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Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí
Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

Careers with an Arts Degree



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The Benefits from an *Arts Degree*

The University of Galway has an extensive offering of undergraduate courses in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies including our flagship course, the Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours). Studying an Arts degree can enhance your career by providing a strong foundation in critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills that are highly valued across a wide range of industries such as media, business, education, and the arts. Thanks to our innovative approach, we have an extensive portfolio of subjects and a multitude of combinations so you can design your own degree, offering endless possibilities to shape your future. Whether you're aspiring to work in media, psychology, theatre, marketing, teaching, law, or business, an Arts degree from University of Galway is the foundation for any career path that you may choose.

Arts graduates are renowned for their versatility, critical thinking, and independent problem-solving skills, making them amongst the most sought-after and employable professionals worldwide. Arts graduates are trained to approach challenges from multiple perspectives, making them effective in dynamic, evolving work environments. The flexibility of an Arts education allows graduates to pursue careers in a wide range of industries, from traditional professions to emerging fields, giving them a broad scope of employment opportunities. University of Galway place tremendous importance on students' employability, hence our excellent employability ratings.

Designing Your Future

Designing Futures is an educational programme that helps students to deal with today's complexity and uncertainty, and the future world of work. Transdisciplinary modules offer Arts students something new in their university learning experience through innovative coursework. These modules will enhance students' professional skills, broaden their knowledge and offer a more holistic learning experience. Modules are designed by experts from across the university, with input from our enterprise, as well as local community partners. Modules range from design thinking to design your life.

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Reason to Choose an Arts Degree

Studying an arts degree can offer a wide range of benefits, both personally and professionally. Here are 10 reasons why people choose to pursue an arts degree:



1. Creativity and Expression: Arts degrees, such as those in drama, theatre, performance, screen studies, literature and theatre, allow you to explore and express your creativity and find your creative voice. This can be deeply fulfilling for those who are passionate about creating or interpreting art.



2. Critical Thinking: Arts degrees often focus on developing strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills. You analyse and interpret complex ideas, which can sharpen your ability to think deeply, reason logically, and evaluate different perspectives.



3. Communication Skills: Many Arts degrees require writing, presenting, and collaborating with others, which improves your verbal and written communication. These are vital skills in almost every career and life situation.



4. Cultural Awareness and Empathy: Studying subjects like history, sociology, or philosophy helps you understand different cultures, societies, and historical contexts, fostering empathy and a broader world view. This can make you more adaptable in a globalised world.



5. Versatility in Careers: An Arts degree opens doors to a variety of fields like publishing, advertising, media, education, public relations, and more. Many employers value the transferable skills gained from an arts degree.



6. Personal Growth: An Arts degree can be an opportunity for personal growth. It encourages exploration of your values, passions, and perspectives. It can also build confidence in your own abilities, especially when you create something meaningful or complete a challenging project.



8. Interdisciplinary Learning: Arts degrees often allow you to combine subjects from different fields—like philosophy, history, literature, and languages. This interdisciplinary approach fosters a well-rounded education that helps you become adaptable and open-minded.



9. Job Satisfaction: People who pursue an Arts degree often find careers that align with their personal interests, which can lead to greater job satisfaction and happiness. Working in an area you love, whether it's art, writing, or teaching, can be rewarding on a deeper level more than just financial compensation.



10. Study what you Love: Ultimately, an Arts degree offers a chance to immerse yourself in topics you're passionate about, develop a wide range of skills, and explore career paths that align with your personal interests and values.

Employability Skills gained from Arts degree: Analysis, Critical thinking, Written and Verbal Communication, Research, Creativity, Innovation, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Empathy, Cultural Awareness and Emotional Intelligence

Career Development Centre and Employability Supports

The Career Development Center provides Arts students with a quality career guidance and information service focused on facilitating and empowering students to manage their career development and make effective career transitions. University of Galway is the only Irish University to have a Global Employability Team, for students that wish to expand their global reach.

