

Discover a career path in

HUMANITIES



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HIGHER EDUCATION
OUTREACH NETWORK

Archaeologist
Cartographer
Historian
Classics
Social Sciences

Philosopher
Lawyer
Politician
Social Worker
Teacher

This guide has been prepared for you to discover a range of different careers. Each of the pages outlines some key information about a particular career. If there is something of interest, we recommend using the information as a starting point and researching more online. Some suggested subjects to study are listed on each of the career pages. These are just ideas and exact entry requirements should be checked with each institution when applying. It should also be noted that most higher education courses will have a minimum GCSE requirement.

The Higher Education Outreach Network (HEON) is a partnership of local organisations including universities and colleges working in Surrey and Northeast Hampshire. The partnership is made up of the following institutions, many of whom offer courses that can lead to the careers listed in this guide:



Work experience can be a fantastic way to find out more about a job or industry you may be interested in. It's also a great way to gain and demonstrate experience for your future college, university, and job applications. It's worth reaching out to employers to ask about opportunities, and your school or college careers leader can help you with this.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL LINKS TO GET YOU STARTED:



AND YOU CAN ALWAYS LOOK AT VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPTIONS TO COMPLETE AT HOME OR AT YOUR OWN PACE:



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So you want to be an ARCHAEOLOGIST



Archaeology is a truly interdisciplinary subject; using approaches and methods from the humanities, arts, social sciences and sciences to gather and deploy evidence, archaeology provides a vital perspective on how the entire human past shapes our future.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- An interest in and knowledge of history
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Knowledge of sociology and anthropology for understanding society and culture
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Persistence and determination

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

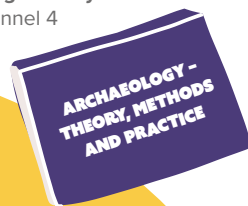
- Academic Research
- Museum Curator/Conservator
- Planning And Development Consultancy
- Archaeological Consultancy
- National Agencies/Organisations

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

Many universities offering the course do not require prospective students of archaeology to have taken specific subjects. Nevertheless, it is often viewed as beneficial to have a grounding in history and sciences. However, being able to demonstrate a genuine passion for the subject is often sufficient.

CHECK THESE OUT
Archaeology – Theory, Methods and Practice by Colin Renfrew

Range of TV Shows around archaeology including:
The Great British Dig: History in Your Garden Channel 4



Average salary
£28,550
with a range from
£21,000 to £41,000
38-41 hrs a week

So you want to be a CARTOGRAPHER

The study of Geography enables its students to learn about the world, both natural and man-made, and how humans interact with it. Students of the discipline can choose between two different but interconnected routes; on the one hand, physical geography incorporates the study of the earth and its natural elements; on the other, human geography places focus on how humans interact with the world around them, looking closely at globalisation, tourism, overpopulation, and economics.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Problem-solving and analysis
- Critical thinking
- Data analysis
- Technical computing
- Teamwork

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Tourism
- Town And Transport Planner
- Environmental Consultancy
- Geoscience
- Conservation And Sustainability
- Cartography

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Geography
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Politics
- Sociology

CHECK THESE OUT
National Geographic Magazine

There is no Planet B: A handbook for the make or break years by Mike Berners-Lee



Average salary
£31,000
with a range from
£15,609 to £60,000
39-41 hrs a week



So you want to be an HISTORIAN



History provides individuals with the analytical tools to interpret a variety of cultures, eras and times, exploring what these can tell us about our present and future lives. Students of the discipline will have unique historical insight into why people and societies think and behave as they do, and how these actions can reverberate across centuries.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Critical reasoning
- Analytical problem solving
- Creativity
- Communication (both verbal and in writing)
- Open-mindedness

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Academic Researcher
- Archivist
- Heritage Manager
- Conservation Officer
- Museum Curator

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

While most universities will require at least one humanities A-level subject, only a few specify which particular one. Broadly, universities are looking for motivated and passionate individuals who are well-informed about their chosen subject of study.

