ENHANCE YOUR CAREER

Employability Modules
The Careers Service and Rise Up have a range of elective modules available for you to choose. If you do not have the option already available to you through your School you will need to contact your Degree Programme Director and get permission.

The modules presented here all offer you the opportunity to engage in a different type of learning as part of your degree. The design of the modules includes a strong emphasis on the practical application of your learning, which could be from your course of study as well as through the module learning activities, and of course, your own skills and experience.

All of these options are focused on you and your skills development and provide you with many opportunities to gain valuable experience and develop relevant skills in/for different professional contexts, as such these modules are challenging but can be extremely rewarding.
OUR STUDENTS SAY...

‘Take this module - it helps develop your understanding of what areas of work you could go into and develop career strategies for a long term approach. It really helped me decide what to do after university and I would recommend it to anyone.’

Career Management module student

‘This module has been extremely rewarding. It has given me the ability to apply my skills to interviews and to secure a job. I would definitely recommend this unique module that really steers you towards reflecting and understanding what is best for you in the future.’

Career Development module student

‘The high emphasis on team work helped us all feel very comfortable with being grouped with very varied groups of people. I really enjoyed the creativity the module allows for and the chance we get to actually pursue our ideas in a formal setting.’

Developing Enterprise, Entrepreneurship & Employability student

‘This module offered a unique and refreshing approach to learning. Developing a business concept was both enjoyable and rewarding. This module will enhance you as an entrepreneur.’

Applied Entrepreneurship student
Unsure which path to take after your degree? You’re not alone. Many students struggle with the process of career choice. The good news is that support is available through this module.

This module will give you the practical skills, techniques and confidence to manage the process of career choice and the support to turn these plans into reality.

**WHAT'S INVOLVED?**

This module is based on how people approach the process of career choice, focusing on self-awareness and understanding what options you have from your degree subject. You will cover the classic phases of career planning and develop a clearer idea of your preferred career options and what is required to achieve these goals.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The Career Management module is a 20 credit module completed over the course of the year, where you will develop a critical understanding, not only around the subject of career management, but of yourself and your own preferences, values and career options.

You will attend weekly timetabled workshops helping you to develop your own personal career planning strategy.

Assessment in Semester 1 is by a 2000-word reflective report. In Semester 2 you must submit a sector research project using either a video/audio diary or personal website, together with an 800-word personal career strategy.

“I did not have a clear idea at all of what career I would like to pursue, I of course had some general ideas but nothing specific. I now have much clearer plans following my participation in this module.”
CAREER DEVELOPMENT MODULE

Module code: NCL2007 (stage 2); NCL3007 (stage 3); NCL 3008 (Advanced); NCL8007 (Masters Level)

Want to graduate with the skills and experience employers are looking for?

The Career Development module gives you the opportunity to use your work experience, volunteering or part-time work to count towards your degree. We can even find your placement for you!

WHAT’S INVOLVED?

There are currently three different placement routes available:

- student tutoring - helping learners in schools, colleges and on campus
- student volunteering - arranged through the Students’ Union, volunteering in the local community or on campus
- learning from work - for those who wish to develop their knowledge and skills using existing part-time work (paid or voluntary)

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Career Development is a 20 credit module where you will spend a minimum of 70 hours at your placement. You will attend timetabled seminars, lectures and tutorials with staff from the Careers Service.

Your assessment will include an evaluation by your placement supervisor, plus some of the following components depending on your stage of degree: a Pecha Kucha presentation; written work reflecting on your progress towards personal goals on placement; a formal presentation and questions; an assessed interview.

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DEVELOPING ENTERPRISE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYABILITY

Module code: NCL2100

In a fast changing and highly competitive world, organisations need creative, enterprising and entrepreneurial people who can adapt, think creatively and solve problems. This module gives you the opportunity to develop these key skills. It also allows you to develop your own ideas into viable solutions as well as working alongside small businesses to overcome real challenges and achieve future success. This module relies on learning by doing. It is practical, hands-on and varied, including guest lecturers and learning off-campus.

WHAT’S INVOLVED?

Over the course of the module you will work on two projects including creation of a new venture/enterprise using your own interests and passions; the other is a live-consultancy project with an employer or organisation, solving a problem or creating a new product or service.

Working on these projects helps to develop the skills which are needed whether you want to start your own business or work for an organisation. It gives you the tools and techniques you need to develop ideas into viable solutions.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Developing Enterprise, Entrepreneurship and Employability is a 20 credit module completed across the academic year and is delivered by Rise Up staff, visiting entrepreneurs and business support professionals.

Assessments include a team trade fair assessment and research/reflective reports.

“The module is a brilliant stepping stone into a world of enterprise. It has instilled a great sense of confidence in me, and helped me achieve many opportunities I wouldn’t have dreamed were available to me coming from an unrelated discipline.”
APPLIED ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Module code: NCL3100

This module will give you in depth support to help you achieve success with your business, enhance your skills as an entrepreneur and gain academic credit. This module requires you to have a developed business or social enterprise idea and gives you the opportunity to run your business as part of your degree. Starting up in business can be time consuming and this module gives an opportunity to build time into your degree.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

This module places your learning and development needs and those of your business at the very centre of the module. The module offers you a range of learning activities to choose from (such as workshops, lectures, conferences, trade fairs etc) within and beyond the university so you only take part in learning relevant to your needs and those of your business.

You will work with an assigned Business Coach throughout the module who can help establish the needs of you and your business, and support you in making and reviewing action plans to achieve your goals throughout the academic year.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you’re interested, you will be asked to submit a one page proposal outlining your ideas. You will also be invited to an appointment with Rise Up and will be assigned a relevant Business Coach. This 20-credit module allows you to choose your development activities. You will be expected to engage in a total of 70 hours of activities across the year.

There is a range of assessment components including a trade fair stand, reflective report and a choice of short assessment.

“The fusion of the academic element and real world business experience acts as a catalyst for your academic, personal and entrepreneurial development”