

Increased competition for graduate employment

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Graduating from University remains one of life's great achievements for many young people, but for University leavers this year, graduate level jobs are proving difficult to come by.

Fiercer competition means that 47 per cent of recent graduates are working in jobs that don't require a degree, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Choosing the right degree has become increasingly more important for obtaining a graduate level job after university.

The Office for National Statistics report on graduates found that people with a degree in medicine or dentistry had the highest employment rate of all graduates, at 95 per cent, followed by those with media and information studies degrees at 93 per cent.

Courses that directly relate to a specific field of work continue to be a popular choice for students with nursing, agricultural sciences and architecture among the highest employment rates.

The graduate employment rate was lowest for students with humanities degrees along with those who chose to do degrees in the arts, languages and education.

Apart from choosing the right course, gaining relevant work experience is a vital weapon in the fight for postgraduate employment. According to a study of more than 18,000 university leavers, graduates who have work experience or who have done internships during their degree course are three times more likely to land jobs than those who have not. Food for thought...

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