

Humanities

Planning your career

As well as pushing the boundaries of knowledge in your chosen field, at Southampton you will have the opportunities to develop the attributes that are vital for success in today's global employment market. Humanities seeks to nurture your skills through academic development whilst providing you with opportunities to enhance your personal attributes so that you are well-prepared for a career after university.

Humanities at Southampton will provide you with a supportive network to develop both personally and professionally. We operate three levels of advice and guidance: first, you will have regular meetings with your academic advisor who will assist you in any aspect of university life, from choosing a career path to finding work experience. Second, you will engage with employability sessions within your course lectures, giving you step by step guidance across the career planning timeline. Third, you will be invited to attend a series of activities, including subject-specific Careers Panels, where you can pose your questions to former students to see what they did with their degree; and Humanities-specific CV clinics, Assessment Centres and interview workshops.

We believe that it is vital to make the most out of every opportunity that you are presented with during your period of study. Why not consider becoming a member or leader of your subject's society; going abroad as part of an Erasmus scheme; or taking part in buddy-schemes with international students? All of these activities can add an essential further dimension to your CV. Further information is available on our employability webpages which provide advice, facts and figures, alumni profiles, links to resources, and our events calendar.

Your passport to success.

Our innovative Graduate Passport scheme is an active personal development programme that helps you reach your full potential during your student life. You can choose from over 60 possible activities ranging from volunteering projects, taking on a leadership role for a club or society, doing an internship in a company and much more. You will then be presented with a recognised record of achievement that will complement your degree and make you more employable.

Enhancing your employability

At Career Destinations, the University's dedicated careers service, we offer a range of services including web resources for career development, careers advice, skills workshops and mock interviews.

During your undergraduate degree we will also help you gain the transferable skills – such as independent thinking, problem solving and teamwork – that employers really value. In addition, we offer internship and placement opportunities for our students that enable you to develop practical skills such as project management and effective communication in the workplace.

Student Enterprise

Fish On Toast is the student-led University of Southampton entrepreneurs' society. It looks to encourage entrepreneurial thinking and good graduate skills among its members. Open to all students, it aims to help you turn business ideas into reality with various courses and seminars to help you start your own business or to improve your employability skills.

www.southampton.ac.uk/studententerprise

Further information

To find out more about Career Destinations, visit www.southampton.ac.uk/careers

Your future as a Southampton Archaeology graduate

Whether you study archaeology as a single or combined honours programme, you will gain a thorough grounding in all aspects of modern archaeology and develop a range of practical and intellectual skills essential for a career inside or outside archaeology. Archaeology is unique in that it offers you an in depth understanding in both humanities and science, and as such you will graduate with both a scientific and a creative mind - a combination valued by employers.

Your employability

At the core of archaeology is discovery, and throughout your degree you will learn how to assess your discoveries both analytically and creatively. You will learn how to use diverse sources of evidence such as excavated, documentary, artefactual, environmental and scientific material. You will apply these assessments to presentations, written work and practical fieldwork. Fieldwork is fundamental to your degree – allowing you to put theory into practice, nurture your team-working skills and stand you out from the crowd in the recruitment process. The scope of the subject will give you the capacity for problem-solving, creative thinking and excellent time management skills. You will also gain the ability to interpret textual and numerical data and communicate it in a range of formats, from presentations to charts and professional reports.

Alongside your course you can continue your personal and professional development through joining the Archaeology society, in which you can organise events in and outside of university. As a result you will emerge with organisational, team-working and if you run for a position - advanced leadership skills.

A range of career options

Work experience is essential when preparing for life as a graduate and the university's Excel placement scheme offers around 150 placements in various organisations over Christmas, Easter and summer. If you are interested in a career in Archaeology we have close links with many archaeological organisations where opportunities also exist for placements. To assist you in choosing and following a career path the Archaeology society hold annual careers sessions providing advice, guidance and practical tips.

About a quarter of our graduates have pursued a career in archaeology or related subjects. If you decide to follow this path, there are many options open to you: not just working as a 'digger', but also museum curator, heritage manager, finds specialist, conservator and university lecturer. Although your first job may well be doing fieldwork, it is important to recognize there are many other types of jobs in commercial archaeology. There are also specialist companies dealing with geophysical surveys, marine archaeology and consultancy.

If you choose to use your skills in another field, employers will value the versatility of your degree. Your team-working skills will render you invaluable to many organisations, from charities to publishing companies to the army. Your ability to interpret data through various theoretical approaches will also be invaluable to many sectors, from the Civil Service to the NHS.

Whatever field you choose, the Careers Destinations Service works with Archaeology throughout the year to provide specialist guidance and assistance.

