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Personal Statement

Songs can be changed to suit the needs of the moment, but any changes become clearly visible, as the timeless rules defining music and harmony remain unchanged.

While my music education ended when I entered UL, the lessons I have learned have remained close and beneficial in my life. I have acquired a lifestyle of discipline and have made self-improvement a natural part of my daily life. I have gained an appreciation for the complexities and variations of interpretation. I understand the importance of having both a sound foundation and a dedication to constant study. I believe independent thinking and having a strong sense of passion for something are both important.

Education

2020- University of Limerick, Bachelor of Law – Law Plus

At present:

Modules: 2023/2024 (4th yr): Equity & Trusts, Company Law, Law of the EU, Advanced Lawyering, EU Cinema from beginning to 1950s.

Modules: 2021/2022 (2nd yr): Land Law, Constitutional Law, Law of Torts, Commercial Law, Jurisprudence, Visual Cultural Studies, Introduction to Film Studies.

Modules: 2020/2021 (1st yr): Criminal Law, Contract Law, Introduction to Lawyering, Administrative Law, Digital Media, Psychology and Everyday Life, Cultural Studies.

19/02/23 – Erasmus/Study Abroad: University of Padua, Italy (2nd semester)
01/08/23:

Modules: 2022/2023 (3rd yr): Criminal Law & Economics, Privacy Law & Data Protection, Cultural Encounters, EU Law & Litigation.

2014–2020: Gael Cholaiste Daibhis, Mala (Leaving Certificate 2020)

Results: Irish H2, English H3, Maths H4, German H2, Business H2, Biology H3, Music H3.

2006–2014: Gael Scoil Thomais Daibhis, Mala

Work History

03/08/2023 - Joyce & Co Solicitors, Washington St., Cork

16/08/2023 Work experience placement with an Immigration Law Firm.

- (a) Shadowed solicitors dealing with matters ranging from Right to Spouse and skilled worker visa applications.
- (b) Gained insight into Immigration sector through researching relevant statutes, case law and case summaries.
- (c) Observed how client meetings are conducted.

04/07/2022 - Co-Op Education – Housing Department, Cork City Council

03/02/2023 Clerical Officer: Duties & Responsibilities:

- (a) Communicated with, supported/assisted team members, supervisors and members of the public.
- (b) Processed applications for rental payments and reviews.
- (c) Performed clerical duties, including typing, filing, photocopying, inputting data, handling/dealing with correspondence and answering/making phone calls.
- (d) Took ownership of assigned tasks and prioritised competing tasks on time, to a high standard.
- (e) Ensured records and files were managed in an organised and logical manner.
- (f) Attended house calls.
- (g) Mentored subsequent interns when my internship was completed.

09/2021 - Cuisle Avondhu, Killavullen, Co. Cork

06/2022 Concertina Teacher

(part-time evenings)

My Concertina Teacher invited me to take on responsibility for her students when I passed my Grade VIII concertina exam. I instructed grade III and VI students in a diverse array of compositions and scales in concertina. I had to explain topics in a way was easy for the students to understand. I diligently assisted the students in their preparation for the year-end examinations and I participated in the year-end concert.

05/05/2021 Law Start Day - A&L Goodbody:

This helped me to understand what corporate lawyers do on a day to day basis. This experience has allowed me to distinguish between local and corporate law firms and make an informed decision about my future in the field of law.

13/06/2018- M. D. O'Shea & Sons, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
At present Garden Centre Assistant (part-time: holidays and Saturdays)

Skills Acquired: I have cultivated a proficiency in navigating both tasks and collaborative teamwork. I have gained an understanding of the dynamics within the garden centre industry, coupled with a finesse for effective communication, whether it be with my co-workers or customers. I have honed the invaluable skill of swiftly assimilating new information and adapting to the ever-evolving demands of a vibrant commercial business.

Skills:

Full Irish Driving Licence – November 2019.

Languages: My involvement in two German student exchanges during TY has proven to me the deep impact of travel, the chance to make new friends, and the experience of living in a foreign environment. It occurred to me that I am more adaptable and tolerant than I previously thought, and that successful communication is key to success when navigating unfamiliar waters. Studying Italian during my Erasmus experience not only enriched my language skills but also bolstered my confidence in handling everyday tasks.

Teamwork: My teamwork skills are one of my strengths. From my experience in my part-time job at the garden centre, I have learned that promoting collaboration, solving problems together, and engaging in open discussions are crucial when working with individuals who hold different opinions than mine.

Researching: In addition to my law coursework, I derive enjoyment from delving into the cultures of countries I plan to visit and exploring topics that pique my interest. For my Erasmus, I spent many hours researching Italy and surrounding countries. Since I was choosing to immerse myself in another world, research was vital to get the most out of my Erasmus experience.

Interests:

Music: I completed my piano and concertina grade VIII exams in 2020. I learnt to play music at a young age, which required a lot of patience and practise. I developed stamina, skill and perseverance which is important in everyday life. My Concertina Teacher invited me to take on responsibility for her students when I passed my Grade VIII concertina exam.

Reading: I am passionate about reading. I always have a book in my bag. My favourite writers are R. F. Kuang, Sarah J. Mass and many more. I find reading relaxing and allows my mind to wind down.

Sports/Hiking: Climbing allows me to shatter the perspective of what I can achieve, how far I can go and what I can endure. There is no better feeling than looking across at a point in the distance, seeing how far I walked. That sense of achievement is powerful. I enjoy badminton. I played badminton and handball during my school years, competing in competitions, but mainly for fun. Mountain biking is something I enjoy with my dad and brother.

References: Available on request.

