Classics & Ancient History

Despite what many students might think possible, the majority of graduates from this discipline enter the business world rather than Museums and Education. This is because classics and ancient history graduates are well-suited to many professional services roles such as Business, Consulting and Management, due to their ability to analyse and understand complex information and to research, document and present their findings in a coherent manner. These well-honed communication and analytical skills are also well suited to many roles within the Marketing, Advertising and PR and Media sectors. The ability to empathise with others from different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs can make careers in the public sector appealing from formulating policies at Central Government, working with Charities to support others, or by combining this with your problem-solving and analytical skills by working for the intelligence services such as MI5 or GCHQ.

If you are considering postgraduate study, you may choose to study Masters or PhDs in subjects related to your degree e.g. classical archaeology, ancient history and languages and literature. Becoming a specialist in an academic discipline, particularly at PhD level, can be the first step towards pursuing an academic career in a university or other research institute. Other graduates opt for more vocational yet still subject-relevant courses (generally at Masters Level) such as Museum Studies or Records and Archive Management. Further study and relevant experience will also be needed for a move into a particular profession such as Law, Teaching, Librarianship or Journalism. These above links will help you gain a good understanding of each career sector, key employers and lists the different job roles possible but they are not an exhaustive list!

## Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further, pre-assessed useful information.

- Academic Librarian
- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Conservator
- Curator
- Heritage Manager
- Social Researcher
- Government Social Research Officer
- Marketing Executive
- Charity Officer
- Newspaper Journalist
- Community Development Worker
- Commissioning Editor
- Public Relations Officer
- Marketing Officer/Executive

## Finding Opportunities

Many of the links above have information about where to find vacancies, work experience, placements and what employers are looking for in their new graduate recruits. Some of the roles listed will require further study, if not immediately but perhaps later to break past an initial entry post e.g. libraries, journalism, museums, law, researcher etc. Some jobs require a more creative job search as they either don't have the funds to advertise.
widely (e.g. charities) or to deal with the hordes of applications from interested people e.g. publishing and PR. For legal careers look at the Training Contracts and Pupillages Handbook and LawCareers.net

- Look for Civil Service Administrative roles at Civil Service Jobs
- Look for Intelligence Analyst careers on the Prospects website.
- Community development roles are often available in Local Government so head to Local Government Jobs and Jobs Go Public and see the NGDP scheme
- For journalism you may well need to take a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists
- For publishing try The Bookseller

To investigate further study head to the Prospects Postgraduate pages for taught courses and PhDs and FindaMasters for taught Masters Courses, and FindaPhD for PhD opportunities. For additional information and advice on finding work experience, graduate roles, post graduate study, speculative applications and anything else careers related, see our website or talk to your Careers Consultant.

Further Reading

- For information on museums and galleries head to the Arts Council website and the Museums Association. To find out about volunteering at the University's museum try contacting MERL; MERL has also produced a series of YouTube videos on careers in museums and archives.
- For jobs within charities, public sector and NGOs try JobsGoPublic.
- To find publishers to approach for work experience or vacancies try Publishers.org.uk.
- The Law Society gives a great overview of legal careers.
- Find ethical jobs at Ethical-Jobs.
- For jobs in international development, try the Third Sector.
- MediaWeekJobs to find media jobs particularly media sales.