



CAREERS FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES GRADUATES

EUROPEAN STUDIES AT UCC

European Studies is a unique multidisciplinary subject anchored by the School of History. Other participating Schools include: Geography; Law; Food Business and Development. Students analyse key institutions, policies, treaties and political-historical developments of the European Union, as well as their impact on human and physical landscapes. Students can investigate the EU in the context of international relations and its role in shaping the global system. They can also explore national-level policies and politics in EU member states. ES graduates are prepared for the challenges associated with a more interdependent and enlarged EU.



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School of
History

WHAT CAN EUROPEAN STUDIES GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

European Studies graduates possess independent thinking, cultural understanding, research expertise and a range of valuable attributes and skills:

- Great insight into the unique nature and development of the European Union.
- A deep knowledge of the impact of EU policies on rural, industrial and regional development.
- An appreciation of the principles of EU law and its application at policy level.
- An ability to apply knowledge of the EU institutions, key policies and comparative European politics to determining effective ways to respond to complex contemporary socio-economic and political challenges.



- Strong effective communication and negotiation skills.

- Proficiency in data collection, interpretation, analysis and presentation and in carrying out independent research

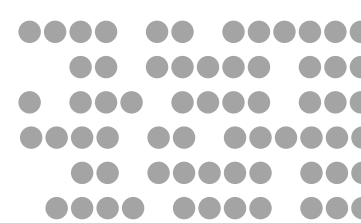
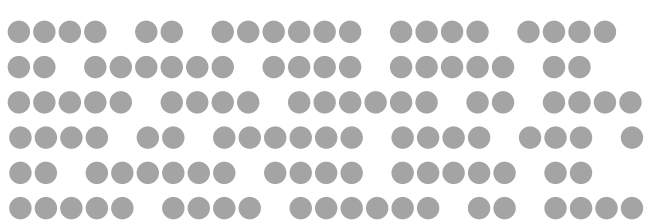
- Skill in organising, articulating and developing well-structured arguments.

- an understanding of the emergence and importance of Europe as a global region, drawing on a distinctive and valuable multi-disciplinary approach.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Each year, UCC Career Services produces a Graduate Outcomes Report based on an annual survey of graduates six months after graduation. UCC students study European Studies to degree level within the BA International programme. You can see the five year trend for all BA International graduates at the following link on the Careers website.



GRADUATE STUDIES

European Studies is anchored in the School of History - a leading centre for postgraduate study. European Studies specialist staff supervise postgraduates on a wide range of topics, not least the processes and consequences of political, diplomatic, administrative and socio-economic decision-making and developments in contemporary Europe. ES contributes to the MSc in Government and Politics. For those interested in research, ES offers MRes, MPhil and PhD programmes. A range of taught masters and research degrees are also available in other national and European universities.

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES GRADUATES



This challenging and rewarding subject equips you with expertise and critical research and communication skills that support a wide range of occupations. Possible career paths are as varied as individual interests. ES graduates have pursued careers in:

- European public and private sectors
- Foreign Affairs
- EU Institutions and Agencies
- International Organisations
- Government Depts
- NGOs and Charities
- Research and Policy Analysis
- Media and Journalism
- Marketing, Communications and PR
- Tourism
- Consultancy and Administration
- Academia and Teaching

Graduate Profile 1

CLODAGH QUAIN

Clodagh is a graduate of European Studies UCC who excels in diverse, multicultural work environments. She is currently the Security and Defence Researcher at the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA). Prior to the IIEA, she worked as attaché for the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE in Vienna. Before this, she was a research assistant at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris and Brussels, and a trainee at the EU Delegation for the Pacific in Fiji. Clodagh was also a Pat Cox Fellow at the European Parliament. She holds an MA from the College of Europe, Bruges.



Graduate Profile 2

BEN MEANY

Ben is a graduate of European Studies, UCC. He currently works as a Parliamentary Adviser in the Houses of the Oireachtas, working primarily in the areas of Human Rights; Asylum; Social Inclusion and Education. Prior to this, he worked as a member of the Research Team at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, specialising in CFSP & CSDP, Eurasia and the European Neighbourhood Policy. Before this, he worked as an EU Policy Adviser with the European Small Business Alliance, Brussels. He holds an MA in European Studies from the University of Leuven.



