

Philosophy

A degree in Philosophy 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.

Our courses include:

Philosophy
Economics & Philosophy
Philosophy & Criminology
Philosophy & Politics
Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Social Anthropology & Philosophy
Sociology & Philosophy



Top Tip

"I think Plato said: 'Philosophy begins with wonder' - stay curious, ask obvious questions and learn from those who've been doing it longer but challenge constructively"

-John McCarron, MPhil Philosophy (1988)

How has your degree helped you in your career?

"I wouldn't have been able to access to the same opportunities, nor would I have 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: David Seedhouse

Degree: BA(Hons) Philosophy (1981), PhD Philosophy (1984)

Job: Owner

Organisation: VIDE Ltd (Value Exchange)

David is the owner of a company that runs innovative online 'thinking communities'. VIDE Ltd provides online thinking tools to over 50 clients including schools, universities and professionals.

David initially took a different career route following his PhD, becoming a successful academic looking at health promotion and medical ethics within medical schools. David went on to be a Professor at Middlesex University and then at a University in New Zealand for 11 years. David has also authored a number of books, including three academic bestsellers.

"Studying philosophy at Manchester changed my life - I found something I felt really mattered—it gave me so many possibilities."

For David, studying Philosophy at Manchester allowed him to develop and nurture his key skills set—which has been vital when securing a job after graduation and throughout his career.

"Philosophy taught me a vital skill: how to be constructively critical of any information presented to me. Philosophy honed my raw scepticism into a set of life tools: I learnt how to read carefully; open-minded thinking; logical analysis and the importance of structured reasoning."

Some of the organisations our alumni are working in...

British Council, BBC, BT, ChildLine, Citizens Advice, Deloitte, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Google, HM Treasury, Institute of International Education, KPMG, NHS, Microsoft, Oracle, United Nations, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Scope, Teach First, The Challenge Network, The Climate Group, The Football Association, The Guardian, The Independent, The Open University, World Bank...



Name: Jessica Wong
Degree: BA(Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2008)
Job: Programme Officer
Organisation: Mercy Malaysia

Jessica works for an international non-profit organisation focusing on providing medical relief, sustainable health development, and disaster risk reduction activities in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Jessica works on a number of global projects in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Indonesia.

It was through her time spent volunteering and her passion for the work shown throughout her degree that helped her secure her position with *Mercy Malaysia*.

"My degree has given me a good grounding in both theory as well as statistical analysis. This has been really useful in terms of reporting, processing information and the expression of abstract concepts. Learning about political philosophy, security studies, gender theory, critical thinking and economic development has helped me gain an insight to the international environment I now work in."

For Jessica, her time at Manchester was not only a fantastic time to get involved in a number of activities and meet new people, but it also allowed her to develop academically too.

"I enjoyed the access to cultural programmes, societies and night life that only Manchester can provide. But doing PPE at Manchester also encouraged me to question and to push past the boundaries of mainstream intellectual thought. The passion shown by my lecturers in their subject matter also helped to cultivate and explore my interest in international affairs and aid work."

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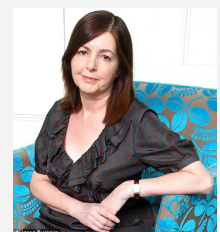
"Manchester is incredibly welcoming and living there is always exciting.

The diversity in opinions in my lectures and the endless extra-curricular activities always allowed me to express different parts of myself"

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

You're in good company...

Name: Dorothy Byrne
Degree: Philosophy (1973)
Job: Head of News and Current Affairs at *Channel Four Television*



Name: Conor McNicholas
Degree: Philosophy (1977)
Known for: Editor of *NME*, *Top Gear Magazine*, *News International*