



College of Arts, Celtic Studies & Social Sciences (CACSSS)

**NEW WORK-PLACEMENT MODULE
FOR ARTS STUDENTS**

The module includes a mentored work placement within an approved organisation and, on successful completion, is listed on participating students' college transcripts.

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Who can apply?	What's involved in this module?	What benefit will this module have for my career?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second-year students of UCC's College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences can take the Work Placement Module as part of their degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This module consists of 150 hours of work experience, and is academically assessed. Work experience can be paid or unpaid, and can occur in a variety of relevant professional settings locally, nationally and internationally. Work-placements can be completed in one of two periods: Weekly during term time OR Block placement during the Summer (June - Sept) The module offers preparatory training, a work-placement organised by the UCC Career Services and post-placement follow-up which is designed to help students to articulate to future employers what they have learned while on placement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The module is designed to prepare students for the challenges they face in making the transition to work. It develops students' work-place relevant skills which will enhance their future employment prospects, and also encourages students to think about employability and potential future careers while still studying. It offers not only a period of work experience in a vetted position, but one that is mentored and validated by the university and participating employers.



How will this Work Placement Module benefit my long-term career prospects?

Employers are increasingly seeking graduates with certain broad-spectrum skills and a high degree of adaptability, which are among the attributes that Arts degrees are uniquely positioned to foster.

This module enables students to experience first-hand the ways in which their degrees equip them for work, allowing them to refine their skills further in a practical work context, and helping them to acquire further relevant skills in the workplace.

Employers particularly want:

- **Critical and creative thinking**
- **Flexibility**
- **Analytical skills**
- **Communication skills**
- **Teamwork & leadership skills**
- **Organisational skills**
- **Problem-solving skills**
- **Language and numeracy skills**

Students taking this module participate in a Five-Step Process that prepares them for the workplace and enhances their future career prospects.



5. Recognition of placement on college transcript

4. Learning to articulate your work experience

3. Work Placement

2. One-to-one sessions with employability advisor

1. Pre-placement workshops
(making students 'work-ready')

5-Step Placement Module Process

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