

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 Modern Languages cover advanced language and communication skills, and graduates gain specialist knowledge and understanding of the relevant countries' social, political, cultural and economic environments. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers. These include language, teamwork, communication, adaptability, research and problem-solving skills. They often hold diverse roles in both private and public sector, in the UK and overseas.

Courses included:

- Modern Languages and European Studies BA‡

‡Course now offered as Modern Languages BA

Response rate	
Total in 2020/21 cohort	45 [§]
% response rate	81%

[§]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	63%
Voluntary/unpaid work	-
Employment and further study	11%
Further study	17%
Other: travel, caring, retired	3%
Unemployed [§]	6%
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

Modern Languages career pathways are versatile. Graduates enter many different sectors and industries within national and international business, such as multi-national consultancies, international and UK business trade, finance and accounting firms, hospitality, media and communication companies, and other commercial companies.

Graduates also enter the non-profit sector, education sector, legal sector and other public sector organisations.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Education
- Information and communication
- Administrative and support service activities

Examples of employers for the 2020/21 cohort:

- German Academic Exchange
- Kidney Care UK
- Marks & Spencer
- Secondary School

Occupations and job titles

Modern Languages graduates progress in various jobs within many business areas, particularly where their strong skills in language and communication are used. Examples are job roles within sales, marketing, consultancy and more. Typical job titles may be business development or operations executive, client associate, marketing assistant and customer success representative.

Graduates also progress into other roles, especially in the public sector, such as teacher and researcher,

The majority of our UK employed Modern Languages graduates are in high skilled employment.

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:

- Content and Marketing Executive
- Fundraising Assistant
- Programme and Office Management Officer
- Teacher
- Translation Project Manager

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.