



What can you do with an Arts degree?

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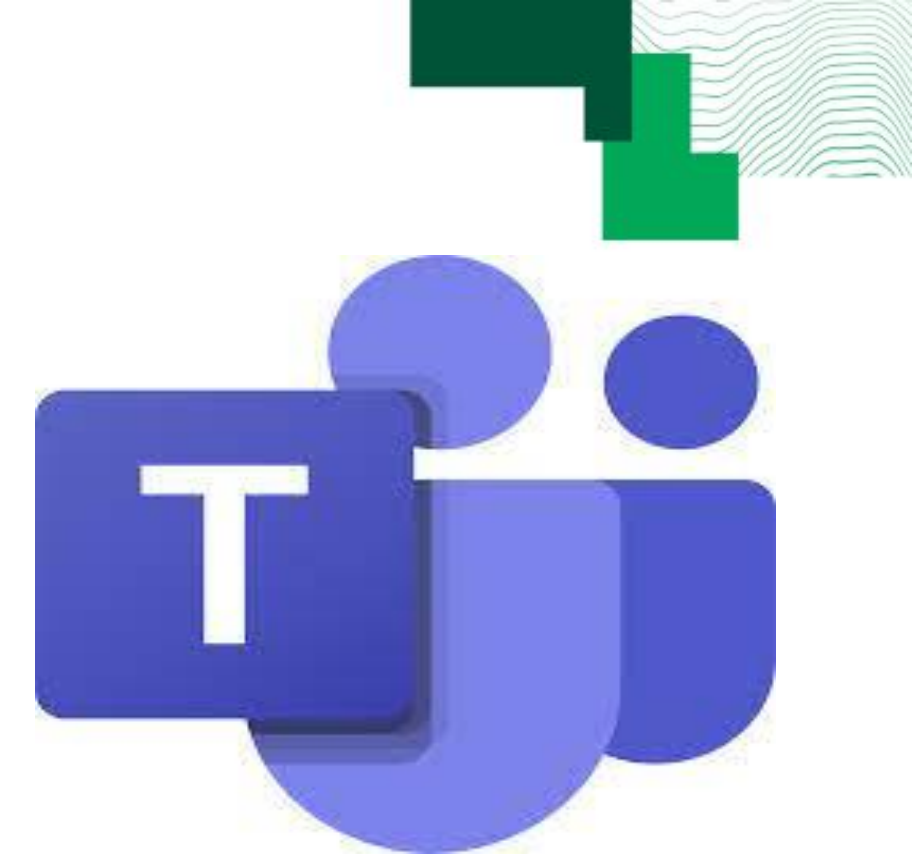


UL Careers Service: How can we help you?

- Weekly appointments with a Careers Advisor (face to face and online) <https://careersconnect.ul.ie/home.html>

Careers advice, appointments and live webinars every week

- Creating and updating your CV
- Updating your LinkedIn profile
- Psychometric Tests
- Preparing for interviews
 - Competency Interviews
 - Strengths Based Interviews
 - How to answer tricky interview questions
- The Job Search
- Researching Postgraduate options
- Preparing and personal statement for postgraduate study
- Identifying your skills and values
- Virtual Employer webinars



Today's session

- The career planning cycle
- What can you do with an Arts degree?
- Popular careers for arts and humanities graduates
- Postgraduate study
- Graduate programmes and jobs





Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Jade Kelly

- BA in English and History 2016-2020
- Plan to go into post primary teaching
- MA in English 2020-2022
- Skill set from Arts degrees
- PHD opportunities

Career Planning Cycle



What can you do with your Arts degree?

Your thoughts?



BA Arts (Joint Hons)

Jobs after graduation

- Peter McVerry Trust, Graduate Programme
- IBEC Global Graduates programme – Tourism Ireland
- Teacher, Middle East (SABIS Schools)(multiple)
- Student Union Representative, UL
- Branch Official, AIB
- Teaching Assistant, France
- Clerical Officer
- Housing First Project Worker, Mid West Simon Community
- Customer Service Advisor, Laya Healthcare
- Administration, UL
- Brand Ambassador (Irish Whiskey Co-UK and Germany)
- Insurance broker
- Administrator
- Business Development Executive, Essential French Cork
- Community Support Representative, Uber

BA Arts (Joint Hons)

Postgraduate Study

- MA Psychology
- PME Education (Languages)
- PME Maths
- PME Primary teaching
- MSc Economics and Policy Analysis
- Masters Financial Services
- Masters in Project Management
- Graduate Diploma in Journalism
- MA Media Studies
- MA History
- Master of Arts in English
- Master of Arts in Technical Communication and E-Learning
- Master of Arts in Gender, Culture and Society
- MA English
- MA TESOL
- MA Public Administration
- LLM Criminal Justice

Lots of careers.....

