What Do I Do

What Do I Do With A B.A.?

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The original information has been edited.
This booklet was born out of a desire to answer a question that is frequently uttered by my fellow Arts students: "Apart from teaching, what can I do with my Arts degree?". The aim of this booklet is to inform students of the numerous career options and opportunities that are available to them and of those that can be created.

It is necessary to point out, however, that all careers require various levels of training. You should therefore be aware that you may need to be trained after graduating, be it on-the-job training or pursuing further studies in the field of your choice.

Some of the careers that are listed here have not yet come on stream in Trinidad and Tobago. You can, however, highlight a need and provide a service to satisfy that need.

As one graduate of the Faculty of Humanities (formerly Arts and General Studies) and Education reminds us: "An Arts degree prepares you for nothing, yet everything" (Bhoe Tewarie).

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CREATIVE ARTS

Art Directing
Broadcasting
Cultural Research Officer
Film Editing
Musical Directing
Programme Co-ordination
Radio and TV Production
Stage Production and Management
Teaching

The Creative Arts Centre instructs two groups of students: those who are practitioners of the arts, and undergraduates of the University. Career opportunities in the arts, specifically, are very limited. There is no art industry existing in Trinidad and Tobago, and the arts are underrepresented in the educational system. However, there are seasonal opportunities, particularly at Carnival time, and the demand for the skills of indigenous Trinbagonian artists is increasing internationally. With more media and performance opportunities becoming available locally, there is increased employment at the part-time level.

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Students are advised to pursue studies in International Relations in order to be adequately equipped for the above careers.