The College of Arts and Letters plays an integral role in Notre Dame’s mission to serve as the world’s preeminent Catholic research university. Arts and Letters challenges students to ask the enduring questions and seek solutions to the complex problems facing society.

As an Arts and Letters student, you will develop skills that are valuable assets in any profession—the ability to analyze data, conduct in-depth research, solve challenging problems, write effectively, and speak persuasively. And by opening your mind to new views, texts, and cultures, you will gain a broader perspective that prepares you to become a cosmopolitan citizen of the world.

The most important advice I can give you is to study something that you love.

Any course of study you truly find fascinating and pursue with passion will prepare you to succeed after graduation and throughout your life.

I encourage you to browse through these cards and familiarize yourself with the opportunities and resources available to you through the College.

Take advantage of all that Notre Dame offers and know that we are ready to assist you as you formulate and achieve your highest aspirations.

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Our mission is to introduce you to the life of the mind, to awaken your intellectual curiosity, and to help you discover the many intellectual opportunities Notre Dame affords.

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- study abroad
- research grants
- fellowships
- internships
- honors tracks
- senior thesis
- course scheduling
- graduation requirements
- and more

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