- Public Sector: civil service; gardai; army; local authorities
- Education: teaching, lecturing, research...
- Community work, international development
- Health: psychology, social work, medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, creative arts therapies
- Use your languages... international careers across the globe
- Publishing, editing, journalism
- Performance, event management
- Broadcasting: media, radio and TV production....
- Business: marketing, finance, banking, law, insurance, accounting....
- IT, software, design,.....



What does this mean for you?



- Career direction can depend upon subject choice: Public Administration, Economics, History, Maths, Music, Geography, Music, Psychology, Sociology, French, Irish, etc.
- But.. You don't have to go by your subject area, unless it's of specific interest
- Keep your options open
- You may have to do further study or get more or 'relevant' work experience, or do a 'conversion course'

Postgraduate Conversion Courses

- Taught postgraduate courses that allow graduates to ‘**convert**’ to a new discipline
- Most subject areas, but high concentration in **business, arts and computing and health sciences**
- Usually 1-2 years duration (can be longer)
- E.g. One Year MA Psychology (UL) conversion course for students from non PSI accredited degrees (BA Arts)
- Medicine, Physiotherapy, SLT and OT
- Business/Finance
- Primary Teaching
- LLB (Law)
- IT/ Computing



Choosing a Postgraduate Course

- Taught or Research
 - Taught: Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Masters
 - Research: Masters or PhD
- Modes of Study
 - Full time/ Part time/ Distance/Online/Blended
- Job Prospects
 - Specialist knowledge and skills, research, data analysis, technical/languages
 - Some employers target postgraduate qualifications
 - Increased networking opportunities and contacts



Some popular career entry routes

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position

- **Post Primary Teaching** – you need to have at least one subject to be recognised by the Teaching Council (plus a two year masters degree)
- **Primary Teaching**- Irish requirement
- **Psychology/Social work**- postgraduate study (and relevant experience)
- **Health Sciences**- Medicine, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy (2-4yr postgrad courses; special entrance exam, degrees from any discipline)
- **Business/Law/IT** – conversion courses available after your degree

Psychology careers with a non PSI accredited BA Degree

(PSI: Psychological Society of Ireland)

To become a professional psychologist:

- Complete your undergraduate degree E.g. BA Arts with Psychology and (..... another subject)
- Complete a one year MA Psychology to get your PSI accreditation
<https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/psychology-ma>

You can still train to be a psychologist if you don't have a psychology degree

- complete a two year conversion course to get your PSI accreditation
<https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/accredited-courses/PSI-Accredited-Undergraduate-Courses-4>
- <https://www.ul.ie/gps/psychology-diploma> one year diploma in Psychology in UL and then one year MA Psychology
- Plus lots of relevant work experience (assistant psychologist)
- Then you can apply for a doctorate in Clinical, Educational, Counselling Psychology



Post Primary Teaching

A four year undergraduate degree with **at least one** specific subject and a two year masters degree called a PME (Postgraduate Masters in Education)

- UL- Business, Languages, Maths, Music, Science, PE, Technological Education
- Other universities – Postgraduate Applications Centre <https://v2.pac.ie/institute/10>
- Important: your undergraduate degree needs to meet the requirements of the Teaching Council <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/pme/applying-in-2022-for-a-place-on-a-professional-master-of-education-pme-.html>



Subject Declaration Forms for post primary teaching

You need to complete an SDF for each subject you want to teach. **Each subject has different requirements**

E.g.

- Degree qualification with History
- Teaching Council: Subject Declaration Form: For all post primary subjects
- <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/pme/applying-in-2022-for-a-place-on-a-professional-master-of-education-pme.html>

Professional Master of Education - Subject Declaration Form Page 4 of 5

History

If you are in the final year of your degree or completing further studies to enable you to meet the Teaching Council's registration requirements for a curricular subject, you can record details of these ongoing studies, including module title(s) and ECTS credit weighting(s) in the grid below, provided all relevant studies are successfully completed prior to taking up a place on the PME.

Please answer questions 1-4 below and insert module code(s), module title(s) and ECTS credit values as required.

1	Is your degree equivalent to a least a Level 8 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2	Does your degree carry a minimum of 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3	Do your studies in History carry a minimum of 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
4	Do your studies of History include the specific study of Irish History?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

In relation to questions 3 and 4 above, please list below the code(s), title(s) and ECTS credit values for each module studied.

