



Graduate Outcomes 2018/19

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, and often features near the top in league tables. Across all subjects, 89% of Bath 2018/19 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 72% nationally. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 15 universities targeted by employers*.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey 2018/19. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Studies within Politics covers a broad-based training, spanning politics, economics, international relations and language. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers, including teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, as well as specialist skills such as critical analysis, research skills, verbal, written communication and language skills. They often hold diverse roles in many different sectors such as local and national government, media & communications, and in business.

Courses included:

- Language and Politics BA[†]
- Politics and International Relations BSc
- Politics with Economics BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2018/19 cohort	135 [#]
% response rate	62%

[#]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

[†]Course now offered as International Politics and Modern Languages BA

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	75%
Voluntary / unpaid work	1%
Employment & further study	10%
Further study	8%
Other: travel, caring, retired	1%
Unemployed [§]	5%
Total	100%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study

Industries and employers

Politics career pathways are hugely versatile, and graduates enter a wide variety of sectors and industries such as local and national government, media & communications, law and in business, especially within public affairs, sales, consulting, finance and business analysis.

The skills politics graduates develop include enhanced critical analysis, teamwork and communication skills which can be used in both the public, private and third sectors.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Financial and insurance activities
- Information and communication
- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Public administration and defence

Examples of employers for the 2018/19 cohort:

- Cabinet Office
- Civil Service
- Civica
- Google
- J.P. Morgan
- NHS Management Schemes

Occupations and job titles

Politics graduates progress into a variety of different jobs such as policy advisers, civil servants, management and business consultants, publicity assistants, public affairs assistants, project managers, finance analysts and sales representatives.

Politics graduates often work in roles in both private and public sectors that utilises their strong verbal and written communication skills, such as in policy, consulting, sales and public affairs.

The vast majority of our UK employed Politics graduates are in high skilled employment (92%).

High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2018/19 cohort:

- Civil Servant
- Communications Executive
- Finance Analyst
- Policy Adviser
- Project Manager
- Social Researcher
- Teacher

Further study

Politics graduates often choose to increase their specialist knowledge in specific areas of policy or in fields such as international and regional studies, law and business.

Examples of institutions for the 2018/19 cohort:

- City, University of London
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University of Bath

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes

More information is available about how the Careers Service supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: bath.ac.uk/careers

Source: HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey for 2018/19 leavers relating to full-time UK domiciled first-degree University of Bath graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

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