



*Your Career with
an Arts Degree*

Careers with Irish Studies



Irish Studies graduates and the employment market

Irish Studies students, through an interdisciplinary degree, gain a wide range of transferable skills and qualities sought by employers in a rapidly changing and competitive workplace. Students of Irish Studies spend a semester abroad in an international partner institution and also a semester devoted to independent research. Skills acquired throughout the degree programme include:

- Appreciation of the historical, social, cultural and political context of Ireland
- Use of methodologies to collect, quantify, analyse and interpret data
- Communication skills – oral and written
- Original and critical thinking
- Ability to work independently, be self-motivated and self-directed
- IT, information retrieval and presentation skills
- Sensitive to different cultures and can deal with new situations
- Organisational and time management skills
- Excellent editing and research skills

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



Typical jobs for Irish Studies graduates

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

*Teacher • Publisher • Lecturer • Scriptwriter • Tour Guide
Librarian • Editor • Researcher • Civil servant • Advertising
Translator • Heritage Officer • Legal Assistant • Journalist
Copywriter • Arts Administrator • Public Relations
Presenter, Producer - television and radio*

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

Career Destinations of our Irish Studies Graduates

It is useful to know what fellow graduates have done after obtaining their degree at NUI Galway. A significant percentage of graduates proceed to further studies and have been successful in obtaining prestigious fellowships for PhD research at Irish and international universities, including Boston College, the University of Notre Dame, New York University, Queen's University Belfast and many others.

The following are some of the roles our Irish Studies graduates took up after graduation:

- *Journalist with the Irish Times*
- *Diplomatic Service at the Irish Embassy in Japan*
- *Secondary School teaching in Ireland and the United Kingdom*
- *Director of Marketing*
- *Bookseller*
- *Public Relations*
- *University Administrator, New York, Dublin*
- *University Lecturer*
- *Executive Director, Fulbright Commission*

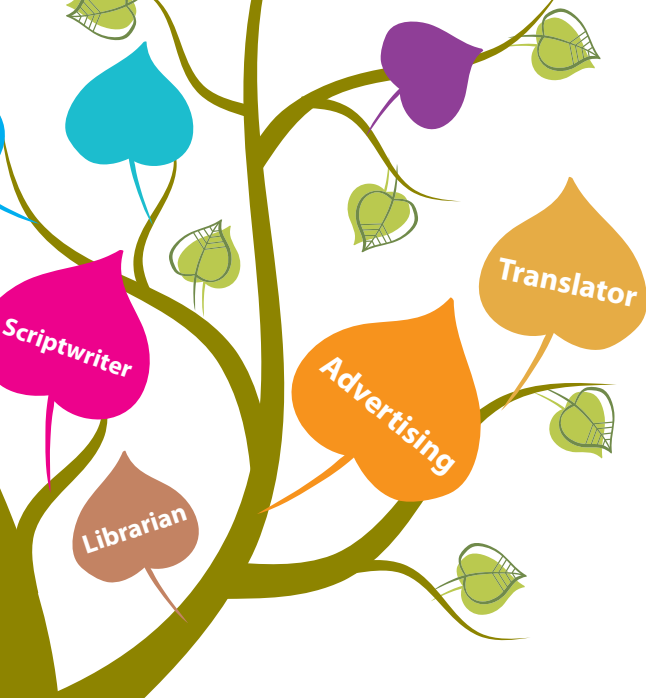
Source: NUI Galway First Destinations Survey

Boosting your employability with Irish Studies

Irish Studies graduates may find employment in a variety of areas depending on their skills and experience. Some graduates chose to work in writing-related fields including journalism, technical writing, publishing, public relations, and advertising.

Work experience is also a key issue and any work 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.



What Postgraduate Courses do Irish Studies Graduates do?

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

- MA (Irish Studies)
- MA (Gaeilge)
- MA (History)
- LLB
- MA (Journalism)
- MA (Literature and Publishing)
- MA (Writing)
- MA (Education)
- MA (Film Studies)
- MA (Drama and Theatre Studies)
- Structured PhD (Irish Studies, History, English, Gaeilge)
- Traditional PhD (Irish Studies, History, English, Gaeilge)



Other postgraduate programmes undertaken by previous Irish Studies graduates include:

HDip Education
 PhD Arts
 Ard-Diplóma i gCumarsáid Fheidhmeach
 LLB
 Diplóma sa Ghaeilge
 Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Education



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...



Hannah Healy
Bachelor of Arts

"There are many reasons why I chose to attend NUI Galway. It's a great campus with a fun atmosphere and many events taking place! I chose to study Arts because it gives you a wide variety of subjects to choose from, so it seemed the best option for me. I hope to do a postgraduate programme in Public Relations once I'm finished.

Being from Galway, I enjoyed the comfort of always being welcomed by a familiar face. Having said that I still wanted the other advantage of college life, meeting new people and getting involved in all the great clubs and societies NUI Galway had to offer. In first year I joined the Surf Club and went on numerous weekend and day trips throughout the year and the craic you have on those is unbelievable!

NUI Galway is a great university with such friendly open-minded people and I'm sure whoever decides to attend Galway will love it as much as I do."

Where can I find out more?

NUI Galway Centre for Irish Studies http://www.nuigalway.ie/centre_irish_studies/

NUI Galway Centre for Irish Studies Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/NUIGalwayCentreforIrishStudies?fref=ts>

James Hardiman Library Archives Service, NUI Galway

<http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/collections/archives/>

The National Archives of Ireland - <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

The National Library of Ireland - <http://www.nli.ie/>

ICTM - International Council of Traditional Music (Ireland) - <http://www.ictm.ie/>

EUROPE

EFACIS - <http://www.efacis.org/?seite=start>

BAIS - British Association of Irish Studies - <http://sites.brunel.ac.uk/bais/>

ABROAD

ACIS - American Conference of Irish Studies <http://www.acisweb.com/index.php>

IACI - Irish American Cultural Institute - <http://www.iaci-usa.org/>

ISAANZ - Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand - <http://isaanz.org/>