Essential Areas of Study

Area of Study: Irish History		
Module Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Value

Primary Teaching

- You can apply with any degree discipline (2.2 degree)
- For September 2023 entry, the Leaving Certificate minimum requirements for the PME will be as follows:-Irish - H4; English - H7 or O4; Maths - H7 or O4
- Candidates wishing to apply for the PME Programme will be required to take an Oral Irish exam **before applying** for the programme.
<https://www.teg.ie/>
- A minimum of 65% must be obtained in the TEG exam to be eligible to apply for the PME Programme. Applicants for the PME must achieve the 65% or higher *prior* to the closing date for PME applications to satisfy the entry requirements.



Want to improve your Irish Language Skills?

- Aonadh na Gaeilge, UL: Irish language evening classes
<https://ulsites.ul.ie/aonadnagaeilge/irish-language-evening-courses-spring-2023>

Jobs for language graduates

EPSO (European Personnel Selection office) are currently struggling to find the right candidates.

- Must be a EU citizen, speak at least two languages
- Many disciplines: Law, Finance, Translation, Policy, European Administration, ICT

For more info:

- <https://www.europeanmovement.ie/programmes/grad-jobs-in-europe/#greenbook>

Peig.ie website for Irish language jobs in Ireland and around the world

<https://peig.ie/foluntais/>

- Administration
- Broadcasting/radio presenters
- Institutions of the European Union



Where are UL Graduates working?

<https://www.linkedin.com/school/universityoflimerick>

Anyone using LinkedIn?


Replying to @ChrisJBakke and @LenMarkidan


This guy had it better.

