



NUI Galway
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Your Arts Degree
at NUI Galway

Secondary
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Your
Dream
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Solicitor

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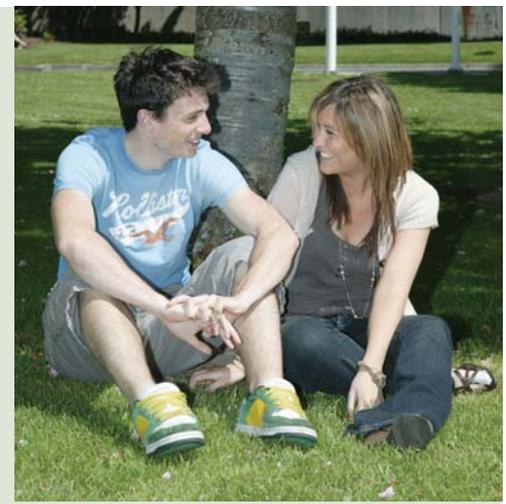
Shape

your
own
Future

Bachelor of Arts Degree



www.nuigalway.ie/courses/undergraduate-courses/arts.html



Why Study

a Bachelor of Arts Degree at NUI Galway?

The Bachelor of Arts degree is NUI Galway's most popular undergraduate degree programme.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) graduates are amongst the most employable graduates in the world because of their versatility and ability to think critically. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) provides students with a unique opportunity to develop a mix of intellectual skills and knowledge and interpersonal competence that is needed in a constantly changing or evolving workforce. Arts graduates are not locked into a skill that may become redundant; they are flexible, multi-skilled and critical thinkers. They understand the challenges of globalisation, the evolving workforce, changing working environment and are able to adapt to this.

The Arts degree at NUI Galway offers you an education that combines intellectual thinking - analysis, critical thinking, research, teamwork, written and oral communication skills and creativity, with applied learning.

Course Facts

Course name:	Bachelor of Arts (Omnibus Entry & International route)
Course level:	8
CAO Code:	GY101
Entry Points (average):	340
Duration:	3 years (BA) or 4 years (BA International)
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O Level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

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Shape your own Future

One of the key attractions of studying Arts is the wide subject choice on offer, which allows you to build a foundation for your future career, without limiting yourself to a particular field. You can choose to continue studying subjects that you enjoyed at school and/or embrace new challenges.

In First Year, you get the opportunity to study four subjects which you must select from a menu of 20. In Second Year, you then narrow down your subject choices to the two which interest you most. Therefore, an Arts degree gives you the opportunity to choose your own unique combination of subjects, allowing you to shape your own future.

How an Arts degree can increase your employability

Employers are currently looking for the following skills:

- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Teamwork
- Presentation skills
- Leadership skills
- Organisational skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Numeracy skills
- Languages and logistics
- Languages and marketing/sales
- Finance and quantitative modelling
- Law and finance

Not only does the Arts degree provide you with the opportunity to mix and match subjects to fit those sought after by employers, but it also provides you with the right mix of skills and qualifications to help you make a valuable contribution to the workplace.

Careers with an Arts degree

Arts graduates pursue careers in many sectors. Some of these careers are traditional ones like teaching and administration, but others care more vocational and professional including:

- Law
- Psychology
- Business
- Marketing
- Public relations
- Translation and interpreting
- Journalism and media
- Social Care
- Translation
- Finance

Find out more:

