Your Degree What Next: *Computer Science and a Language*

What can I do with my degree?

When you graduate from this course you will be qualified to work as a language specialist, information technologist or software specialist in the IT, banking, translation, publishing or multimedia sectors, or you could work as a software engineer in international consulting firms. Other options include a career in professional translation or further study to teach at primary and secondary-level. Approximately 65% of graduates of this course work in software engineering ; 25% pursue research careers, with a number of graduates holding academic staff positions in Ireland and abroad. Another 10% move into technical translation work. You also have the option of working in government service, for example in the European Patent Office and the Irish Diplomatic Corps. Here are some examples of the type of job titles and employers open to graduates from this course:

Roles	Employers
IT test consultant	Apple
Translator	Google
Technical Translator	Nuance
Text to speech engineer	Fluential
Software engineer	European Commission
Researcher	Department of Foreign Affairs

While these are the types of jobs graduates of your course typically enter, many graduate roles are open to graduates of all disciplines, so your options are much broader than those related strictly to your course. If you're not sure what you'd like to do, check out the career planning resources on the Careers Service website and book an appointment with your careers consultant.

Useful Resources

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

Professional Bodies and Useful Sites	Resources
ADAPT Centre	gradireland (IE)
Silicon Republic	Targetjobs (UK)
Association for Computational Linguistics	Prospects (UK)
Irish Translators and Interpreters Association	Vault Career Insider (Global)
The Teaching Council	

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 ex-pressing 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.

How can the Careers Service help me?

The Careers Advisory 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 deciding your next step in your career.

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