Example of Job Readiness workshops

- Job Searching Strategies
- Job Applications
- CV & Interview Skills
- LinkedIn – make most of your profile
- Build your brand
- Transition to Employment programme for students with disabilities
- Spotlight on career sectors
- Get Graduate Fair ready
- Elevator Pitch
- Build your personal brand
- AI and Recruitment process

Events Matrix: Published every two weeks on Careers Connect, Social Media platforms and email

Job Opportunities Portal

- 1,481 internships and graduate roles advertised
- Graduate Outcomes Dashboard

Students and recent graduates can use [Careers Connect](#) to view upcoming [events](#) and job / internship / funding opportunities

Employment Resources and Opportunities on Campus

- Browse list of opportunities with your degree by subject area on the Career Development Centre Sharepoint
- Graduate Careers Websites
- Gradireland Degree Searches
- Expand knowledge of career options by browsing profiles on Prospects.

Employers on the Campus

There are also many opportunities to connect with prospective employers on campus through the calendar of events including:

- Graduate Fairs
- Sector Specific Job Markets
- Employer of the Week
- Employer Presentations
- Placement Advisory Sessions
- Employability Skills Sessions
- Guest Lectures for Careers Education
- Graduate Panels





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EMPLOYABILITY AWARD

Get Involved. Get Experience. Get Noticed.

Career Development Centre *Supports*

Career Development Centre

1 Careers & Employability Team

- Career Guidance
- Global Employability Advice
- Employability and Skills events
- Careers Education
- Graduate Support 3 years
- Digital Toolkit- AI Tools for CV and Interviews
- Virtual Information Library
- Careers & Employability Module



2 Work Based Learning

- Support 60 programmes, both Undergraduate and Postgraduate
- Work Placements/Internships
- 2,200+ Students
- 5000+ employers
- Disability Support
- Supported by a Placement Officer

3 Employability Award

- 2800+ Awards completed since 2018
- Build and Articulate Employability Skills
- CV and Interview Preparation
- Stand Out to Employers
- Diploma Supplement

4 Employer Engagement

- Graduate Jobs Career Fairs
- Job Markets by Sector
- Employer of the Week
- Graduate Recruitment
- Jobs Database (Graduate, Internship, and Part-Time Jobs)



Our BA(Joint-Honours) Graduates

Brendan Winters, from Gort, Co. Galway
Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Brendan Winters from Gort, Co. Galway completed the Bachelor of Art Joint Honours. In first year he studied German, History and Archaeology. In second year Brendan progress with History and Archaeology. Upon completing the 3-year, joint honours degree programme Brendan graduated job offers rolled in, he has secured a 2-year contract with a cultural heritage consultancy working on the new Limerick to Foynes bypass.



Mary Byrnes, from Co. Galway
Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Mary Byrnes from Co. Galway completed a Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours. Her first Year Subjects included, french, leann An Aistruchain and Gaeilge
Second Year subjects included french and Leann An Aistruchain. In third year, Mary completed ERASMUS - English-language teaching assistant in Savoie, Mont Blanc. On Graduation, Mary taught English at Université de Bretagne Sud, Lorient. Mary is currently employed as an Irish-language Editor at the Publications Office of the EU in Luxemburg.



Katelyn Hayes from Co. Limerick
Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Katelynn from Co. Limerick completed a Bachelor of Arts, Joint Honours, Her first Year Subjects were Mathematical Studies, Irish and Léann na Cumarsáide
Second Year subjects were Mathematical Studies and Irish. On Graduation Katelyn completed an MA Professional Practice in Media and also completed a Work Placement with RTÉ and TG4. Katelyn is currently working as a Tuairisceoir / Reporter le Nuacht Cúla4



Our Bachelor of Arts Graduates

Cliódhna Hallissey

Bachelor of Arts Drama, Theatre and Performance

Cliódhna completed the Bachelor of Arts, Drama, Theatre and Performance. She studied took the BA Drama, Theatre and Performance and the subject English. On graduation Cliódhna became a Costume Designer with Abbey Theatre, and also a Costume Designer and Supervisor with Druid Theatre. She has toured worldwide with Druid Theatre company to include NYC.



Dean Kenny, from Co. Mayo

Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education)

During his studies Dean also served as the President University of Galway Students' Union, acting as the Chief spokesperson and representative of over 20,000 students at University of Galway, as well as a member of Governing Authority, Academic Council and multiple other committees. On graduation he took up the position as a Political Assistant, Houses of the Oireachtas.



