



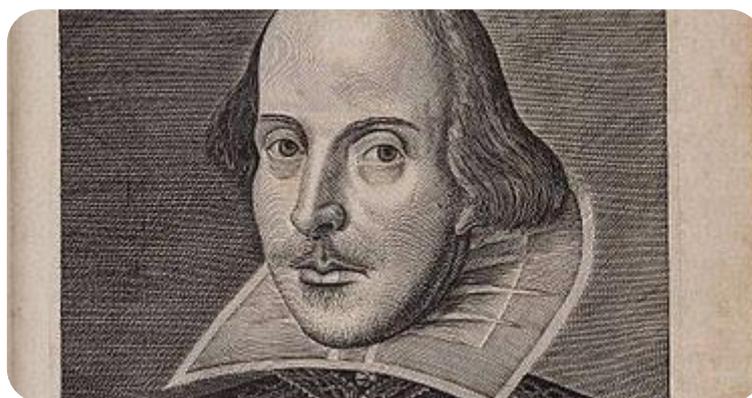
Dukies Careers Week Resources – Friday 18th March

HUMANITIES, THE ARTS & MFL

Good morning, and welcome to Friday's resources for our Careers Week. Today, in our final session, we will be looking at careers related to the Humanities, the Arts, and Modern Foreign Languages.

Today, we will be focusing on careers linked to subjects such as English, History, Geography, RE, MFL, Music, Drama and Dance.

English



Rather like Maths, English is seen as a 'facilitating' subject – meaning it can be added to many other subjects to create a wealth of opportunities for different careers. There are over 2000 different degree courses available at universities with either English as a single subject, or linked to many others – including some which, at first glance, seem strange combinations – English & Maths, English and Sciences, English and Information Technology, for example. Why is this?

English is all about communication, both written and verbal, and being able to understand and critically analyse texts. These skills could take you into one of many different directions depending on what else you study. Here are short videos from people who started off studying English, but then branched out:



David, Head of Media Relations, the Eden Project: <https://youtu.be/JAoSo3caTiQ>

Emmajane, Director of Learning and Visitor Experience, the Victoria & Albert Museum: https://youtu.be/H_fxgyU3Cw4

Mervyn, TV Reporter: <https://youtu.be/aIGS0DKxq8Q>

Louise, Editor of Cosmopolitan magazine: <https://youtu.be/obGk6WGoXX8>

Helen, Speech & Language Therapist, Addenbrookes Hospital: <https://youtu.be/jNsl4EkqFVY>

To study English at University, you would need to take English at A level along with any other two subjects. Qualifications in English, allied to other subjects, very often lead to careers in: teaching, journalism and publishing, marketing & communications, public relations, advertising, digital media, arts administration, business management, film and television, or archives, museums & librarianship.

Target Careers has a good article looking at where your creative writing skills could take you: <https://targetcareers.co.uk/career-sectors/arts-and-creative/1014337-careers-involving-writing>

The UCAS website has some excellent ideas on careers involving English, and other associated subjects such as creative writing, linguistics, and literary studies: <https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/english>



History



“Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it,” said George Santayana, and it seems certain that recent current world events – Brexit, COVID, and Ukraine, to name just three - will, in the future, be seen as major turning points in all our histories. Like English, History is all about extracting and analysing information – nowadays, not just from books, but increasingly from many other, often digital sources as well.

Historical studies are often linked to Archaeology or Philosophy, and this UCAS guide considers the three subjects together: <https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/historical-and-philosophical-studies>. This guide suggests that some universities do not require A level History to study it at degree level, as long as one other Humanities subject has been taken.

Along with English, History is one of the two Humanities subjects normally required to read Law, and there are many crossovers here. Many students will take a degree in History first, then convert to Law after graduation.

The icould website has an excellent resource for History, including a number of videos of people who have used their historical studies to move into many different types of careers: <https://icould.com/stories/why-choose-history-careers/>

If you are unsure as to where studying History might take you, this article from Target Careers explores many different area of interest, and explains a little about the many different types of historical studies available: [History degrees and careers | TARGETcareers](#)

Finally in this section, hear from three History graduates from the University of Liverpool, talking about the skills they learnt whilst studying, and how varied their courses were: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzFvFqHq7yA>



Geography



As the illustration above suggests, the study of Geography is all about the world around us. However, geographical studies can be divided into two main areas: physical geography, which is considered a science, and human, social and economic geography, which is usually seen more as a humanities, arts based subject. At university, the first types of degree would earn you a BSc (Batchelor of Science), whilst the second would award you a BA (Batchelor of Arts), or a BSocSci (Batchelor of Social Sciences). However, many Geography degrees are more general, and offer both physical and human elements.

The UCAS website for Geography (<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/geography>) states that “Geography is about exploring how the world around you works, and how we live within it”. This site offers excellent details of the many different modules available, discusses geography field trips, and suggests the many varied careers that students of Geography may move into.

The icould platform on Geography discusses not only the potential for geographers at university, but also why it is a useful subject to take at GCSE and A level:
<https://icould.com/stories/careers-in-geography/>

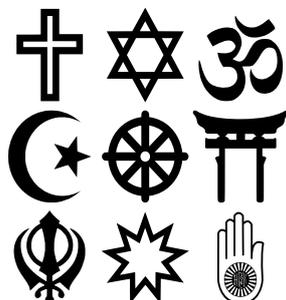
Target Careers (<https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/degree-subject-guides/313889-geography-university-courses-what-to-expect>) also explores other similar subjects, such as geophysics, environmental science, geology, economics, politics and international relations. It also has some useful information on how Geography is taught – a blend of practical, field work, and lectures and seminars.