Further Information

To find out more about the support we can offer to help you achieve your career goals, visit <https://www.soton.ac.uk/careers/> <http://www.archaeology.co.uk/advice/want-to-be-a-digger-entering-the-world-of-commerical-archaeology.htm>

Your future as a Southampton English graduate

Your English degree course at Southampton will provide a solid foundation for your future, whatever career path you choose. With an English degree you are free to explore and choose a profession that you are passionate about. You will be intellectually engaged, mature and equipped with the insight of how human nature operates in different environments, an invaluable attribute when you enter employment. You will acquire an acute cultural, social and theoretical awareness that will allow you assess professional situations logically and effectively – an invaluable attribute for employers.

Your employability

Your English degree will teach you how to gather, sift and interpret vast amounts of information in a structured way, argue coherently and persuasively, exercise independent thought and manage your own time - all of which will enhance your ability to write an application, excel in interviews and affiliate into a variety of working environments. Studying English isn't just about exploring a subject you enjoy; and our academic syllabus has been created to combine these skills with a focus on *your* employability. This is achieved through a focus on your entrepreneurial and creative capacities. Alongside in-class projects such as presentations and independent research projects, there is also the annual opportunity for students to produce and run their own play, coordinating every aspect from the advertising to the ticket sales.

Later on in your course, you will be able to choose from a range of hands-on employment-related opportunities that will help to give you the edge when you enter the job market, such as work placements and workshops with professionals from a range of fields. If you're interested in journalism, you might consider writing for the student newspaper, *Wessex Scene*, to develop your writing skills and build your CV. The University also offers the chance to learn new language and IT skills and to plan your future with the help of our Career Destinations service.

Work experience will allow you to understand how these skills apply to a working environment. Not only is this vital in order to get to the interview stage of many jobs, but without the experience your transferable skills are essentially abstract. By going into employment you understand *how* your communication, team-working, time-management skills etc. assist you as an employee of an organisation. To help you obtain this experience the university's Excel placement scheme offers around 150 Christmas, Easter and summer placements at various organisations.

A range of career options

Our English graduates go on to enjoy success in a diverse range of careers. You might decide to be a teacher, or perhaps decide to teach English as a foreign language abroad. You might decide to harness your writing skills and follow the path of journalism and the media, advertising or publishing. Perhaps you'd like to utilize your ability to lead yourself and others that you've gained through your course or through a society, in which case you might go into management, PR or work for a charity organisation.

It is important to note that you can go into many professions with the transferable skills you've gained and Careers Destinations work with English throughout the year to provide you tailored support to make these decisions.

Further information

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With help choosing a career, visit

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/myprospects_planner_login.htm

Your future as a Southampton Film graduate

Our film courses are designed to provide you with an understanding of film and television as industries, while building a set of key transferable skills to enhance your employability. You will learn to combine creativity with an analytical approach when studying a variety of films, from Japanese independent world cinema to Hollywood blockbusters to silent movies. With such diversity you are not only continually engaged, but you learn about the culture each film is set in and the history behind it. As such you are not only graduating with knowledge of film, but a knowledge of the world.

Your Employability

You will be studying a rigorous, analytical, academic degree, which will give you many skills of value to potential employers, including communication, creativity, organization and time management. Our emphasis is on the academic study of film theory, history and aesthetics on all our courses, providing you with ability to argue cogently, evaluate issues in light of historical and political contention. However, if you choose to study the single honours film programme, you also have the opportunity to gain practical experience of digital video work in the second year, and to develop your screenwriting skills in the final year. In turn you'll learn to initiate, develop and realise distinctive and creative work in writing or aural, visual, audio-visual sound or other electronic media whilst working effectively with independently or with others and meeting deadlines. With both a practical and a theoretical approach you'll be equipped for a career inside or outside of the media.

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The university provides many outlets for the creative student, whatever your interest. You can join Wessex Film, the university's award winning film-making society or if you wanted to enter the industry journalistically, there is also the Edge magazine, run by students in which you can review the arts, from film to music. All of which will be invaluable to your CV and your own personal development whether you choose to enter the film industry or another career path.

A Range of Career Options

Many of our students seek employment in media and arts-based careers, including film editing, journalism and production roles. For example, one of our graduates is now working as a film editor, while another is an award-winning BBC journalist. However the transferable skills gained suit many other kinds of careers including teaching, commerce, industry, the civil service. We understand that with a degree such as Film, you may want to enter into a competitive field, and we support you every step with advice on work experience. You will also have regular meetings with your academic advisor who can guide you as well as the Careers Destinations service, which works throughout the year with Film to provide continual support through workshops, careers panels and general advice.

