



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

*Your Career with
an Arts Degree*

Careers with Classics



Classics graduates and the employment market

Classics students acquire a wide range of skills and qualities that are valuable in many professions.

With three main strands to studying Classics at NUI Galway - languages, the history of ideas, and visual art- students gain a sophisticated ability to understand another culture and the past. Other skills acquired include:

- Appreciation of the historical, social, cultural and political context of classical civilisation
- The ability to understand a range of viewpoints and critical approaches
- Ability to use and combine diverse sources of evidence
- Ability to use methodologies to collect, quantify, analyse and interpret data
- Engage in analytical, evaluative and lateral thinking
- Command techniques, such as research skills, use of statistics, philosophical argument and judgement
- Produce logical arguments supported by evidence
- Communication skills – oral and written
- IT, information retrieval and presentation skills
- Skills in translation and the ability to apply modern foreign language skills

*Source: "Degrees of Skill: Student Employability Profiles"
The Higher Education Academy.*



Typical jobs for Classics graduates...

Classics graduates find employment in diverse fields. Here are some of the most popular career destinations for our Classics graduates:

*Researcher • Archaeologist • Archivist • Librarian
Curator • Heritage Officer • Publisher • Literary Editor
Diplomatic Service • Teacher • Law • Accountant
Journalist • Education Officer • Tourism • Publishing*

Note: Further qualifications may be needed for certain positions. This list is a sample of positions available.

Career Destinations of our Classics Graduates

It is useful to know what fellow graduates have done after obtaining their degree at NUI Galway. The following are some of the roles our Classics graduates took up after graduation:

*Television Presenter and Researcher, RTE
Legal and Business Affairs Assistant, Parallel Film Productions Ltd
Hotel Receptionist, Athlone
Hotel Management, K Club, Co. Kildare
Graduate Analyst Programme, Bank of Ireland
Primary Teacher, International School of Choueifat-Dubai-UAE
Primary School Teacher, Primary School-Pusan-South Korea*

Source: NUI Galway First Destinations Survey

Boosting your employability as a Classics Graduate

Classics students pursue a variety of careers and can work in local government, cultural organisations, heritage organisations including museums, libraries, business organisations and more.

All these careers require the skills of research, analysis, and writing, for which a Classics degree is excellent preparation.

Work experience is also a key issue and any experience you have to add to your CV will be a bonus.

The Career Development Centre at NUI Galway has some reference books that may help find work experience and some of the websites listed at the end of this leaflet also offer many opportunities.

There are some publications that may help keep you up-to-date. These publications also have many advertisements from companies and consultancies and so can help also with job search and may be available to reference in the careers library.



What Postgraduate Courses do Classics Graduates do?

For certain career choices, employers may look for candidates with further qualifications and training. Our Classics graduates frequently choose one of the following postgraduate programmes at NUI Galway:



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| MA (Classics) | HDip Business Studies |
| MA (Cultural Colonialism) | HDip Education (restrictions apply) |
| MLitt | MA (Film Studies) |
| MA (Drama and Theatre Studies) | MA (Irish Studies) |
| LLB | MLitt |

Other postgraduate programmes undertaken by previous Classics graduates include:

- Masters in International Business, DIT
- Masters in Interactive Media, UCC
- Masters in Environmental / Urban Planning, QUB



For information on studying in Ireland and studying abroad with useful links for many countries worldwide visit:

www.nuigalway.ie/careers

www.postgradireland.com also has useful information on postgraduate courses in Ireland,

www.prospects.ac.uk is an excellent site for researching opportunities in the UK and

<http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/> covers the EU.

What our students say...



Sarah Corrigan

BA Classics and English, MA in Medieval Studies, currently undertaking a PhD in Classics

Immediately after college I became an in-house visual merchandiser with the fashion retail chain, Monsoon / Accessorize. Having a degree in Arts prepared trained me to work to deadlines with a clear sense of how to break down and schedule tasks. It provided me with the ability to identify efficient and practical solutions to problems as they arose. Perhaps most importantly, it developed my confidence in my skills and abilities, allowing me to use them to their greatest capacity in the workplace. The interdisciplinary nature of Classics allowed me to deepen my knowledge of languages and literature by adding the dimensions of history and material culture. Classics was the basis from which I later went on to more advanced studies in medieval literatures.

Studying Classics and English benefited me in numerous ways. Both subjects required me to develop my ability to clearly communicate with others, to assess issues critically and to base my conclusions on evidence. These attributes enable me to be a productive member of any team, and to contribute constructively in many environments. I feel that the range of topics and areas covered by Classics in particular provided me with an ability to assess any given task or project comprehensively, taking all relevant aspects into consideration.

Where can I find out more?

The following websites contain relevant, interesting information on career opportunities with a degree in Classics

www.nuigalway.ie/faculties_departments/classics/

EUROPE

Institute of Classical Studies <http://icls.sas.ac.uk/>

Classics Web www.classics.ac.uk

The Higher Education Academy www.heacademy.ac.uk/hca/classics

ABROAD

American Philological Association www.apaclassics.org

National Committee for Latin and Greek www.promotelatin.org

GENERAL STUDENT/GRADUATE WEBSITES

Career Development Centre, degree opportunities: www.nuigalway.ie/careers/students/degreeopp.html

Gradireland www.gradireland.com

Prospects UK Classics profile www.prospects.ac.uk/options_classics_your_skills.htm

www.jobs.ac.uk [academic jobs, fellowships etc UK, Europe and worldwide]