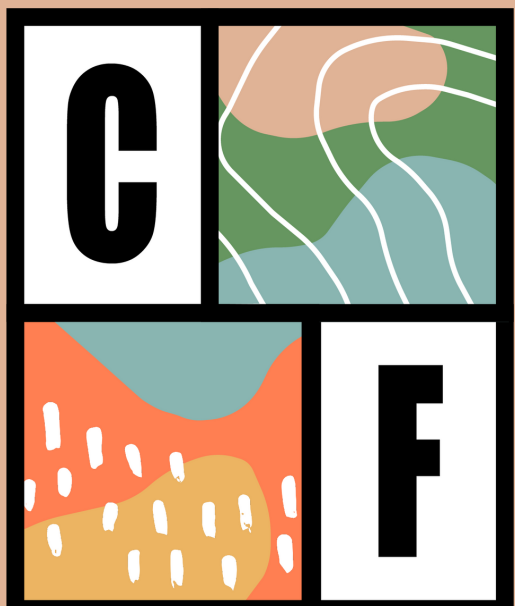




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I adored doing my 'art' degree. A lot of people think art and creative degrees are useless, easy and a waste of money but this cannot be further from the truth! I learnt so much on my course about my subject area as well as improving valuable skills that boosted my employability. I now have my own performance company and am in full-time employment since graduating last year. Follow your passion because there are jobs and careers out there for you.

Me



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What my degree looked like...

I did a Single Honours degree. This meant that I studied one subject area for my degree. However I did a large variety of different subjects within this area which gave me a deep and varied understanding of Drama and Performance. From traditional theatre such as Shakespeare and monologue work, to more practical exploration such as lighting and set design. I was also able to study more unusual forms of performance such as puppetry and contemporary theatre practices.

I had four, four-hour lectures a week (one for each module I took per semester) totalling 16 hours "contact-time" a week. I then had meet ups for rehearsals each week for the performance aspect of each module, and worked at home for the essay/written aspect of each module too.

I also had the opportunity to see visiting shows and go watch performances to deepen my knowledge and culture of what is currently being toured within the Drama and Performance circuit.



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What my degree looked like...

Examples of topics I covered in my degree - some of them might surprise you!:

- Theatre and Sexuality
- Mask Theatre
- Puppetry
- Physical Theatre
- Contemporary Performance Practices
- Devising and Adaptation
- Staging Shakespeare Today
- Dance Styles and Techniques
- Theatre and Digital Media



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Where it took me...

I did my degree because I wanted to expand my knowledge and skills as both a practitioner and a performer. I'm a creative, it's who I am, and I couldn't see myself doing any other degree. I didn't want to be an actor and my degree helped me find out the large plethora of careers within Drama and Performance as well as how to use the many skills gained on the course for other jobs and careers.



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Where it took me...

- I have my own performance company with a close friend I made on my course. We have been in multiple digital festivals over the lockdown period, and are starting to build a name for ourselves through our social media presence
- It is great to be able to have the opportunity to present my work, go to workshops, work with other artists and carry on developing myself as an artist and practitioner
- I am also a Uni Connect Programme Graduate Ambassador where creativity, confidence, communication and presentation skills are critical for my job
- So what do I do in my job that overlaps in my degree?:
 - In person and virtual presentations
 - Presenting on camera for YouTube videos
 - Editing videos
 - Designing social media content

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Why should you consider taking one?

If you have a passion for creativity, it's a wonderful way of studying something you're passionate about and building your skill set in more areas than just that creative subject. If you want to move to a different industry from the one you studied, you are still building important skills for your future career when studying a creative subject at university.

Whatever industry you choose to go into, having a creative mind gives you a unique perspective and outlook on said industry and workplace. Creative thinking and problem-solving are key to practically any career.

In my job I excel in things other people shy away from. Such as presenting on camera, editing footage and coming up with new and creative ways to engage you lovely lot.

Don't believe the stereotype that people with creative degrees can't get jobs! We are everywhere, in all industries using our unique minds to build whatever careers we choose.