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Your future as a Southampton History graduate

Whether you choose to enter the job market or continue your studies after graduation, your History degree equips you not solely with a factual database of the events of the past, but an acute cultural, social and political awareness that you will carry with you into any work environment. Your degree will develop your understanding of human nature and give you an insight into how individuals and collectives respond to a variety of situations; in turn providing an intuition that will be invaluable in the world of work.

Your employability

Employers will recognise and value the skills acquired during your degree course. You will learn to exercise self-discipline and intellectual independence, analyse and assess complex data and ideas from a wide variety of viewpoints, to order and express arguments in oral and written form, and to think and work both independently and in cooperation with others. These abilities will enable you to be reflexive to whatever environment or information you are presented with.

You will learn to combine imaginative insight and empathy with a command of a body of historical knowledge in order to form your own intellectual judgements. In turn you will have developed self-discipline, direction and initiative, all of which will stand you out in the recruitment process.

In your 2nd year you form part of a group of seven students for a project which will allow you to affiliate into the community, research and present on a selected topic. This will be a significant group activity which will simultaneously enhance your team-working skills and your ability to lead and work on initiative. You can also get the most from History outside of study by joining our History society, in which you can attend or even organise events within and outside of university.

A range of career options

Work experience will allow you to understand how these skills apply to a working environment. Not only is this vital in order to get to the interview stage of many jobs, but without the experience your transferable skills are essentially abstract. By going into employment you understand *how* your communication, team-working, time-management skills etc. assist you in the workplace. To help you obtain this experience the university's Excel placement scheme offers around 150 Christmas, Easter and summer placements at various organisations.

Our graduates enter a variety of professions. You might want to draw on your communication and cultural awareness and enter media or the law. If you choose History specifically as a career, there are opportunities in museums, archive work and researching. Perhaps you want to apply your analytical and organisational abilities to accountancy and banking, recruitment or the Civil Service (including the Diplomatic Service). If you wanted to pursue your interest in History further, you could become a teacher or even pursue further study at the university.

For information on *how* to get into, or even choose a field, Careers Destinations and History work together throughout the year to provide continual support through workshops, careers panels and one-on-one advice.

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Your future as a Southampton Modern Languages graduate

In a competitive job market, speaking another language can stand you out from the crowd. The UK trades with over 200 countries worldwide and businesses are continually looking to expand globally- this is only possible if they can communicate internationally. As such, employers are constantly seeking out foreign language speakers. Figures reflect this - consistently showing Modern Languages graduates as having one of the lowest levels of unemployment six months after graduation.

Your employability

Whilst studying for your degree you will undertake a year abroad in your third year. This opportunity is invaluable to your employability, providing not only a year's work experience in which you learn how to transfer skills from the classroom into the workplace, but with a fierce sense of independence and self-sufficiency from living in another country. You will also gain intercultural awareness and in turn, learn how to tailor your communication to different environments – a skill that is paramount for employers in order to communicate effectively in the global economy. Amongst the opportunities available are teaching assistants and administrative work.

When you're within the university you will continue to develop your transferable skills, not simply through practicing your language skills in small seminar groups, but through essays, written reports and group projects. Communication is at the core of your degree, but it is important to unpick these communication skills when approaching your own employability. To speak a language is an affirmation of the ability to speak, write, and listen. Writing and speaking in another language requires grammatical precision, therefore you have acquired discipline in your communication. You have taken part in group projects; therefore you have good rapport with others, can listen and project ideas effectively. You have learnt not solely a language, but about the culture and history surrounding that language, therefore you have acquired critical and analytical skills.

A range of career options

A modern languages degree opens up a wealth of options for your future. Whatever career you choose your adept communication skills will be a big advantage. The perseverance and determination you develop from learning a language and relying upon it in a foreign country means you will be programmed to aim high until you achieve the career that you want. Our graduates have gone on to successful careers in the Civil Service, fashion, financial services, library and information management, heritage and culture, travel and tourism, advertising, retail management, sales and marketing, international recruitment, broadcasting, journalism, publishing, science and IT, voluntary organisations and charities. With the ability to communicate in other countries, job opportunities are essentially doubled should you choose to explore a career in the country of your second or third language.

A proportion of graduates also choose to continue their studies at postgraduate level. Whatever you choose to do you have the support of Career Destinations, who work with Modern Languages without the year to host events that will help you choose a path.

Further information

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Your Future as a Southampton Music graduate

Music is not solely performance, but a business in itself. Music will always be created and there will always be job opportunities - whether it is in performance, production, management or marketing. If you choose a career in the music industry, our courses approach it from every angle, from composition to performance to music therapy. If you choose to explore a career outside of the industry, employers value the transferable skills that you have acquired from your degree.