Aoife Geraghty

Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing)

Aoife studied the BA English and Creative Writing and also studied Gaeilge as an additional subject. Aoife attended Boston College on the year abroad. After graduation, Aoife joined the Jameson International Graduate Programme as a Brand Ambassador and is currently a Marketing Executive.



Where your Arts Degree can *take you!*

The benefits of an Arts degree included transferable skills that can be applied across multiple industries and roles. Graduates have the ability to adapt quickly to new concepts, with a heightened awareness of social and cultural issues, with a broad knowledge base and ability to work in different sectors.

Opportunities are vast and graduates may pursue an extensive array of careers including:

Careers in Creative Industries including:

- Journalism
- Creative Directors
- Advertising & Marketing
- Radio, Film and TV production
- Publishing
- Broadcast Engineer
- Podcast Producer
- PR and communications
- Social Media and Content Development
- Sales and Marketing
- Editors
- Brand Strategist
- Copywriter

Careers in Psychology including:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counselling Psychologist
- Educational Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Occupational Psychologist
- Consumer Psychologist
- Sports Psychologist
- Health Promotion
- Employee Relations Officer
- Social Worker
- Youth/Community Worker
- Human Resources
- Research
- Marketing
- Academic Researcher

Careers in Languages including:

- Translating and Interpreting
- Education
- Finance
- Business Consultancy
- Tourism
- Government and International Development
- Research
- Social Impact Sector
- Media
- Marketing
- Public Sector

Careers in Social Impact including:

- Support Worker in Child, Youth and Family Development
- Early needs education
- Community Development
- Health Promotion
- International Relations
- International Aid Officer
- Public Advocacy
- Play Therapy
- Speech and Language
- School completion officers
- Domestic Violence Children Support
- Youth Support Services
- NGO Project Co-ordinators
- Foreign Affairs
- NGO Manager

Careers in Geography and Archaeology including:

- Academic Researcher
- Archaeologist
- Cartographer
- Climatologist
- Community Development Officer
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Educator
- Geographical Information Systems Specialist
- Geospatial Analyst
- Heritage Manager
- Land Surveyor
- Museum Curator
- Planning and Development

Careers in Education and Humanities:

- Archivist
- Librarian
- Author/Writer Behavior Analyst
- Camp Director
- Childcare Worker
- Classroom Teacher
- Curriculum Developer
- Curator
- Educational Consultant
- Educational Psychologist
- ESL Teacher (English as a Second Language)
- Guidance Counselor
- Historian
- Politics
- Teaching/Teaching Support
- Trade Union

Careers with Arts

These careers leverage skills like creativity, communication, analysis, and critical thinking, all of which are developed through an Arts education, opening up a wealth of prospective careers.

- Academic
- Archivist
- Careers in Law
- Creative Industries
- Event Management
- Heritage/Tourism Sector
- Human Resources
- Journalism
- Learning and Development
- Linguistics
- Marketing/Digital Marketing
- Multimedia
- Political Assistant
- Publishing & Copyright
- Public Relations
- Psychologists
- Researcher
- Social Researcher
- Sales & Customer Support
- Social Media Manager
- Welfare Officer
- Actor
- Advertising Executive
- Art Director
- Banking
- Content Strategist
- Cultural Advisor
- Costume Designer
- Editor
- Event Coordinator
- Film/Video Editor
- Graphic Designer
- Historian
- Human Resources Specialist
- Journalist
- Librarian
- Marketing Coordinator
- Museum Curator
- Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Social Media Manager
- Teacher/Professor
- Writer/Author
- Information Officer
- Probation/Prison Service
- Agricultural Geographer
- Climate Scientist
- Demographer
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Educator
- Fisheries Scientist
- Geographer
- Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Grant Writer
- Hydrologist
- Local government
- Marine Spatial Planner
- Meteorologist
- Natural Resource Manager
- Regional Planner
- Risk Manager
- Soil Scientist
- Social Planning
- Sustainability Consultant
- Technical Writer
- Technical Officer
- Transportation Planner
- Urban Planner

