



# CAREERS FOR ITALIAN GRADUATES

## ITALIAN AT UCC

The study of Italian involves intensive language training and the discovery of an important culture through the exploration of art, architecture, cinema, music and media. Language and culture courses are complementary: the importance of reading for language acquisition cannot be over-emphasized as it assists students in the development of language skills. Studying culture will help students develop the analytical and critical skills that are the hallmark of a graduate in Humanities, and that constitute as significant a part of our contribution to the BComm (International) as the language course.



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University College Cork, Ireland  
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

Department of  
**Italian**

# WHAT CAN ITALIAN GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

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A degree in Italian provides much more than the knowledge of an important European language and its rich cultural contributions. Your degree will prepare you in a wide range of skills that enhance graduates' written and verbal communication. In addition, those who spend their third year abroad, are able to demonstrate to employers that they have adjusted to a different culture and system, and as a result have flexibility, adaptability and openness to other cultures.

- **Presentation Skills**

- **Report Writing**

- **Research Skills**

- **Analysis & Synthesis**

- **Inter-Cultural Competence**

- **Language Skills in less commonly taught language**

- **Critical Thinking**

- **Communication Skills**

- **The Ability to Work in Teams**

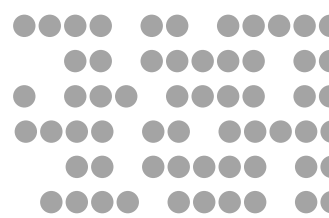
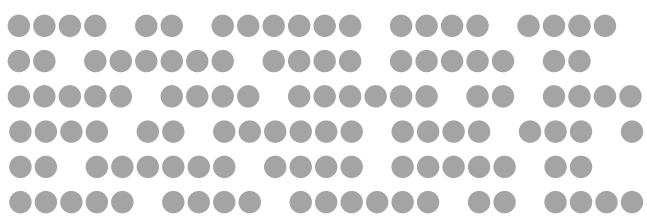
- **Organizational Skills & Time Management**



# GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR ITALIAN

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Over the last 4 years 90%+ of Bachelor of Arts graduates progress to employment or further study. We also offer Italian in the BComm International (CK207). The five-year trend for those graduates surveyed indicates that in the years 2013-2017, over 95% of graduates were either employed or engaged in further study or training.



## GRADUATE STUDIES

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Graduates can pursue a number of exciting graduate opportunities, including the one-year taught Masters in Translation Studies, or the MA in Languages and Cultures, both in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. For those wanting to specialize in a one-year research project in an area of Italian culture, we offer the one-year MRes (Masters by Research) degree. Those wishing to pursue a PhD in Italian Studies, for which our Department has a strong reputation, can select a topic related to the research areas of staff, which encompass Dante to Modern and Contemporary Literature, Film and Culture.

# AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ITALIAN GRADUATES

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The skills acquired in a degree with Italian open the door to a wide variety of careers, whether at home in Ireland, in Italy or further abroad. Careers are in such diverse areas as the financial sector, teaching (primary and second level), as well as teaching of English in Italy, publishing, IT, sales, translating and interpreting, the agri-food business, tourism and hospitality, among others.

- **Bord Bía**
- **Cork Chamber of Commerce**
- **European Parliament**
- **Dell-Emc**
- **IBEC EOP**
- **Voxpro**
- **Google**
- **Apple**
- **Central Bank of Ireland**
- **Anima AM Ireland**
- **VMware**
- **Danone**
- **American Express**
- **Editoriale Bresciana Spa**
- **SickKids Foundation**
- **Synergy Flavours Europe**
- **translation.ie**
- **Explore York Libraries & Archives**
- **The Westbury, a member of The Leading Hotels of the World**