The Geographical Association website (<https://www.geography.org.uk/Jobs-and-careers-in-geography>) states “There has never been a more important time to use geographical knowledge and skills to pursue a career”, and with global warming and political unrest becoming more to the fore, it seems that Geography graduates are amongst the most employable of all disciplines.

Finally, an in depth look at career options for geographers, hosted by UCL (University College London) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNOjL9n05u4>



RE (Religious Education)



Theology – the study of the nature of God and religious belief – is an incredibly powerful subject, that can link to many different career paths. As the UCAS website (<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/theology>) states, a study of Theology develops “...critical thinking, textual analysis skills, intellectual curiosity, open-mindedness, and articulate communication. And it’s these characteristics that you’ll continue to develop during your study, which will make you a highly employable graduate across many jobs”.

Of course, you don’t have to go to university to study religion or Theology. For instance, The Church of England (<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/careers>) employs many different people in all sorts of roles, not just as vicar, priest or chaplain. The Roman Catholic church (<https://catholicchurchofenglandandwales.com/>) can offer similar advice.

Want to hear what the five reasons why Theology students at the University of Birmingham feel their studies are so relevant to today’s world, and how linking Theology to other subjects (such as History, Politics or Philosophy)?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqdbAadYmfU>



Foreign Languages



The ability to speak more than one language will always be a huge asset in almost any career. With the advent of social media and global communications, being bi- or multi-lingual would probably mean you would never need to be without a job.

Once again, foreign language studies allied to another discipline will always open new horizons. Whether as a translator, an interpreter, a global sales executive, a journalist, or even as a holiday rep or working in tourism, the ability to converse with people around the globe can give you a huge advantage. Yes, you can use Google translate – but, as Mrs Palmer will testify, everyone will know what you've done!

UCAS (<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/languages>) points out that most language degrees will require an A level in that subject, but many universities will allow you to take a second language 'from scratch' at the same time.

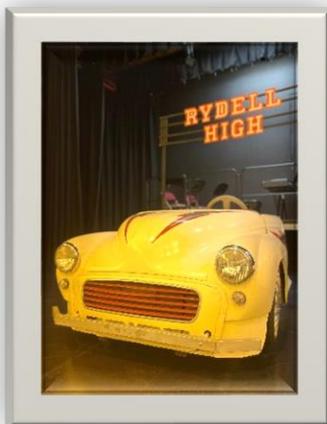
Target Careers (<https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/degree-subject-guides/313779-from-french-degree-to-japanese-studies-languages-courses-guide>) looks at the many different options available, and discusses the opportunities most students have to live and work in another country for part of their degree.

Icould has 10 videos of people discussing how their language skills have enabled them to get ahead: <https://icould.com/explore/categories/subject/modern-languages>

Although we are no longer a member of the EU, there are still huge opportunities to work in Europe with foreign language skills: <https://epso.europa.eu/> - remember, English is still one of the main languages used within the EU, and people who can translate between English and at least one of the 22 other languages spoken in the 27 member states will always be in demand.



Music, Drama and Dance



Where to start with these three linked, but separate subjects? Of course, you can study any of them at university:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/music>

<https://digital.ucas.com/coursedisplay/results/courses?searchTerm=drama&destination=Undergraduate>

<https://digital.ucas.com/coursedisplay/results/courses?destination=Undergraduate&pageNumber=1&searchTerm=dance>

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/degree-subject-guides/1034458-studying-drama-and-theatre-at-university>

Many courses will offer combinations of at least two of these subjects.

Music performance, as opposed to music theory and composition, is often studied at a Conservatoire, rather than a university: <https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires/studying-conservatoire/ucas-conservatoires-getting-started>

However, there are so many more ways to follow your musical, drama and dance dreams other than a university route.

For Drama, look at <https://www.federationofdramaschools.co.uk/>

<https://ccskills.org.uk/careers-for-all/>

<http://nasmah.co.uk/> (the National Association of Stage Makeup)

<https://www.screenskills.com/starting-your-career/> (to look at film, TV, games, animation or VFX careers)

For Dance: <https://www.onedanceuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/A-Guide-to-Careers-in-Dance.pdf>



Icould also has some good resources on these subjects:

<https://icould.com/explore/categories/subject/drama-and-theatre-studies>

<https://icould.com/explore/categories/subject/music>

In Music, Drama, and Dance, passion and ability always go hand in hand – along with, of course, plenty of hard work and dedication. Look at this week’s School production of Grease – and ask any of the Dukies who have been involved in it. But also ask them how good they felt as they came off stage!

We have finally come to the end of our Dukie Careers Week resources. I hope you have all found something that has interested, intrigued, or challenged you. I am very aware that I haven’t been able to cover anywhere near all your careers options, subjects or dreams – if your careers ideas haven’t been featured, come and see me and I’ll put that right. Do talk to your teachers about careers in their subjects, find out why they teach their subjects, and see if you can find out how many of them have worked in totally different areas before they joined the School. You might be surprised!

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