Graduate Profile 3

AOIFE O'DONOVAN

Aoife is a graduate of European Studies UCC. A strong communicator, with an impeccable work ethic and excellent interpersonal skills, she was recently promoted to senior management at Marriott International. She successfully worked as Creative and Content Marketing Manager (Middle East & Africa) at Marriott, Dubai, since 2017. Aoife is an analytical, flexible and innovative professional with extensive experience in project management in the areas of Social Media, Customer Service and Content creation. She is a co-founder of the www.Corklike.com blog (with over 20K followers on Social Media and over 15K hits a month on the website).



Graduate Profile 4

LAURA CUESTA

Laura is currently Policy Officer in the Strategy Unit for Energy at the European Commission, Brussels. Before this, she worked in a variety of roles in: the European Political Strategy Centre & DG Research & Innovation; the Common Foreign and Security Policy Operations Unit of the European Commission; the EU Political and Security Committee, European Commission; the Office for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, United Nations; and the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations, Geneva. She holds an MA from the College of Europe, Bruges.



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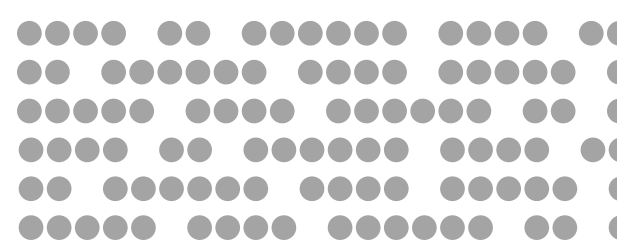
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**NATIONAL AND
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PROGRAMMES**



12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR EUROPEAN STUDIES DEGREE TO WORK

01

Participate fully in the specialised training, examination and research aspects of your degree, especially the Year Abroad.

02

Gain relevant skills and experience through the “UCC Works” award.

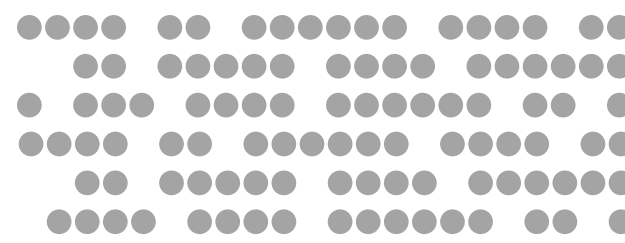
03

Gain relevant experience through volunteering – attend the annual UCC volunteering fair.

04

Gain relevant skills and experience by taking an active role in a club/society that interests you, or in the Student’s Union.





05

Avail of university-wide modules and training that will equip you with professional skills (e.g. language, IT, library or presentation).

06

Attend careers workshops and talks given by past graduates and qualified professionals in your field.

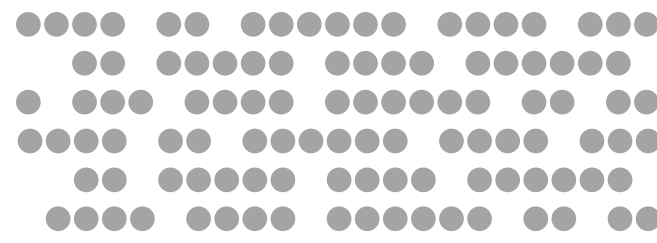
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Join relevant professional networks (e.g. the University Association for Contemporary European Studies).

08

Create an up-to-date CV and professional social media profile and presence.





09

Avail of professional and impartial careers advice at UCC Careers Services by booking a consultation online.

10

Gain practical experience through summer or part-time employment in relevant organisations.

11

Attend employer events on campus and use them to build relationships with potential employers.

12

Develop your degree with postgraduate studies.



DID YOU KNOW?

Noelle O Connell,
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is **Executive Director of European
Movement Ireland**. The EMI offers
invaluable advice regarding
the EU / EU careers:
<http://www.europeanmovement.ie/>



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Employer Presentations**



Volunteering Opportunities

