

You won't get a job if you study the Humanities

WHAT NONSENSE!

According to the 2014 Australian Graduate Survey, “62% of Australia's humanities bachelor graduates had full-time employment—higher than biology and other sciences graduates (43% and 55%, respectively).”
(Graduate Careers Australia, 2014)

“Careers often go in surprising and unpredictable directions, and a grounding in the humanities can help students to be adaptable to these changes.”
(Laura Newman, Social Education Victoria)

According to the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching 2021 Graduate Outcomes Survey, humanities, culture and social sciences graduates have equal or, in some instances, better short- and medium-term full-time employment outcomes than science and mathematics graduates.

“2016 Census data for 25–34-year-olds with a bachelor degree show that 94.7% of science graduates had a job in 2016. For humanities and social science graduates, employment rates ranged from 94.4% to 95.8%.”
(RMIT ABC Fact Check, 2020; see also Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching, 2020)

“Three of Australia's recent Prime Ministers (Gillard, Rudd and Turnbull) built successful careers having studied the humanities.”
(Australian Academy of the Humanities, 2020)

“Two-thirds of chief executives of ASX200 listed companies have degrees in humanities, 62% of government senior executives and 66% of federal parliamentarians.”
(According to data from the Academy of Social Services in Australia; see Kelly, 2020)

“Humanities and social science graduates (AUD\$70,300) earn more than maths and science graduates (AUD\$68,900).”
(Hurley, 2020; Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching, 2019)

According to Deloitte Insights (2019), the five fastest growing occupations in Australia from 2018 to 2030 are:

- sports and fitness workers
- contract, program and project administrators
- chief executives and general managers
- health and welfare support workers
- information and organisation professionals.

“The top five destinations for humanities graduates (Education and Training, Public Administration and Safety, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Health Care and Social Assistance and Arts and Recreation Services) are all projected for substantial growth in the near future.”
(Australian Academy of the Humanities, 2020)



SOME OF THE JOBS DONE BY HUMANITIES GRADUATES ...

HISTORY

Historian
Archaeologist
Art historian
Cultural heritage officer
Economic historian
Geographical historian
Museum curator
Research officer

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Librarian
Library technician
Audiovisual librarian
Bibliographer
Cataloguer
Children's librarian
Corporate librarian
Information manager
Legal librarian
Parliamentary librarian
Reference librarian

RELIGION

Religious minister
Chaplain
Clergyman/woman
Imam
Minister
Monk
Pastor
Priest
Rabbi
Religious leader
Salvation army officer

LANGUAGES

Interpreter
Linguist
Translator
Court/Legal interpreter

EDUCATION

Private tutor
Teacher
Primary school teacher
Secondary school teacher
TESOL teacher
Special education teacher
Teacher's aide
Australian Sign Language interpreter

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Screenwriter
Costume and set design
Playwright
Arts administrator
Media advisor
Communications officer

PUBLISHING

Editor
Indexer
Fact-checker
Publisher
Proofreader
Technical writer
Travel writer
Writer/Author
Researcher
Journalist

LAW

Solicitor
Barrister
Judge
Court clerk
Stenographer
Legislative officer
Criminologist
Conservator

ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

Ethicist (health, corporate, legal, etc.)
Policy developer
Management consultant
Jurist
Manager
Human resources

POLITICS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Policy advisor
Policy and planning manager
Policy analyst
Political scientist
Project support officer
Project and program administrator
Research officer
Research assistant
Research and development manager
University lecturer
Education officer
Foreign affairs and trade officer
Parliamentarian
Business consultant
Resource economist
Regulatory officer
Compliance officer
Customs investigator
Customs officer
Executive officer
Quality assurance inspector
Transport operations officer

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Community worker
Social researcher
Counsellor
Student advisor
Psychiatrist
Psychologist
Welfare case manager
Welfare worker
Youth worker
Social worker