Beth Gee ’10
Japanese major
Foreign service officer, Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S.
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“The Japanese program at Notre Dame has an excellent faculty and course selection, as well as wonderful study abroad opportunities. Because it’s a small program, you have excellent access to your professors and build a close-knit community with other students in the major.

“I use what I learned about Japan’s history, culture, and politics on a daily basis in my work advancing U.S.-Japan bilateral relations. Additionally, I use my Japanese language ability when I interact with Japanese government officials, business representatives, civil society, and private citizens.

“I believe exposure to a foreign language and culture can be life-changing in the way it shapes your personal awareness and knowledge of the wider world we live in. The experience is truly enriching both socially and intellectually, and you will continue to draw on the benefits throughout your life.”

100% of recent Notre Dame Japanese majors found full-time employment, enrolled in graduate school, entered service programs, joined the military, or launched independent projects within six months of graduation.

47.5% find full-time jobs
Associate, PwC
Assurance staff, Ernst & Young
Auditor, KPMG
Business management associate, General Mills
Campaign manager, Virginia state delegate
Consulting assistant, Chicago Tokyo Group
Data editor, NetProspex
Economic analyst, China Policy
English teacher, Shimon Private School, Japan
Intelligence officer, U.S. Air Force
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program
Legal assistant, Milstein Adelman
Production assistant, Leviathan Design
Software development engineer, Amazon
Sourcing analyst, Target
Specifications coordinator, McMaster-Carr
Tax associate, Deloitte
Yield management analyst, US Airways

8% enter service programs
Dominican Volunteers, Atlanta, Georgia
Match Education, Boston, Massachusetts

5% join the military
Intelligence officer, U.S. Air Force
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

5% launch independent projects
Dominican Volunteers, Atlanta, Georgia
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34.5% go to graduate or professional school
Accountancy: New York University
Asian studies: UCLA
International relations: Johns Hopkins University
Japanese: Inter-University Center, Japan; University of Massachusetts
Japanese literature: Columbia University
Law: Washington and Lee University
Library science: Indiana University

Curriculum requirements
Completion of third-year Japanese or its equivalent (fourth-year and/or advanced Japanese is encouraged)
3 upper-division Japanese and literature courses
Additional East Asia-related courses

Source: Career Center First Destination Reports, 2010–2014

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