

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

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

Range of employment sectors

- Accounting, auditing and tax consultancy
- Activities of employment agencies
- Activities of political organisations
- Activities of extraterritorial organisations
- Activities of other membership organisations
- Advertising agencies
- General public administration
- Legal activities
- Other business support services
- Public order and safety activities
- Publishing activities
- Regulation of efficient operation of business
- Secondary education
- Tertiary education

Range of employers

- City University London
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- CW Publishing
- Deloitte
- Financial Ombudsman Service
- Government of Pakistan
- European United Left/Nordic Green Left (political group)
- Hampton Solicitors
- HMRC

Range of occupations

- Border Force Officer
- Customer Relations Advisor
- Data Analyst
- Defence Research Analyst
- Economic Advisor
- General Commercial Manager
- Graduate Accounts Executive
- Information Security Consultant
- Lawyer
- Lecturer
- Parliamentary Researcher
- Policy Manager
- Public Sector Advisory Associate
- Researcher in Political Science
- Tax Professional Development Programme Trainee
- Writer and Editor



'What motivated my decision to undertake postgraduate study were the heightened chances of employability. I felt that a postgraduate course would give me the extra edge I needed to succeed in the job market. I took into consideration the chances of following up my MA with a PhD or with a job in social research, and selected the course accordingly.'

Upon graduation, I have two main options available to me. The first would be to continue my studies and apply for a PhD. The second would be to look into graduate jobs in the field of social research. My course's focus on research methods has undoubtedly provided me with both the theoretical and practical skills I need to start off with, whichever direction I decide upon. I am aware that I still have much to learn, but at least I am now better orientated and, to some extent, have had a kick-start to my journey along the potential pathways.'

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