

# Social and Political Sciences

## Careers Information Sheet

### *Bachelor of Communication*

#### Who thrives in this field?

Students who feel strongly about social justice, human rights and making the world a better place thrive in Social and Political Sciences (SPS). This discipline attracts students who are interested in understanding how society works, why things are as they are, and how governments, civil society organisations and individuals can bring about change. Students that like to combine thinking and doing will do well in this degree.

#### Students who succeed:

- Are interested in the world around them and want to engage with it through practical action
- Have good critical thinking (analytical) skills and care about the world
- Can combine curiosity, care and action to make a real difference

#### Key questions for students

- Do you find yourself asking 'why' there is inequality or other injustices?
- Do you wonder how social issues developed?
- Do you explore different perspectives to understand complex problems?
- Do you ask yourself what you can do to set things right?

#### Myth-busting

**"There are no jobs in Social and Political Sciences"** SPS graduates work in many sectors including all levels of government, community services, advocacy organisations, the corporate sector, unions and more. The combination of theoretical and practical skills, regular engagement with organisations and industry placement ensures that our graduates gain knowledge, skills and a strong network.

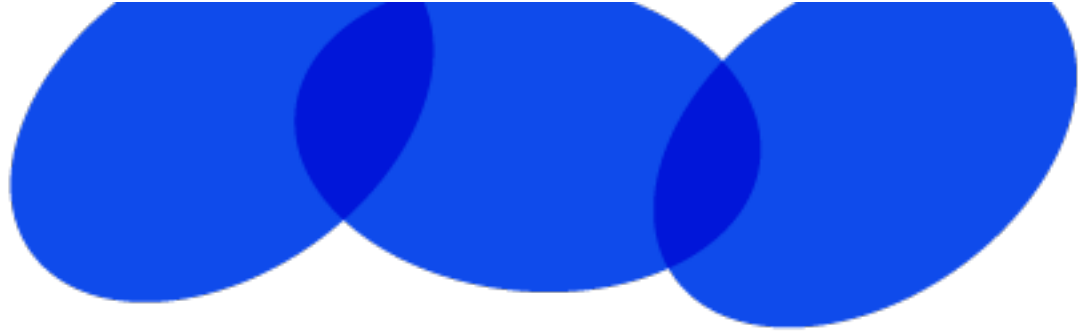
#### **"You can't make good money"**

*Glassdoor, Indeed and Seek* report average starting salary of \$72,000 for a new graduate. The diverse and transferable knowledge base of our graduates opens opportunities for fast career progression (and high salaries). You'll earn a decent salary and gain satisfaction from interesting, meaningful work.

**"AI will replace these jobs"** Analytical and ethical thinking, research skills, problem-solving, creativity and interpersonal skills will always be needed. SPS graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to thrive in dynamic social and political systems.

#### ATAR requirements

Bachelor of Communication in Social and Political Sciences: 72.25  
 Combined B International Studies: 72.65  
 Combined B Laws: 96.10  
 Combined B Creative Intelligence and Innovation: 80.05



## SPS careers

Government Policy Researcher | Advocacy Communications Specialist | Campaign Manager | Community Development Worker | Social Research Analyst | Media Researcher | Project Manager | Public Relations Officer

## What to expect

Students acquire interdisciplinary knowledge spanning politics, history, international studies, sociology, and policy while exploring our changing social and political world through a dynamic blend of social science analysis and communication studies.

First year builds foundational knowledge through “Self and Society” and “Histories of the Present” followed by “Comparing Indigenous Histories and Politics”. Second year deepens analytical skills with “Political Ideas and Change”, “Global Economies”, and “Investigating Urban Change”.

Your final year combines theory with practice through “Policy and Advocacy” culminating in a “Professional Placement” where you apply knowledge in real workplace settings.

## Work integrated learning

**Professional Placement Capstone:** Final semester placement where you conduct interviews, surveys, participant observation, policy analysis, or data analysis in real workplace settings.

**Real-World Projects:** Hands-on experience in social research, advocacy, and policy communication through internships and projects with external organisations.

**Industry Engagement:** Collaborate with community groups, government agencies, and NGOs to build networks and skills.

## Why choose UTS?

**Massive Placement Program:** We place 130+ students annually with partners across government, NGO and private sectors. Many graduates receive job offers after demonstrating their communication and research skills in workplace settings.

**Interdisciplinary Approach:** Unique blend of social science analysis and communication studies spanning politics, history, international studies, sociology, and policy gives graduates versatile skills for diverse career paths.

**Social Impact Focus:** Unique emphasis on working for social change and improved society, with curriculum designed around real-world problem-solving and ethical communication practices.

## Contact information

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**Course websites go live**  
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