CHECK THESE OUT
Cambridge University's
The History of Now podcast

History: Why it Matters
by Lynn Hunt



So you want to study CLASSICS



If you were to study Classics, you will take on an immersive journey, thousands of years back in time, to a period known as classical antiquity. Students will familiarise themselves with the history, language, art and literature of the thousand or so years between Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire, tracing the cultural influence of the period throughout the ages.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Analytical research, including written documentation and statistics
- Oral and written communication skills
- Critical and logistical thinking

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Museum Archivist/Curator
- Paralegal
- Campaign Manager
- Law
- Academic Research/HE Educator

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Latin
- Classical Greek
- History
- Philosophy
- Sociology

CHECK THESE OUT
Classics: A Very Short Introduction
by Mary Beard

Ancient Greece Declassified
podcast series



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Average salary
£32,500
with a range from
£18,000 to £40,000
38-40 hrs/week
(may work weekends)

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Average salary
£25,986
with a range from
£22,940 to £29,513
37-39 hrs/week

So you want to study SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences draw on insight from a wide variety of disciplines, including sociology, criminology, politics, social policy and international development. Whether you're interested in the politics of war, justice against human trafficking and child exploitation, the policing of migration, rising crime and inequalities, or the campaigns against sexual harassment, as a student of Social Sciences, you will be able to direct your learning and explore which cutting-edge issues within the discipline you find most interesting.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Creativity
- Communication (both written and oral)
- Critical thinking
- Empirical analysis

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Social And Policy Researcher
- Civil Servant
- Consultant
- Journalist
- Government Role

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography
- Law
- Politics

CHECK THESE OUT

The spirit level: why equality is better for everyone
by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

The Politics of Belonging: Intersectional Contentions
by Nira Yuval-Davis



Average salary
£24,250

with a range from
£18,599 to £32,116
38-40 hrs/week



Average salary
£33,000
with a range from
£23,000 to £47,500
37-40 hrs/week

So you want to be a PHILOSOPHER

Philosophy has been a prominent academic subject for thousands of years, dating as far back as Ancient Greece, where great thinkers like Plato, Aristotle and Socrates sought to answer the big questions in life. By challenging commonly accepted notions, students of philosophy will be trained to utilise their intellect in theoretical, practical and historical contexts.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Critical and logistical thinking
- Creativity
- Open-mindedness

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Teacher
- Chaplain
- Journalist
- Social Services

Many graduates also choose to remain in academia.

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

Prospective students can expect subjects such as Social Sciences and Humanities to be useful in their application.

CHECK THESE OUT

What does it all mean?
by Thomas Nagel

What is Philosophy for?
by Mary Midgley



So you want to be a LAWYER

Law offers a comprehensive dive into the legal theories and systems on which much of our daily life is based on. Pursuing a degree in law can form the first major step towards qualifying for practice as a solicitor or a barrister. The wide array of transferrable and interdisciplinary skills to be gained from the degree also makes it suitable for students who have a general interest in law but have not yet decided on a particular vocation.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Analytical, critical and independent thinking
- Communication (both written and oral)
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work individually and in teams

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Barrister
- Solicitor
- Patent Attorney
- Advice Worker
- Judge

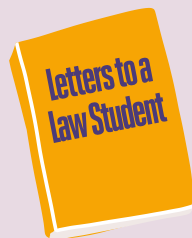
SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- English
- History
- Politics

CHECK THESE OUT

Letters to a Law Student
by Nicholas McBride

Research the **Law Society**
and the **Bar Council**



Average salary
£68,700
with a range from
£22,294 to £125,000
37-50 hrs/week
(with on-call duties)



So you want to be a POLITICIAN

Politics is a broad subject of study covering how governments, policies and people work and interact within the international sphere. The discipline plays a central role in identifying and addressing global challenges, including international human rights violations, peacebuilding, social intervention, poverty, and welfare.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Critical thinking
- Research and analysis
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Policy Officer
- Civil Servant
- Political Risk Analyst
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Politician