Your employability

To succeed in music you have to be a good communicator in order to engage your listeners. In turn you need to be confident and engaging in this communication in order to perform. To perform you need to be disciplined and manage your time for regular practice. As a consequence you will emerge as a well-rounded graduate with self-management, dexterity, determination and motivation. You will learn how to use critical reflection effectively, using other's feedback to enhance your own work. What you will also gain from your music degree is commercial awareness – knowing how to react to a changing market, how to respond to audience trends and how to market yourself.

We understand that though there may be jobs available, finding them in such a competitive industry is difficult. We're also aware that it may be difficult to choose a career outside of music. Therefore we offer 'The Profession of Music' module, a practical course detailing what sorts of jobs are open to music graduates, what terms and conditions of employment apply in different parts of the music business, what skills and attributes are necessary for certain sectors and what practical steps you can take.

We also recognise the significance of work experience, and the Careers Destinations service works throughout the year with Music to provide advice and support and on locating it within the industry. For general work experience there is also the university's Excel scheme, which offers work placements across Christmas, Easter and summer.

A range of career options

Music graduates have an excellent track record of success in education, performance, composition, music administration, the music industry, radio, television and film. Because of the commercial awareness gained many of our graduates also go into marketing. With these abilities in mind many graduates choose to enter Marketing or Public Relations. If you choose to be a musician or free-lance within the Music industry, the skills acquired from the degree will provide you with the entrepreneurial flair which should see you through. The self-reliance will also be respected by employers.

Many of our students go on to postgraduate studies, become music teachers or performers, work in the media, or become arts administrators. However, the music industry also offers various other career options, ranging from retail and production through to artistic and financial management. With the commercial awareness you've gained you may want to enter Marketing or Public Relations. With the self-management, confidence and technical abilities you've gained from your degree you may also find success in a field unrelated to music, such as law, financial services, computer programming or human resource management. Whatever path you choose, Careers Destinations and Philosophy work together throughout the year to provide support and guidance.

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Your Future as a Southampton Philosophy graduate

A philosophy degree will teach you how to think, rather than what to think; *The Times* has referred to it as “the ultimate transferable work skill” and many employers are beginning to value a philosophy degree for its mature, logical and articulate graduates. A degree in vocational subjects like Business or Marketing provides immediate skills and practical tools for gaining entry into the employment market. Whereas Philosophy focuses on providing the ideal environment in which to develop the fundamental and essential attributes on which these skills depend. At Southampton we will support the development of your organisational and communication skills as well as your analytical abilities, ensuring you are fully equipped for success in your chosen career.

Your employability

Philosophy teaches you the fundamental skills necessary for any job. You will learn to think critically and express yourself clearly, both independently and in co-operation with others, to challenge common assumptions, to weigh up the pros and cons of a position, to see through empty rhetoric and to develop mental flexibility and agility.

It is an intellectual challenge that can give you the advantage; in a survey of results in the American GRE tests (tests of verbal, quantitative and analytical skills in graduate students), philosophy graduates achieved better average scores than graduates of any other humanities or social science subject.

Our academic staff will help you in class and in individual meetings to develop your abilities to think clearly, critically and consistently, to understand varying points of view, to organise ideas, and to work cooperatively with others – all skills that are in demand by employers. These skills will be put into practice through research projects, group presentations and in-class discussions, all of which will provide a foundation to develop your own critical and creative ideas.

Outside of your academic study you can continue to develop professionally through workshops and CV clinics run by the Careers Destinations service. There is also an active Philosophy society in which you can increase your leadership skills by running for a position. Being involved with the society gives the opportunity to organise events in and outside of university and will be an invaluable addition to your CV.

A range of career options

Work experience will allow you to understand how these skills apply to a working environment. Not only is this vital in order to get to the interview stage of many jobs, but without the experience your transferable skills are essentially abstract. By going into employment you understand *how* your communication, team-working, time-management skills etc. assist you as an employee of an organisation. To help you obtain this experience the university’s Excel placement scheme offers around 150 Christmas, Easter and summer placements in various companies.

Ricky Gervais, Woody Allen, Harrison Ford, Bill Clinton, Martin Luther King, and Vaclav Havel all studied philosophy; this gives you an idea of the diversity of fields open to philosophy graduates. Some of our students go on to pursue further academic study, and we have a good record of getting our students into some of the best postgraduate programmes in philosophy and related disciplines both in the UK and abroad. Recent Southampton graduates have entered careers in a broad range of professions including advertising, the Civil Service, education, film and television, information technology, journalism, law and management.

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