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**Professional Profile**

I am a final year Law and Chinese Studies student in University College Dublin. I speak three languages, Irish, French and Mandarin Chinese at a high level. I believe this achievement is representative of my diligence and motivation. Throughout my life I have demonstrated strong academic ability. This can be seen through my years of high grades, academic awards, as well as extra-curricular pursuits of education. Living abroad alone, both in France and in China, has taught me to be independent and clearly shows that I never shy away from a challenge.

**Education**

2015 to date **University College Dublin**

BCL Law and Chinese Studies

* Dual major degree of Law and Chinese Studies.
* I study all necessary elements of Irish law, as well as Chinese language and culture.
* Current GPA: 3.65
* Currently ranked 1st in class.

**Renmin University of China**

Erasmus (2017-18)

* Studied in Beijing, China as part of my third year.
* Received a full Hanban Scholarship to study in a leading law school for two semesters.
* I took Chinese language and international law classes.

Please note I have presented my grades from this year as seen on my transcript (in percentages; no GPA was given).

2009-2015 **St. Mary’s Secondary School,** Nenagh

Leaving Certificate

* 565 points
* Spent Transition Year in **Lycée Blanche de Castille** in Nantes, France where I learned to speak French.
* Elected Prefect in my sixth year (2014-15).
* Qualified in first year (2009-10) for **Centre of Talented Youth in Ireland**, a summer programme for students ranking in the top 5th percentile of the School and College Ability Test (SCAT).

**Professional Experience**

Oct 17 – Jan 18 **Jingtian & Gongcheng,** Beijing

**Role:** Legal Intern

**Responsibilities:**

* Reviewed contracts to ensure no English mistakes.
* Summarised acquisition agreements and prospectuses.
* Compiled and presented client information at meetings.
* As the only non-Chinese employee, I acted as a Western representative of the firm when they dealt with Western clients.

**Skills:**

* Gained confidence working in a corporate setting.
* In reviewing legal documents relating to Chinese and Hong Kong law in English, I learned the terminology and practices relevant to this line of work.
* Learned practical skills such as correct etiquette when dealing with senior members of staff.
* Learned to effectively network with clients and co-workers. This is of particular importance in a country where so much emphasis is put on business relations.

Sept 17 – June 18 **Beijing Zhongchuantongbao Culture Exchange Co.,** Beijing

**Role:** English Teacher

**Responsibilities**:

* Deliver English classes.
* Develop teaching plans tailored to each student.
* Report student progress to parents.

**Skills:**

* I learned how to effectively communicate a range of concepts through both language and cultural barriers, to children and adults alike.
* Developed initiative as I designed a new teaching strategy involving music to help younger students who struggled with traditional teaching styles.

**Achievements**

**Belfield FM Society - Host and Producer**

2018-19

* Subcommittee member of UCD’s radio station.
* Host and producer of an original show, ‘Herasmus’.
* Herasmus is a weekly talk show discussing studying abroad and travel with a female perspective.
* Roles involve researching discussion topics, speaking on air, editing the audio into a podcast, supervising the radio station.
* As an avid consumer of podcasts, I am incredibly excited and proud to get the opportunity to create one myself.

**UCD Academic Entrance Scholar**

2015

* Awarded due to my high Leaving Certificate points of 565.

**UCD Class Representative**

2016-17

* Elected to represent the members of my course on matters that affected them at Staff/Student Forums.

**Skills**

**HSK 5 - Mandarin Chinese**

August 2018

* Chinese proficiency examination equivalent to CEFR Level C1.

**Effective Communication and Public Speaking Certificates**

Leinster School of Music and Drama

- All examinations passed with First Class Honours.

- Two medals awarded.

**Interests**

**Sports**

* I enjoy long-distance running casually as well as competitively.
* Member of Renmin University’s Mountaineering Society.
* November 2017; Red Bull 24hr 100km Jiaozi Mountain Cross Challenge.
* June 2018; Salomon Mt. Lingshan 10k (8th place).

**Social Interest**

* In first year (2015-16) I was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society. With them I attended ‘soup runs’ throughout Dublin City. This was an eye-opening and rewarding experience as I saw Ireland’s housing issues first hand.
* In second year (2016-17) I was a Volunteer Tutor with UCD’s Access & Lifelong Learning tutor scheme. I provided voluntary grinds to secondary school students who otherwise may not have had access to this resource.
* I am currently writing a thesis on China’s environmental laws. I am interested to see how current policies affect the quality of life of Chinese people.