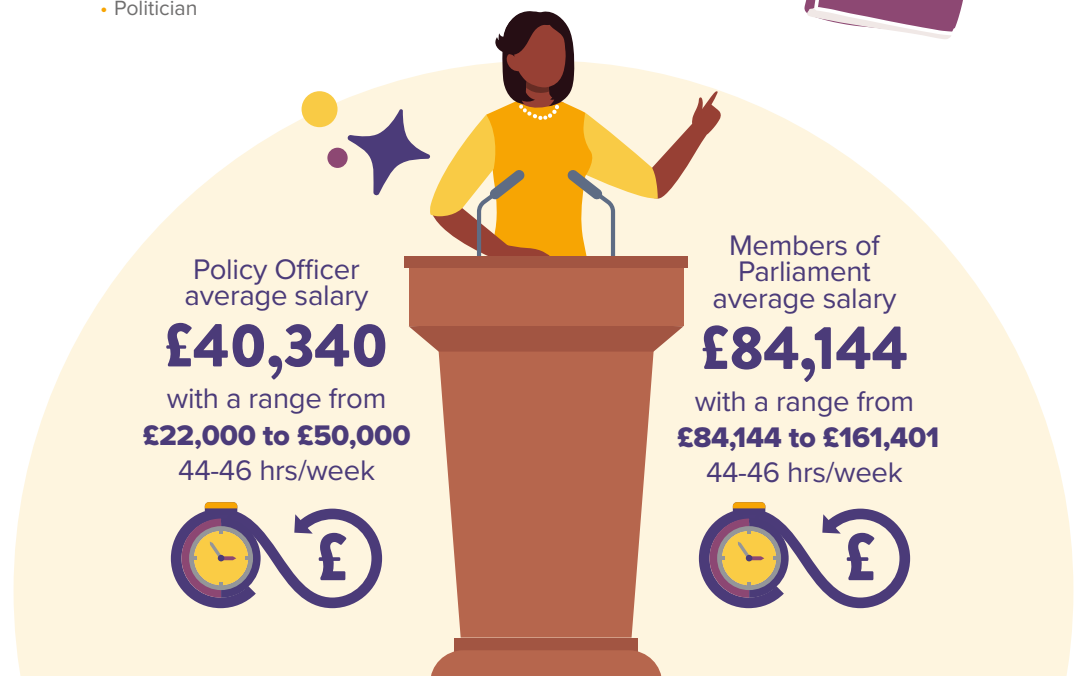
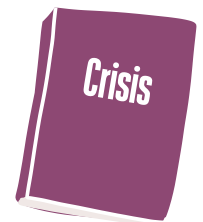
SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Politics
- History
- Law
- Economics
- Geography

CHECK THESE OUT

The Oxford Handbook of Political Science
by Robert E. Goodin

Crisis by Sylvia Walby



Policy Officer
average salary
£40,340
with a range from
£22,000 to £50,000
44-46 hrs/week



Members of Parliament
average salary
£84,144
with a range from
£84,144 to £161,401
44-46 hrs/week



So you want to be a SOCIAL WORKER

Social work is an intrinsic profession in every community. Combining insight from sociology, psychology, law and care, a dedicated social worker supports individuals and families in need of assistance. Whether it be mental health support, financial aid, or emotional challenges, social workers are trained to react quickly and with compassion, working to improve outcomes in people's lives.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Care and compassion
- Sensitivity
- Empathy
- Resilience

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Social Worker
- Social Services
- Youth And Community Work
- Probation
- Adoption

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Health And Social Care
- Psychology
- Sociology

CHECK THESE OUT

Social work: an introduction to contemporary practice
by Kate Wilson

International Journal
of Social Welfare



Average salary
£31,895

with a range from
£24,000 to £40,000
37-40 hrs/week
(shift work may be required)

So you want to be a TEACHER

Teaching can be an incredibly rewarding profession. As a teacher, you will be entrusted with the wellbeing, learning and development of children, working hard to inspire, educate and inform the next generation every step of the way.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Analytical and critical thinking
- Communication (both written and oral)
- Accuracy
- Flexibility
- Empathy, care and kindness

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Teacher
- Community Education Officer
- Early Years Teacher
- Education Consultant
- Education Administrator
- Further Education Teacher

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

A background in the humanities or social sciences will be beneficial in building the analytical and critical thinking skills required in the profession. For this reason, consider taking subjects such as:

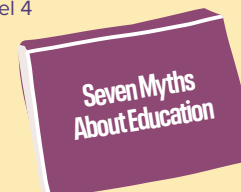
- Literature
- History
- Psychology

This is however not a requirement.

