A degree in Politics can lead to a number of new and exciting opportunities. Below you’ll find lots of information about our graduates and their advice for you.

### How has your degree helped you in your career?

“I wouldn't have been able to access the same opportunities nor been able to make the most of them without my degree. It has taught me a significant amount about the world and how to think about it, as well as how to analyse problems and create solutions”

- Mrya Khan, Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2011)

### Name: Louiza Hadjivasiliou
**Degree:** Politics and International Relations (2006)
**Job:** Project Coordinator
**Organisation:** NGO Support Centre

Louiza currently works in Cyprus for a local NGO called the NGO Support Centre. Louiza is responsible for the implementation of a European Commission funded project that aims to raise awareness in Cyprus of development theories and strategies between NGOs, academics and decision makers.

After completing an MA is Belgium, Louiza secured an internship at the European Commission in Brussels for six months before moving to Nicosia, Cyprus, to work for the European Commission as Communications Officer. After 18 months, she joined the NGO Support Centre.

“My degree offered me the foundation for my career. It gave me the academic skills, but also the whole experience that comes with university, upon which I came to build everything else”

For Louiza, her time at Manchester opened a wealth of new opportunities—allowing her to follow her passion in politics and international relations, as well a building lasting friendships.

“I enjoyed everything about my life in Manchester; my course, my lectures, the student life. It combines excellent academic standards and a brilliant chance to network”
Some of the organisations our alumni are working in...


Name: Steven Skelton
Degree: MA Politics (2006)
Job: Policy and Partnership Manager
Organisation: Stockport Council

Steven heads the policy and partnership unit at Stockport Council which consists of 12 staff members. Steven’s main role is to support and improve strategic decision making in the Council and with other public, private, voluntary and community sector partners.

In the summer after graduating, Steven secured an internship at Demos, a cross party think tank, before taking another internship with the Electoral Reform Society. He then joined the Local Government Association where he worked until 2010 as a Policy Support Officer and then as Business Manager. His roles here included lobbying, researching cultural, economic and urban policy issues, as well as innovation and improvement strategies for public services.

Steven says that his degree has been invaluable in helping his career, especially when securing the first couple of roles after graduation.

“I have drawn on the ideas and concepts I studied at Manchester and ways of working I acquired when applying for a number of my roles, particularly the two internships directly following my degree”

Steven believes that it was the combination of the quality of teaching, the city and the opportunities its presents, as well as the people who he met that made studying in Manchester such a great experience.

You’re in good company...

Name: Daniel Clayden
Degree: Politics & Economics (1993)
Known for: Executive Director, Morgan Stanley

Name: Fraser Masefield
Degree: Politics (1996)
Known for: Sports Journalist for ESPN, Eurosport

“With discipline, determination and openness, you’ll go far. It is important to project oneself beyond the boundaries of one’s own world”

- Catalina Montoya—Londono, PhD Politics (2008)