team.

Understanding issues that my course covered gives me a useful grounding and helps me to be a more active player in discussions on these areas in a real work context.

I do think that doing the MSc at Birmingham has also helped me to grow as a person, and in particular be better equipped as a potential 'leader' due to the particular course that I did. It has probably given me the confidence I need to advance my career and also achieve things outside of paid work in a voluntary capacity. Having a postgraduate qualification is also increasingly important in the jobs market as I find that most of my colleagues now have a Masters or equivalent, as the jobs market becomes increasingly competitive.'

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