



# Your Degree What Next:

## Law and Political Science

This is an exciting area to study for those who wish to learn about legal and political concepts, theories and models in order to build a foundation on which they can pursue professional law or embark on a political path. Many students also decide to pursue areas such as international Law, Human Rights Law, International Development, Intellectual Property Law, European or Global Policy and many other areas. Gaining work experiences with many of the national and international firms and organisations that are interested in Trinity Graduates is also a popular choice to further understand one's interests and ambitions.

### What skills can I develop at Trinity?

You gain a wide range of skills 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 through your course:

- 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 in a wide range of business scenarios.
- 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 infor-

**4. Logical argumentation** - You will know how to combine facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a business problem.

**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 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.

**6. Language Skills** - Ability to communicate fluently and appropriately, maintaining a high degree of grammatical accuracy in a foreign language, and to be able to apply effectively and appropriately your language skills in a professional context.

**7. Verbal communication** - You will know how to present your ideas orally such as in the presentation of business reports and to contribute constructively to discussions.

**8. 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.

**9. Digital Skills** - You will have had the opportunity to develop your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

**10. Personal Development** - You are managing your own learning, ensuring that any gaps in your understanding are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style. You will develop self awareness, openness and sensitivity to diversity in terms of people, cultures, business and management issues.

## What can I do with a Law & Political Science degree?

Law & Pol Science students have many options available upon completion of their degree. Careers are available in all sectors of industry, such as in technology, the world of publishing and journalism, the European Union, marketing, public service, not-for-profit and the arts. Of course, there is also the option to secure a training contract with a legal firm and embark on your postgraduate path towards professional law. Both the solicitor and barrister pathway is open to you, providing you gain the necessary experience and take the appropriate exams.

### Roles

Solicitor

Barrister

Legal Assistant

Political Assistant

Research Assistant

### Employers

McCann Fitzgerald

Arthur Cox

Free Legal Aid Board (FLAC)

European Union

Dept of Foreign Affairs

Many law & Pol Science students go on to legal or political postgraduate courses such as a masters or PhD to develop skills in specific areas but others go on to pursue other interests such as Social Policy or Journalism. Many choose to broaden and deepen their skill base, by studying in areas such as legal management, international relations, or in later years pursuing an MBA.

## Useful Resources

### Resources

[gradireland \(IE\)](#)

[Working with the EU](#)

[Becoming a Barrister](#)

[Becoming a Solicitor](#)

[Vault Career Insider \(Global\)](#)

### Professional Bodies

[Law Society](#)

[Association of Barristers In Ireland](#)

[The Kings Inns](#)

[Free Legal Aid Board](#)

[Marketing Institute of Ireland](#)

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