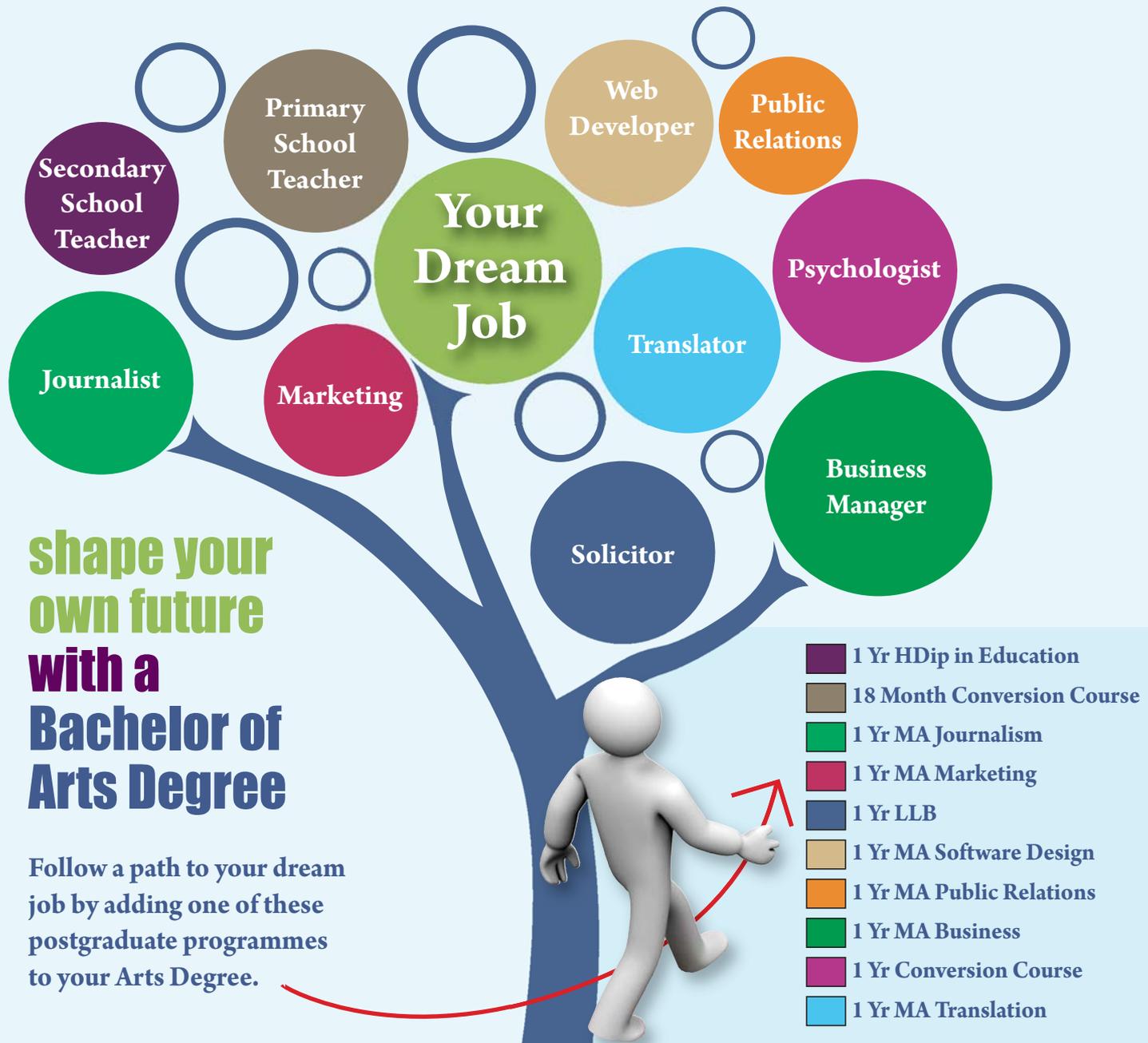
www.nuigalway.ie/careers/students/opp_arts.html
and You Tube link "Your career with an Arts degree at NUI Galway"

NUI Galway gives students a real-world experience, which increases their employability and equips them for their future careers.

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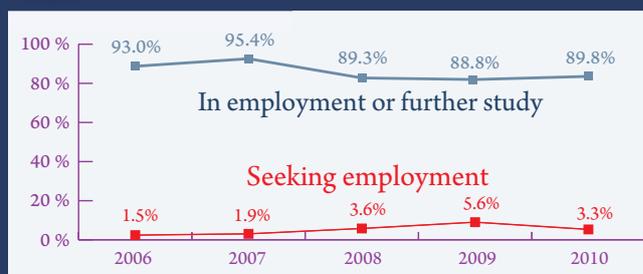
Your Career Path with an Arts Degree

On completion of the BA, students can either go straight into employment or choose to specialise in a variety of professions by doing a one-year Masters. In just three to four years, you can secure your dream job.



