



# CAREERS FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES

## ENGLISH AT UCC

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English at UCC is the study of literature from the earliest writing in English to the present, across the genres of fiction, poetry, drama, the short story and film. Learning how to read literature critically means learning how to think clearly. That, and being able to write articulately, are core practices in English. They're also skills essential to graduate employment. All kinds of enterprises seek employees with good writing skills and cultural knowledge.



**UCC**  
University College Cork, Ireland  
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

School of  
**English and Digital Humanities**

# WHAT CAN ENGLISH GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

Graduates in English have a range of transferable skills, including the ability to:

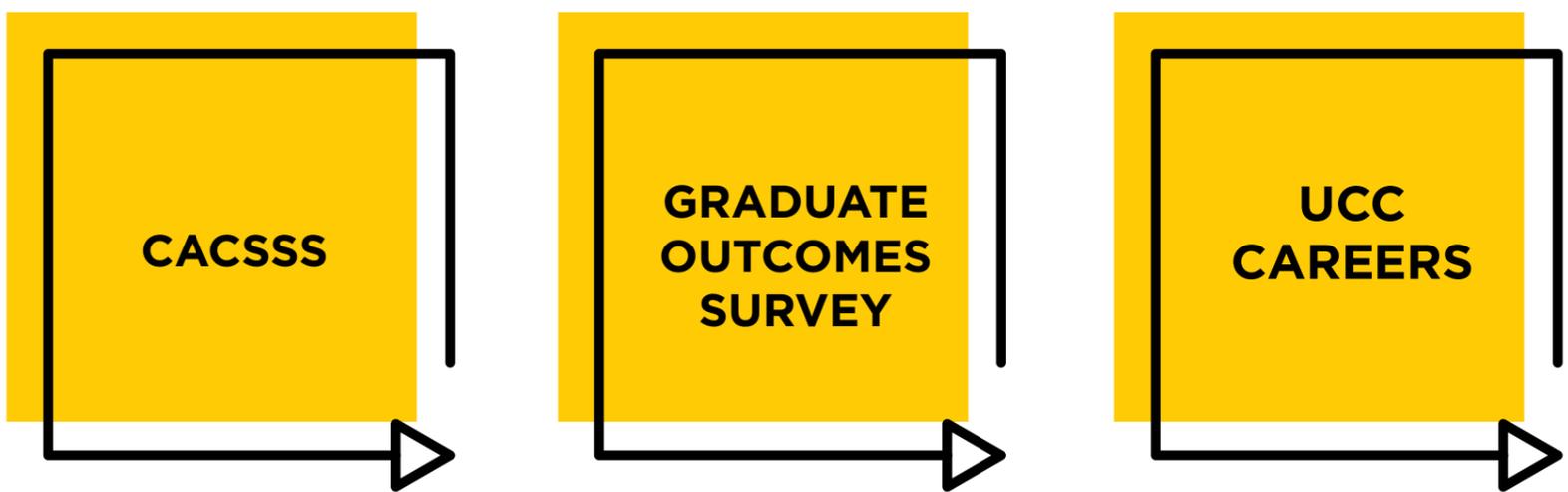
- Write clearly and effectively.
- Think independently and creatively.
- Organise and engage in research.
- Evaluate ideas and derive conclusions based on research.
- Craft well-supported, logical arguments.
- Apply theories to understand critical problems.
- Present information cogently and concisely.
- Collaborate and work as part of a team.



# GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR ENGLISH

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English graduates go on to work in a broad range of businesses and cultural and corporate enterprises. Arts and Humanities graduate destinations may be tracked via these links:



## GRADUATE STUDIES

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Your BA degree is a foundation for advanced study, qualifying you to apply for a very wide range of postgraduate degrees and diplomas, enabling you to gain a specific qualification for a chosen career. The School of English offers four taught Masters degrees:

- MA (English) Modernities: Literature, Theory and Culture from the Romantics to the Present
- MA (English) Irish Writing and Film
- MA (English) Texts and Contexts: Medieval to Renaissance
- MA (English) Creative Writing

# AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES

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- Business
- Administration
- Teaching
- Information technology
- Publishing professional writing
- Journalism and broadcasting
- Media work
- Public relations
- Arts management
- Marketing and information sciences



Graduate Profile 1

**LYNN HARDING (2013),  
SENIOR CONTENT  
DESIGNER**

My first jobs were in communications and publishing, before I moved to my current role as a Senior Content Designer in Fjord, the design studio at Accenture's global R&D hub. My job now is something that didn't exist when I graduated, and I wouldn't have got here without having pursued such an open-ended degree. English is a passion; don't avoid a module on medieval poetry or a seminar in children's literature because you worry no-one will give you a job in those areas. There is a huge commercial need for people with expertise in English.



Graduate Profile 2

**LIA CURTIN  
(2017), EDITORIAL  
ASSISTANT WILEY**

I work in academic publishing where I oversee a number of peer-reviewed journals. Studying English in UCC provided me with practical knowledge and transferable skills which have proven very attractive to international employers. The addition of a dissertation in the final year of the course provided excellent preparation for the research and writing requirements of postgraduate study. The excellent staff and module choice allowed me to create the most fulfilling path possible, while the proficiencies learned in my years at UCC have proven to be essential in both academic and professional settings.



