

Careers with a Law Degree

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Objectives:

- Options with your Degree
- Life outside the Legal Profession
- What Next?
- Further Information



Options with your degree

- Option 1 - Enter the employment market
- Option 2 - Continue to further study
- Option 3 - Take a year out



1. ENTERING THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET

Options directly related to Law:

- Solicitor / Barrister
- Legal Departments of State Bodies
- Legal Aid Board
- Lecturing



What Next? Blackhall Place

- Application for BCL students who entered from 1996:
 - Irish Exam (Jan. & July)
 - Final Examination Part I (April & Oct.)
 - Apprenticeship to practising solicitor

The Law School,
Law Society of Ireland,
Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

<http://www.lawsociety.ie/>



What Next? King's Inns

- Students may apply before their final exams
- From 2002 a new Entrance Exam - places awarded on merit

The Honorable Society of King's Inns,
Henrietta Street,
Dublin 1.

<http://www.kingsinns.ie/html/home.html>



Other Options

- Practice in the UK
 - Legal Practice Course (LPC)
 - Bar Vocational Course (BVC)
- European Union
 - Commission, Parliament & Court of Justice
- USA Bar Exams
 - New York
 - California

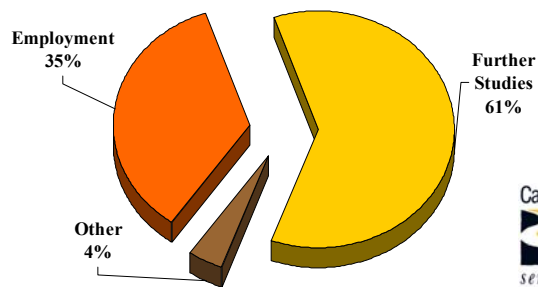


Life Outside Law

- Accountancy & Financial Management
- Civil Service
- Personnel
- Community Advisory work
- Customs & Excise / Immigration Service
- Journalism / Media
- Languages



BCL Degree recipients of 2000



Sample Law Graduate Employment destinations

- Apprentice Solicitor ⇒ Various Firms
- Tax Consultant ⇒ PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Quotations Officer ⇒ Irish Life
- Third Secretary ⇒ Dept. of Foreign Affairs
- Compliance Assistant ⇒ International Fund Mgt.
- Graphic Designer ⇒ Epic Design
- Constitutional Law Tutor ⇒ UCD



2: FURTHER STUDIES

- Conversion Courses
- Directly related to Law



Courses Directly Related to Law:

- LLB ⇒ UCC
- LLM Commercial Law ⇒ UCD
- LLM European Law ⇒ UCD
- Masters in Law ⇒ TCD
- MA Human Rights ⇒ Queens
- LLM ⇒ UCC, TCD, UCD, Cambridge, Kings College, Edinburgh



Conversion Courses

- **Postgraduate Diplomas**
- **Vocational Training**



Postgraduate Diplomas (UCC)

Higher Diploma in

- Computer Science
- BIS & Financial Services
- Economic Science (Business Economics)
- Management & Marketing
- Psychology



Other Irish Universities

- H. Dip in Business Studies (UCD)
- Professional Diploma in Accounting (DCU)
- MA Journalism (DCU)
- Graduate Diploma in International Marketing
- MA Public Relations (DIT)
- Diploma in Entrepreneurial Studies (UCD)



Vocational / Professional Training Courses

- FÁS Graduate Courses
- Professional Examinations + on-the-job work experience
- In-house traineeships



3. TAKE A YEAR OUT

- Voluntary work
- Time out
- Travel



What next? Employment

- Update your C.V. NOW
- File of Information
- Why do you want to be a ...?
- Contact any contacts
- Newspapers/Publications
- Research the Organisation



What Next? Further Study

- Researching & Choosing the Right Course
 - Is this the right course to achieve my career aims?
 - Are my aims realistic?
 - How will I finance this course?
 - Check course structure & style.
 - Check destination of past graduates.



What Next? For everyone

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Employment

- Milkround
- Jobs online
- Alumni careers
- Recruitment fair

Information

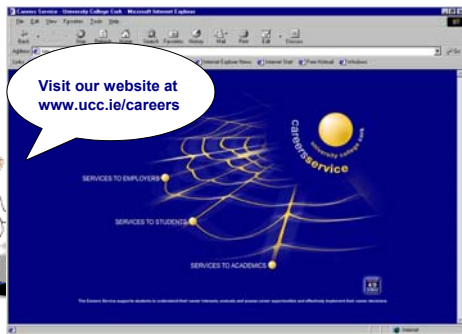
- Occupational files
- Employer files
- Postgraduate information
- Prospects Planner
- Free internet access
- Booklets/leaflets

Advice

- Drop-in service
- Workshops
- Careers Talks
- Postgrad Fair
- www.ucc.ie/careers



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Further Information

UK

- LPC Central Applications Board
 - <http://www.lawcabs.ac.uk/>
- The Bar Council
 - <http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/index.asp>

Europe

- <http://www.icel.ie/links.htm>

USA

- <http://www.nybarexam.org>
- <http://www.calbar.org>
- <http://ncbex.org>

