

GLOBAL CAREERS WITH...



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Global Occupations with Political Science

- Social researcher
- Policy officer
- Politician's assistant
- Political analyst with the foreign & commonwealth office
- Research analyst
- Election observer
- Political engagement officer
- Diplomatic service officer
- Global affairs graduate
- Political affairs officer
- United nations intern

Global Labour Market Information

Known as one of the most important cities for diplomacy in the world, Geneva is home to one of the largest offices of the United Nations. The host city of the well-known Geneva Convention, the city is known worldwide for diplomacy, international relations, and political science in many forms.

Brussels, Belgium is known as the heart of Europe and is considered the unofficial capital of the European Union (EU). Brussels is home to the headquarters of the EU and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), both big employers of international workers.



Global Labour Market Information

Approximately 3,500 people work for the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) in five institutions and 16 field operations. Career opportunities range from field work in offices in South- Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, to positions in the institutions in Vienna, The Hague and Warsaw, through to administrative and managerial positions.

If you are interested in high level international relations and politics, North American cities such as New York and Washington DC and Toronto in Canada are great places to start looking for political science internships and graduate opportunities.

Alternative opportunities with Political Science around the world

Your degree will open up many opportunities. Some alternative career areas to consider where your degree would be useful include:

- Business development manager
- Charity officer
- Detective
- Forensic accountant
- Human resources officer
- Local government officer
- Market researcher
- Marketing executive
- Newspaper journalist
- Public relations officer
- Stockbroker

Some of these will require further or more specialist training. Visit www.prospects.ac.uk for more information on job roles and entry requirements.

You might also want to consider internships, placements and graduate schemes for global organisations, some of which will offer you the opportunity to travel and work abroad, for example: the United Nations (UN), the European Commission, the Civil Service Fast Stream, non- governmental organisations (NGOs), lobbying, campaigning and voluntary organisations.

The Target Jobs UK 300 graduate employers has an extensive list of recruiters providing opportunities for graduates and is a good place to start your search for a graduate scheme or internship:

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/uk300>

Developing Global Skills

In the QS 2019 Global Skills Gap report, employers around the world identified a number of transferable skills as being most important when entering into the workplace. In addition to identifying these skills, the report also highlighted which of those skills employers found were most lacking in graduates. The list below shows these in order of 'most likely to be lacking' in a graduate:

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| 1. Problem Solving | 9. Interpersonal Skills |
| 2. Resilience | 10. Teamwork |
| 3. Communication | 11. Subject Knowledge |
| 4. Creativity | 12. Negotiating Skills |
| 5. Data Skills | 13. Language Skills |
| 6. Flexibility/ Adaptability | 14. Technical Skills |
| 7. Leadership | 15. Commercial Awareness |
| 8. Organisational Skills | |

Whilst employers are happy with the commercial awareness, technical skills and language skills that graduates possess, they feel a lack of skills in problem solving, resilience and communication.

In order to identify which skills you need to improve, take our online skills audit: <https://uolcareers.co.uk/skillsassessment/>

You can then begin to improve these skills through taking part in a number of employability related activities, all advertised through the Careers and Employability service. The Lincoln Award Global will help you develop these skills, and add an 'international' edge to your progress.

How to get started on your Global Career

There are a number of ways in which you can start to plan for a global career:

- Explore what you can do right now to improve your awareness of other cultures: join a new society, volunteer in a new community and take advantage of our global skills workshops run by the International Careers Adviser.
- If you are in your first or second year, you could research placement options for year 3; many Schools will support you to go abroad and work for a year, then return to University to finish your degree!
- If this isn't an option for you, ask about the Erasmus+ scheme through the Global Opportunities team.
- Research options such as Teaching English Abroad, voluntary projects and internships through organisations like the British Council.

Here are some of the websites we recommend when researching your Global Career:

<https://midlandsinternationalgroup.org.uk/useful-links-and-resources>
<https://online.goinglobal.com/>
<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad>

For more information visit our website at www.uolcareers.co.uk or book one of our 'Global' workshops advertised on our 'Events' page at www.uolcareers.co.uk/events.



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