



Your Degree What Next: History of Art and Architecture

What can I do with History of Art and Architecture?

In recent years graduates have been employed as lecturers, curators, editors, and writers in universities, galleries, museums, publishing houses and art salesrooms in Ireland and abroad. These include the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Dulwich Picture Gallery, the Universities of Princeton, Oxford, Cambridge, and Saint Andrews, the National Gallery of Ireland, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the Irish Architectural Archive, and University College Dublin. History of Art and Architecture is particularly important in developing skills in visual analysis which are valuable across a wide range of career paths. Graduates have worked in a broad range of administrative, commercial, and media based employment and have commented on the usefulness of visual literacy in marketing, public relations, and journalism

Below are some examples of the roles that graduates are in 9 months after graduating.

Roles

Tour Guide and Lecturer
Gallery Assistant
Digital Analyst
Communications Executive
Historic Researcher
Membership Executive

Employers

National Gallery
Ben Brown Fine Arts
Deep Focus NY
Transdev Ireland
Office of Public Works
Neue gallery

Many students go onto study History of Art and Architecture at postgraduate level and some of these students go onto establish a career as an academic following their PhD. Other graduates go onto study other subjects including Architecture, Anthropology, Design history, Digital curation, Film Studies, Further Education, Materials Culture, Law.

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

Resources

gradireland (IE)
Targetjobs (UK)
Prospects (UK)
Vault Career Insider (Global)

Professional Bodies

Irish Association of Art Historians
Association for Art History (Uk)
Irish Georgian Society

Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

You gain a wide range of skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain :

1. Critical Thinking - The most fundamental part of a university education is learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

2. Teamwork - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas, analyse information and present a coherent group argument.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

4. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific ques-

5. Time and project management - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

6. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

7. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

8. Digital Skills - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

9. Personal Development – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

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