

HASS Employability Myth Busters

Myth: Humanities graduates won't get a job

Reality: Humanities graduates get jobs, and good ones!



The humanities and social sciences supply two thirds of Australia's workforce.

In 2022, UQ Bachelor of Arts graduates worked for 6,800 organisations across the globe. Top employers included government, higher education and private companies.

Myth: Humanities won't get me into the right career

Reality: Humanities can get you into any industry



Careers often go in surprising and unpredictable directions, and a grounding in the humanities can help you be adaptable to these changes. Arm yourself with a portfolio of skills and capabilities that can be transferred across numerous disciplines.

In 2030, skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and communication will be of prime importance to potential employers.



62% of government senior executives and 66% of federal parliamentarians have a degree in the humanities*



2/3 of chief executives of ASX200 listed companies have degrees in humanities*



87% is the overall employment rate of recent graduates in humanities, culture and social sciences^



\$66.7k is the amount humanities, culture and social science graduates earn straight out of university in fulltime employment^



75% of employers considered employability skills to be as important, if not more important than technical skills#



Top 5 sectors 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†



* Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

^ Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching 2022

National Skills Commission

† Australian Academy of the Humanities

HASS degrees are filled with practical experiences

Be prepared for not just one job, but many!

Find opportunities to integrate your studies with work situations and scenarios – the more you've experienced the world of work, the easier you'll find it to apply your HASS capabilities across different jobs, industries, or careers.

83% of undergraduate humanities, cultures and social science students expressed high satisfaction with their studies, compared to the national average of 78%^

This may be because HASS degrees offer a wide range of:



Work integrated learning



Placements



Industry projects

Visit hass.uq.edu.au/wil-hass to learn more about these opportunities.

The HASS Student Futures team offer enrichment opportunities including:

- Career mentoring
- Industry panels
- Leadership development
- Community events
- Volunteering

To find out more about the team and what they can help you with, please visit: hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

As a HASS student you will develop your own innate sense of curiosity, resilience and entrepreneurial spirit, and graduate ready to tackle an uncertain future in an uncertain world.

