

Graduate Outcomes 2020/21

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

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables*. Across all subjects, 92% of Bath 2020/21 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 74% 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 for 2020/21 leavers. 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 and communications, and in business.

Courses included:

- Language and Politics BA‡
- Politics and International Relations BSc
- Politics with Economics BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2020/21 cohort	140 [§]
% response rate	67%

[§]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	74%
Voluntary/unpaid work	2%
Employment and further study	8%
Further study	9%
Other: travel, caring, retired	3%
Unemployed [§]	3%
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.

*6th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024, 4th in the Complete University Guide 2024, and 4th in the Guardian University Guide 2024

#Compared with [all Universities UK members](#).

†The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research.

Industries and employers

Politics career pathways are hugely versatile. Graduates enter a wide variety of sectors and industries such as local and national government, third sector and communications. They also go into business, especially within public affairs, sales, event management, consulting, finance and business analysis.

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

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

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

Examples of employers for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Bath Welcomes Refugees
- Barclays
- Cabinet Office
- Center for International Policy
- House of Commons
- KPMG
- Women's Equality Party

Occupations and job titles

Politics graduates progress into a variety of different jobs such as policy advisers, research officers, civil servants, management and business consultants, public affairs assistants, communication assistants, and finance, investment, consulting or data analysts.

Politics graduates often work in roles in both private and public sectors that uses their strong oral 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 (90%).

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 2020/21 cohort:

- Consultant
- Investment Associate
- Marketing and Sales Executive
- National Graduate Development Programme (local government)
- Policy Executive
- Public Relations Account Executive
- Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service Co-ordinator
- Senior Parliamentary Researcher

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.

More information

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

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

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