## Graduate Profile 1

# **KATHERINE FITZPATRICK**

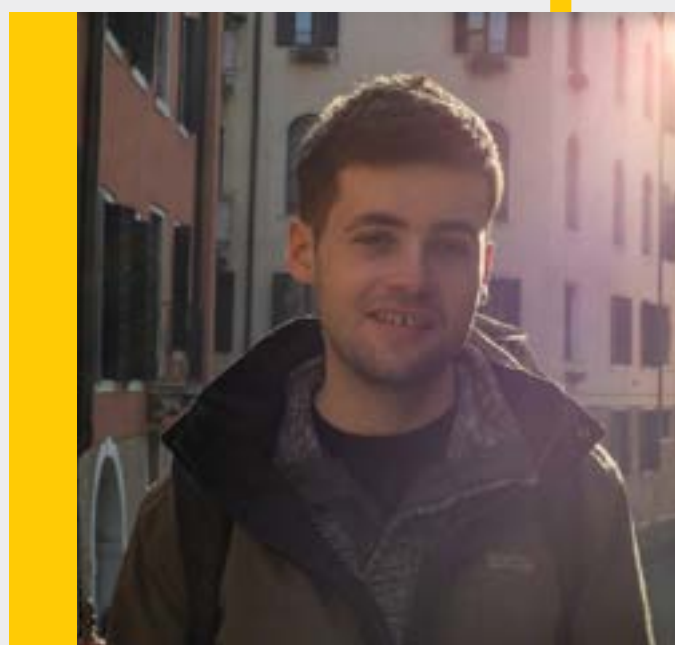
I earned my BA in European Integration Studies in 2000. Having taught English in a business school in Florence, I returned to Cork where I worked for the tourist office. I earned a Masters in Italian Translation and then did in-house translation and interpretation in Siena and worked as a freelance translator for a Milanese company. I got a job in Cork Chamber of Commerce in 2006 where I am now the Director of International Relations responsible for overseeing European projects, trade missions and foreign delegations. I get to travel and meet international groups in this role and whenever possible use my languages.



## Graduate Profile 2

# **MICHAEL KENNEALLY**

I graduated with a BA International in Italian and Mathematics in 2016 and stayed in UCC to complete the MA in Languages & Cultures, while working as a Brand Ambassador at the Old Jameson Distillery, Midleton. My current position in the Bord Bia Milan office is very diverse: I organised the Bord Bia presence at Italian trade fairs, I liaise with Italian retail chains to co-ordinate in-store promotions, and engage in proofreading, reporting and PR work. My studies of Italian in UCC, especially my Erasmus year in Genova, prepared me well for the level of Italian required for this job.



Graduate Profile 3

## ÚNA DILLON

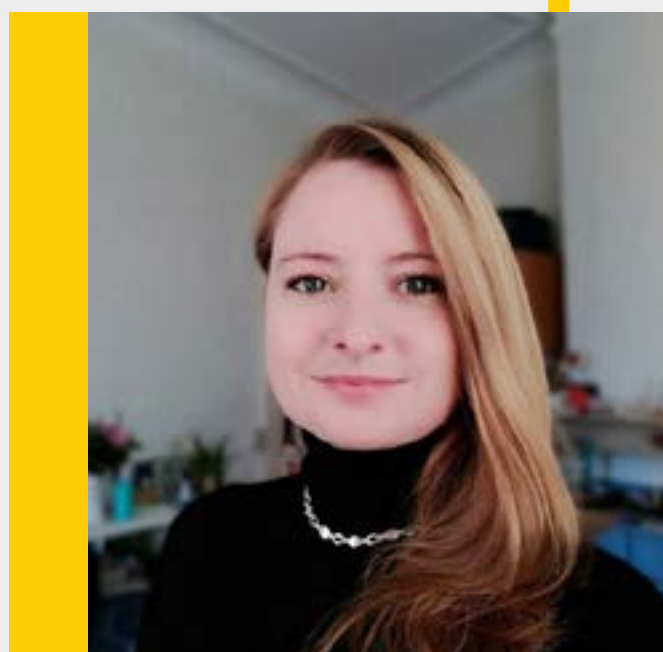
I graduated with a BA Single Honours, Major Italian/ Minor Economics in 1997. I am Managing Director of the Merchant Risk Council (Europe), the leading global trade association for eCommerce fraud, risk and payments professionals. I am currently chair of the European Payments Council Card Fraud Prevention Forum. I was responsible for Laser Card, the Irish national debit card scheme for 12 years and was Head of IPSO Card Services. My credibility with the press is widely known, as I became the go-to for TV, radio and print media journalists over the past 20 years, on all subjects relating to payments, financial crime and retail operations.



