

How will this help me in the future?

The benefits of studying Sociology, Politics and Civics and Citizenship

This fact sheet identifies some of the ways that Civics and Citizenship, Sociology and Politics can support you in the future. It explores how skills and knowledge that you develop in this subject can help your career in surprising ways.

What are Sociology, Politics and Civics and Citizenship?

There are some jobs that are clearly related to what you're studying now. If you want to be a politician or a sociologist, to work for the government or as a solicitor (lawyer), you should be paying attention right now. But no matter what job you're interested in, did you know that you're building skills that will make you really stand out to employers?

Skills like critical thinking, evaluating evidence and using it to support your ideas are highly sought after transferable skills that employers increasingly need.

Critical thinking – the ability to take in detailed information, think deeply about it, ask questions, and suggest practical solutions to challenges – is one of the key employability skills needed in lots of industries and it is something you are building in this class.

Every industry has situations where you need to be able to make sense of new information, problem-solve and communicate your perspective using evidence.

If robots are taking over, who will take over the robots?

Researchers are predicting that a lot of jobs that used to exist will be performed by machines and computers in the future. In fact, this is already happening. What is less often discussed is that employers will need people with the skills to make sure that this is done in a way that benefits, and works well with, people.

Some jobs that have been seen as secure in the past will be less in demand in the future, as suggested by this quote from a business leader:

We are going through the process where software will automate software, automation will automate automation. I would not want to be a CPA right now. I would not want to be an accountant right now. I would rather be a philosophy major.—Mark Cuban, Chairman, AXS TV

Source: Deloitte, 'The value of humanities', <https://www2.deloitte.com/au/en/pages/economics/articles/value-humanities.html>



Things to think about

Discuss in pairs, small groups, in writing or as a class.

Read the quote on the previous page. Why do you think Mark Cuban would say something like that?

- Does this confirm or challenge what you thought about future careers? Why?
- Can you suggest reasons why tech companies might need people skilled in humanities?

Suggested curriculum links

Year 9/10 Civics and Citizenship

Students evaluate a range of factors that sustain democratic societies and analyse ways they can be active and informed citizens in different contexts, taking into account multiple perspectives and ambiguities.

Year 7/8 Civics and Citizenship

Students identify the importance of shared values, explain different points of view, and explain the diverse nature of Australian society.

Careers in Civics and Citizenship

Government and democracy	Laws and citizens	Citizenship, diversity and identity
public policy expert/policymaker	solicitor	community support worker
politician	barrister	sociologist
journalist	judge	criminologist
diplomat	law clerk	development worker
university lecturer/academic	community liaison officer	travel writer
union organiser	campaign manager	psychologist
public relations specialist	police officer	public health worker
lobbyist	social worker	community development worker

This chart identifies the careers that directly relate to the three strands of the Civics and Citizenship curriculum.

