



Your Degree What Next: **BESS**

BESS is a uniquely flexible programme offering you many different degree options across the disciplines of Business, Economics, Political Science and Sociology. The initial broad-based education, combined with a high level of specialisation in one or more subjects, creates a great platform for graduates to apply their unique skills across a range of disciplines and sectors.

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 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 information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources. You will develop data analysis and interpretation skills, so that you may interpret and use business, financial and other quantitative or qualitative data.
- 4. Application of knowledge** - You will understand different political systems and how to interpret political issues and events. You will appreciate causes and effects of economic factors and will apply sociological theory to organisations in society.
- 5. Logical argumentation** - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Verbal communication** - You will know how to present your ideas orally such as in the presentation of business or research 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 based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research and developing the sustained writing skills needed.
- 9. Digital Skills** - You will have 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, recognising any gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these 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 BESS degree?

BESS students have many options available upon completion of their degree. Careers are available in all sectors, such as in finance and banking, management consulting, marketing, public service, not-for-profit and the media, nationally and around the globe. Many students are also interested in pursuing entrepreneurial endeavours or academic research. Here are some sample employment opportunities:

Roles	Employers
Audit Trainee	Accenture
Assistant Economist	Davy
Co-Founder and Director	Enterprise Ireland
Development Officer	J.P. Morgan
Fundraising Executive	Plan International
Research Analyst	Web Summit

Many BESS students go on to postgraduate courses such as a Masters or PhD to develop skills in specific disciplines such as Digital Marketing or Treasury and Banking, but also to broaden and deepen their skill base, by studying areas such as international politics or pursuing an MBA.

Useful Resources

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

Resources	Professional Bodies
gradireland (IE)	Chartered Accountants Ireland
Targetjobs (UK)	Irish Economic Association
Prospects (UK)	Irish Tax Institute
Efinancialcareers (Global)	Marketing Institute of Ireland
Vault Career Insider (Global)	Political Studies Association of Ireland

How can the Careers Service help you?

The Careers Service supports students in exploring their career options and connects students with employers. You can book an appointment with your careers consultant to help you decide your next step in your career.

Login to MyCareer at www.tcd.ie/careers and book your appointment today.

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