

Social Sciences

A degree in social sciences 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:

Accounting

Business and Management

Criminology

Development Studies

Economics

Philosophy

Politics

Social Anthropology

Social Sciences

Sociology

How has your degree helped you in your career?

"I wouldn't have been able to have 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 more about the world and how to think about it, as well as how to analyse problems and solutions."

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



Name: Nathalie Hudson

Degree: Economic and Social Sciences (2009)

Job: Assistant Brand Manager, Procter & Gamble

Nathalie is currently working on Oral Care for the Middle East, Africa and Turkey. Her work includes devising strategies, enabling local plans, and running the day to day business. Nathalie secured this role after initially completing an internship with the company between her 2nd & 3rd year. It was this experience that led her to a full time role after graduating.

"I developed advertising campaigns, and learnt a great deal about marketing design. I'm now, working on Oral Care for Middle East, Africa, Turkey, with a greater focus on the business delivery and results."

For Nathalie, her degree gave her the skills and knowledge she needed in order to secure her first role.

"Politics and Sociology gave me a great well-rounded background on the world, and how people function, which is an important enabler for marketing. The various courses, ranging from economics to statistics to development also prepared me well for the varying demands of my job, from writing reports to organising events."

Top Tip

"Get involved early as many companies like being able to train you from the beginning, which is also great experience for you."

- Nathalie Hudson, Economic and Social Sciences, (2009)



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

Accenture, Action Aid, BBC, Capita, Civil Service, Credit Suisse, Deloitte, European Commission, Goldman Sachs, HM Revenue & Customs, HSBC, IBM, KPMG, Microsoft, NHS, Oxfam, Oxford University Press, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Proctor and Gamble, Royal Bank of Scotland, Teach First, The Bank of England, The Guardian, Unilever, United Nations, World Bank, WTO...



Name: Jessica Wong

Degree: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Job: Programme Officer, *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 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 in 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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OFFICER
DEVELOPMENT
AID
LAW
CIVIL

“Employers like to see that you have been an active participant in a range of activities while at university, whether that’s societies, work-experience or internships. It’s a great way to prove you have practical/organisational skills.”

- Katrina Scott, Economic and Social Studies (2011), *UNESCO*

You’re in good company...



Name: Ian Livingston

Degree: Economics (1984)

Known for: CEO of *British Telecom (BT)*

Name: Dorothy Byrne

Degree: Philosophy (1973)

Job: Head of News and Current Affairs at *Channel Four Television*