Graduate Profile 3

**AMY MARTIN (201)  
CONTENT MARKETING  
MANAGER,  
EVENTBRITE**



Studying English at UCC has helped me to get to where I am today in so many ways. It taught me to analyse copy and formulate my opinions in a coherent and convincing way. It broadened my horizons, encouraged me to seek and accept feedback, and not shy away from revising and revising to make sure that the final output was as good as it could possibly be. Creative thinking, an editorial eye for detail, and content planning skills come into my role on a daily basis.

Graduate Profile 4

**DR. MEADHBH  
O'HALLORAN  
(2017), RESEARCH  
COORDINATOR,  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
DUBLIN**



After graduating, I began working in graduate education development at University College Dublin, and then in research support at the same institution. My background in literature equipped me with a portfolio of skills that I utilise as coordinator of a national research centre: critical thinking, textual analysis, content creation, and excellent communication, as I liaise with a range of stakeholders. Though I now work in a scientific research organisation, my English degree is the backbone of my career.

# WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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**UCC SCHOOL  
OF ENGLISH  
WEBSITE**



**UCC SCHOOL  
OF ENGLISH  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE**



**UCC  
TWITTER**



**TEACHERS'  
COUNCIL**



**GRADIRELAND JOBS  
& CAREER ADVICE**



# 12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR ENGLISH DEGREE TO WORK

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

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Gain relevant skills and experience through participating in the 'UCC Works' Award programme.

**MORE  
INFO**

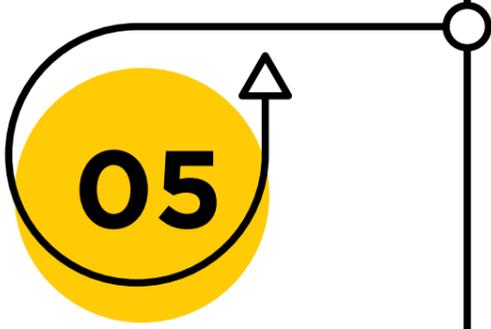
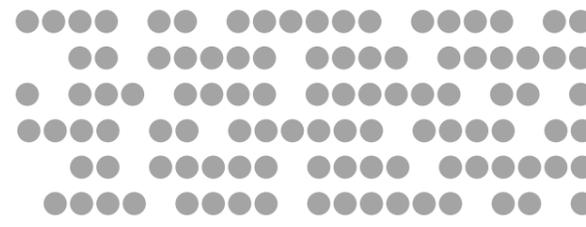
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Gain relevant skills and experience by taking an active role in a club/society that interests you, or the Students' Union.

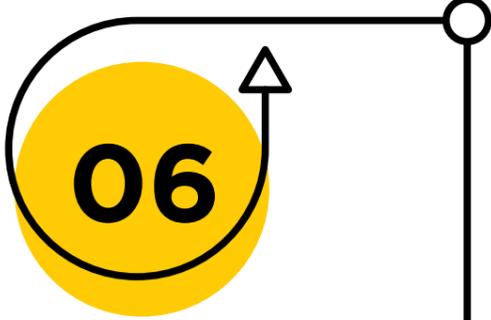
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Gain relevant skills and experience through volunteering – find out more by attending the annual UCC volunteering fair and contacting the Cork Midsummer Festival.

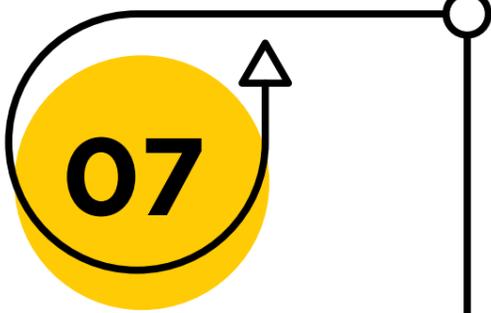




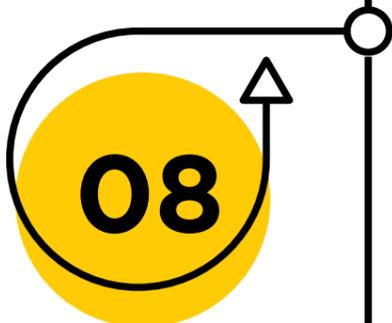
Take an active role in student journalism.



Avail of university-wide modules and skills training that will equip you with professional skills, such as IT, languages, and presentation skills.

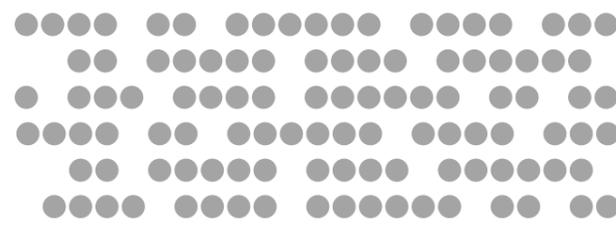


Participate in local cultural and literary events.



Join relevant professional networks in your area of interest.





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

**10**

Book a consultation with UCC Careers Service.

**11**

Attend the annual UCC Graduate Recruitment Fair and go to employer events on campus to build relationships with potential employers.

**12**

Develop your degree with a Masters course.



# DID YOU KNOW?

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According to global media corporation **Forbes**, the ideal employee is an **Arts graduate**, who has a broad knowledge base, who can collaborate to solve problems, debate, communicate and think critically.



# CONTACT US



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**Email Graduate  
Recruitment**



**Book an  
appointment  
to meet a  
careers advisor**



**Work  
Placement**





## **UCC Works Award Programme**



**Connect with  
your job**

## **UCC Careers**



## **MyStudentJob**



## **Employability Events**

**Careers Fairs, Roadshows,  
Employer Presentations**



## **Volunteering Opportunities**

