

Employability Myth Busters



Myth:

Humanities graduates won't get a job

Reality:

Humanities graduates get jobs, and good ones!

Humanities and Social Science graduates supply around two-thirds of Australia's future workforce.¹

UQ Bachelor of Arts graduates built careers with over 1,800 organisations in 194 industries across 53 countries.²



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 a world reshaped by global disruption, rapid technological change and the rise of artificial intelligence, employers are placing greater value on distinctly human skills: critical thinking, ethical reasoning, cultural understanding, creativity and communication.



62% of government senior executives and 66% of federal parliamentarians have a degree in the humanities³



2/3 of chief executives of ASX200 listed companies have degrees in humanities³



\$90k Within three years of graduating, 90% of Humanities, Culture and Social Sciences graduates are employed full-time, earning a median salary of \$90,000⁴



93% the highest rating across all study areas — was given by employers for the employability and adaptability of our graduates⁵



Society and Culture graduates show strong versatility across

70 occupations⁶

¹ DASSH (Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities)

² UQ's LinkedIn data (2015-2025)

³ Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

⁴ 2025 QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey - Longitudinal report

⁵ DASSH Report 2025 Impact and Outcomes

⁶ Jobs and Skills Australia

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.

80%

Students in Humanities, Culture and Social Sciences enjoy a higher-than-average overall educational experience⁷

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



Work integrated learning



Placements



Industry projects

The HASS Student Futures team offer enrichment opportunities including:

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



Learn more about these opportunities



hass.uq.edu.au/hasscareers

Find out more about the team and what they can help you with:



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.

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⁷ Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), 2024 Student Experience Survey (SES) National Report.