Employment of Arts Graduates

After graduation, Arts graduates enter a wide variety of employment, partly because of the range of skills and knowledge they have developed. Employers often find that they are better suited to the requirements of a modern job market than those with a narrower qualification.



Arts graduates understand the challenges of globalisation, the evolving workforce, changing working environment and are able to adapt to this.

Graduate Profiles



David Woods • Bachelor of Arts Graduate

"I completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Legal Science at NUI Galway in 2006. I followed the BA with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 2007, also at NUI Galway, and a Masters in Environment and Development in 2008 at the University of Edinburgh.

The Bachelor of Arts degree at NUI Galway provided me with a solid and broad base from which to begin a career in international development, humanitarian work, and across the public sector in general. The economics and legal science courses are rigorous and holistic, which provided me with practical and transferrable skills.

Since then, I have worked for the United Nations Environment Programme as a Government Affairs Intern in Washington, DC and as a Research Assistant in Geneva. I have also worked as a Consultant at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Geneva, and as a Junior Fellow at the UN University in New York. I am currently working as a Programme Officer for OCHA in Geneva and will soon be moving to Zalingei, Darfur to work as a Humanitarian Affairs Officer, also for OCHA."



Marie Mannion • Heritage Officer, Galway County Council,

"I would highly recommend NUI Galway's Bachelor of Art degree to any prospective student. I completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at NUI Galway, which provided me with a broad and rounded educational experience from an academic and social perspective. This degree gave me an excellent foundation on which to build my career.

In my current position as the Heritage Officer at Galway County Council, I work extensively with local community groups, heritage professionals and local authority staff. The knowledge and transferrable skills that I gained during my study at NUI Galway has greatly assisted me in my role. In addition, as my role involves communicating with local community groups, individuals and the general public, the excellent interpersonal and communications skills that I gained is fundamental part of my role.

I also have made life long friends from my time in NUI Galway and I think that the University's ethos, its emphasis on real learning and the calibre and reputation of the Bachelor of Arts degree at NUI Galway has served me very well throughout my career."



Terry Fahy • Principal - Yeats College, Galway and Waterford

"I studied English, History and Geography for my Arts degree at NUI Galway and enjoyed the course immensely. After my degree I went into the teaching profession, and four years after graduating opened a senior cycle private College, Yeats College.

Yeats College employs over sixty academic staff and is now one of Ireland's largest and most successful private Colleges, and my time at NUI Galway certainly put me on the right road to that success.

Having an Arts background helped me to enhance my communication, presentation and decision-making skills, which are vital to the teaching profession, but are also essential in the management role I have now.

These days I find myself advising many Leaving Cert students on their career paths and I have no hesitation in recommending Arts. It is a wonderful platform degree that can take you anywhere, and Arts graduates are well-rounded and capable individuals with a skill set that every employer values.

The future is I believe, all about the ability to make good, well-evaluated decisions and an Arts degree can deliver this to you."



Joanne Sweeney-Burke • Bachelor of Arts Graduate

"My BA in English, Sociology and Politics from NUI Galway was the launch-pad for my career path. It led me to Journalism and PR and ultimately to a very successful career in communications in the private sector.

I hold my primary degree with great pride as it set me on a path of great exploration and appreciation for education. NUI Galway is like a home from home. They nurture your education like a parent, but they drive your ambition like an employer.

I continued my education with NUI Galway by studying PR and Journalism at Postgraduate Diploma and Masters level. I got a job as a broadcast journalist immediately after graduating."

Some familiar faces who studied Arts at NUI Galway



Seán O'Rourke
RTÉ Broadcaster



Harry McGee,
Irish Times Journalist



Will Leahy,
2 FM DJ



Mick Lally
Actor



Gráinne Seoige
Television Presenter



Michael D. Higgins
President of Ireland



Garry Hynes
Founder and Director,
Druid Theatre Company



Eamon Gilmore
Tánaiste and Minister for
Foreign Affairs and Trade

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