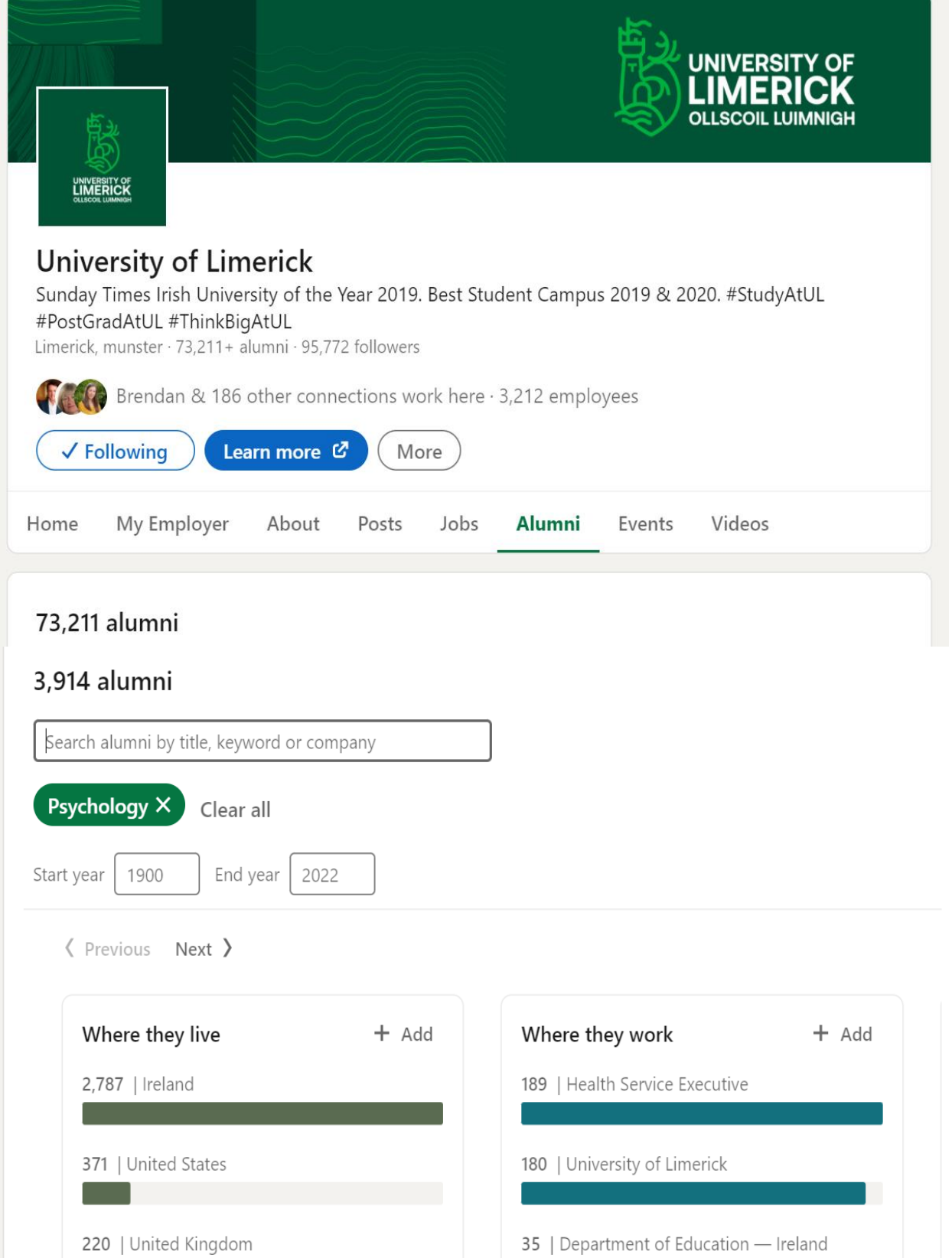
← Education

 **MIT Sloan School of Management**
Attended a luncheon for prospective MBA candidates. (Never applied.)
2011

 **Harvard University**
60 minute campus tour. (Was not accepted.)
2007

 **Stanford University**
45 minute campus tour. Also attended a football game. (Was not accepted.)
2007

 **Yale University**
Got an informational brochure encouraging me to apply. (Never applied.)
2006



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2,787 Ireland	
371 United States	
220 United Kingdom	

Where they work	+ Add
189 Health Service Executive	
180 University of Limerick	
35 Department of Education — Ireland	

Some Graduate Programmes and jobs for any discipline

- Enterprise Ireland Graduate Programmes <https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/About-Us/Our-People/Graduate-Opportunities/>
- Jameson Graduate Programme <https://www.jamesongraduateprogramme.com/>
- SABIS : Teaching jobs in the UAE <https://careers.sabis.net/>
- Aldi Graduate Area Manager Programme [Graduate Area Manager Programme | Aldi Recruitment IE](#)
- Lidl Graduate Management Programme <https://jobs.lidl.ie/students-graduates/graduate-management-programme>

Still not sure?

Complete an online career interests inventory (C11-Dodec)
<https://www.teamfocus.co.uk/establishment/university-of-limerick/>



Dodec Explorer Report
 Career Interests Inventory - Dodec

How to access the Career Interests Inventory

- 1: Launch 'Exploration Tool and Click on 'Energy'
- 2: Click on 'Career Interests'
- 3: Click on Career Interests Inventory- Dodec (C11-Dodec) Take test (it's free)

NB: Do not click on Career Interest Inventory C11 Test. (it's not free)

Welcome Patsy. What are you interested in exploring today?

To see a list of all the tests you can complete for FREE click below.

Show me tests I can take for free

Personality

Thinking

Energy

Relationships

Personality

Thinking

Energy

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Relationships

View all free tests

Career Interests Inventory (CII)

This questionnaire assesses your level of interest in 6 career themes in order to help you find careers that match your interests.

[Learn more...](#)

Buy this test

Career Interests Inventory – Dodec (CII-Dodec)

You can narrow your career search by identifying which of 12 themes you prefer. It then matches these against hundreds of jobs and the report takes you straight to a jobs database full of information.

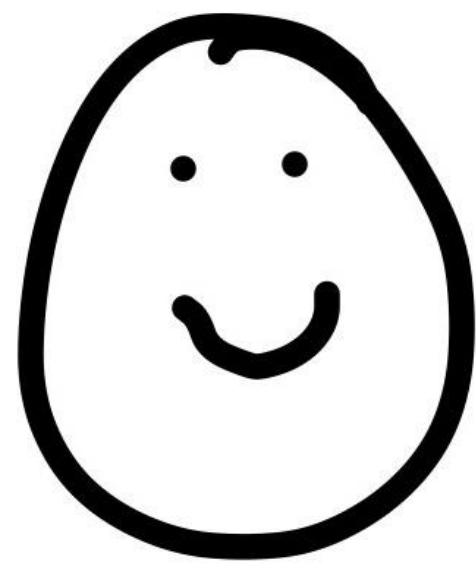
[Learn more...](#)

Take test

Summary

- **Ask for help – use your network and use the UL Careers Service**
- Know what skills and interests you have
- Research the careers you're interested in
- Familiarise yourself with recruitment and selection processes
- Know how to market your skills to prospective employers and course directors (highlight them in your CV and cover letters/personal statements)
- Be interview ready - able to talk about your skills and how they apply to a particular job/course
- Make sure your CV (and LinkedIn profile) are up to date- get feedback on them
- Contact us through CareersConnect or email me at patsy.ryan@ul.ie





Do you have
any
Questions?