CHECK THESE OUT

Seven Myths About Education
by Daisy Christodoulou

Educating Essex documentary
by Channel 4



Average salary

£38,400

with a range from
£28,000 to £43,685
37-45 hrs/week



There are multiple pathways you may wish to consider including apprenticeships, higher education courses and school leaver programmes.

If you are looking to apply to university HEON has prepared the following steps to support, you:



If you are considering applying for an apprenticeship a similar application process would be required however you would need to apply directly. You can find out more details about this and a wealth of other information on the HEON Hub at:



Student life LIVING IN HALLS



Annie - The University of Surrey

Like many students, I opted to live in Halls accommodation for my First Year of university and had an en-suite room in a self-catered flat. I shared a kitchen with twelve other people, none of whom did my course. It initially seemed daunting to think I would be living with these people, from different countries with a variety of hobbies, however it was such a brilliant experience. Not only did I learn so much about the different cultures, including some delicious Caribbean recipes, but it was reassuring to know I had people around me who were in the same situation. We also had a Student Life Mentor, a current student at the university, who came round once a week in the first semester to check everything was okay and could answer any questions which seemed too trivial to approach a member of staff about.

As we settled in, it became clear the kitchen would never be too crowded due to our different timetables, sport training and societies. It was rare that I ate on my own however, and even though we tended to cook

individually on a day-to-day basis, we would often have a flat meal together, even if it was something as simple as pizza. Not having catered accommodation meant scheduling time to do food shopping each week, do the cooking and ultimately the washing up afterwards; but personally, it gave me more flexibility about the activities I could do rather than being constrained by fixed mealtimes. It also allows you to develop the life-skill of cooking and whilst it was the first time some people had learnt to boil an egg; it also became clear – in typical student fashion – that microwaves and metal should never mix! Moving away from home teaches you a lot of practical life lessons, such as cleaning and ironing, but it's also a time to make friends for life and despite the balancing-act of sharing fridge space I wouldn't change living in halls for the world, as it's the perfect way to be immersed in campus life...and it's the only year you'll be able to get from your bed to lectures in five minutes!



If you have seen a career you would like to find out more about or would like to look at the full range of options then there is a wealth of information available online. Take a look at some of the links below to find out more.



WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

Different pathways are explained on this interactive webpage.

HEON STUDENTS HUB

A wide variety of resources are available to look at a range of different pathways. There are also profiles from students at a range of Higher Education providers.

START PROFILE

Check out your options, complete activities to explore the world of work and improve your employability.

CAREERPILOT

A page packed with information about lots of different industries.

SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

Explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, apprenticeships, courses and advice.

I THINK I MIGHT LIKE UNIVERSITY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

BRIGHT KNOWLEDGE

Tips on how to choose what to study both at school and university.

WHICH? UNIVERSITY GUIDE

A LEVEL EXPLORER

Put some subjects in and see what pops out - be sure to check the unexpected degree options.

MOVING FROM BTECS TO UNIVERSITY STUDY

Explore your options with BTEC studies.

CAREERPILOT

Packed with information about university, courses and additional info.

UCAS

Search through all university courses here.

WHAT UNI?

Compare university and degree courses with rankings, course details and profiles.

WHAT IF I DON'T THINK UNIVERSITY IS FOR ME?

APPRENTICESHIP FINDER

Search for different apprenticeships in a range of areas with a variety of providers.

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIP

Explore resources, research and apply to apprenticeships.

SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

Find an apprenticeship guide, tips on applying and search for an apprenticeship here.

CAREERPILOT

Use the 'Get Info' menu to find out more about apprenticeships and work based learning.

STUDENT LADDER

Search over 2,500 positions for work experience, internships, apprenticeships and graduate schemes.

The information in the booklet has been collected from a range of sources and all information provided is correct at the time of printing (Jan 2023) and is subject to change without notice. Please do check all details when you apply for any courses.