Graduate Profile 4

## SIVE THOMPSON

I graduated in 2007 with a BA European Studies and moved to Florence to work as part of a graduate programme. I then moved to Portugal to work and do a masters in International Relations. Since then I have worked in software sales, opened a bar and worked in both the European Commission and the European Parliament (where I currently work). My time at UCC was wonderful and much of what I studied with the Italian department has come back to me over the years. I would highly recommend studying Italian at UCC, you never know where it might take you!



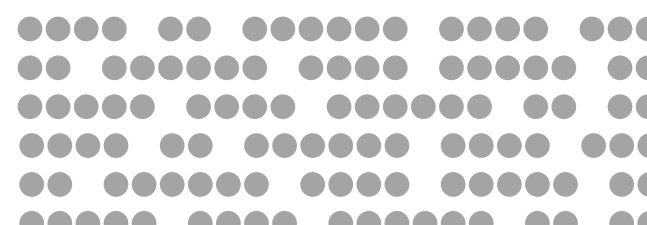
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**PROFILES OF  
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## **THE DEPARTMENT OF ITALIAN**

is also the only testing centre in Ireland and the UK for CILS, an official, internationally-recognized certification of Italian language level, and DITALS, a certification for the teaching of Italian.

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# 12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR ITALIAN DEGREE TO WORK

01

Spend an unforgettable year immersed in Italian language and culture on the Erasmus programme in one of our partner universities in Venice, Florence, Milan, Rome, Genova, Palermo, Bologna.

02

Join the Italian society and share your love of Italian culture and food.

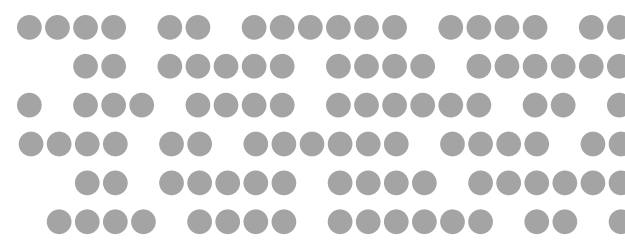
03

Obtain internationally-recognized certification of your level of Italian by sitting a CILS exam at UCC.

04

Avail of university-wide training that will equip you with professional skills, such as business planning, IT, entrepreneurship or presentation skills.





**05**

Attend workshops on careers with languages and talks given by past graduates in your degree area.

**06**

Avail of professional and impartial careers advice at UCC Career Services.

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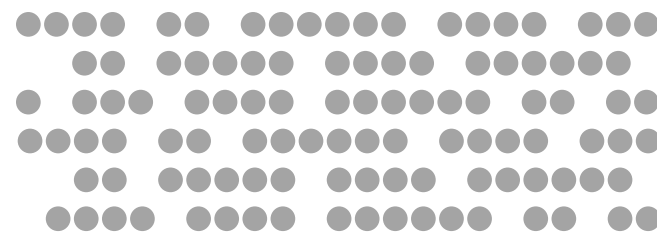
Develop your degree with a masters course in Languages and Cultures or Translation Studies.

**08**

Join a local Italian society or attend events at the Italian Cultural Institute in Dublin.

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**09**

Discover the history and formation of Italian identity through the country's varied and delicious cuisine.

**10**

Build an updated CV and professional social media presence.

**11**

Boost your multilingual profile with our evening language courses.

**12**

Take part in the International Office's buddy system.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

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There is a shortage of graduates with Italian in Ireland and demand for graduates with fluent English and Italian hugely outweighs supply



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careers advisor**



**Work  
Placement**





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## UCC Careers



## MyStudentJob



## Employability Events

Careers Fairs, Roadshows,  
Employer Presentations



## Volunteering Opportunities

