Madeline Baker ’12
Studio Art major
Art director for marketing,
Conversant LLC

“Breaking into the job market with a Studio Art major first and foremost requires a willingness to try and a desire to learn in your chosen field—enthusiasm almost always trumps inexperience. Starting a creative career also often calls for persistence in hunting down open positions and connecting with people. Even if it takes some time, opportunities will present themselves if you keep trying.

“The benefits to studying Studio Art are very real. You learn the value of hard work and personal accountability. There’s no way to fake a painting—you have to put in the time. Professional success is difficult to find without that kind of work ethic. That creative passion can be channeled into any job or career path, not just artistic ones. Studio Art teaches you to really care about what you want to do regardless of what that is. The art program at Notre Dame educates you in finding your voice and expressing your opinion. The world is full of questions just waiting for creative answers—all you have to do is speak up.”

Curriculum requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art (36 credit hours)

- Drawing I
- 2D Foundations
- 3D Foundations
- 3 art history courses
- 4 studio electives
- 2 studio or design electives

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art (67 credit hours)

- Drawing I
- 2D Foundations
- 3D Foundations
- Photography I
- Figure Drawing
- 3 art history courses
- Senior Seminar
- 5 courses in area of concentration
- 6 studio or design electives
- 9-credit yearlong BFA thesis

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Of recent Notre Dame Studio Art majors found full-time employment, enrolled in graduate school, or entered service programs within six months of graduation.

Dental assistant, Georgia Regents University
Fashion intern, Wave Atelier Fashion Showroom
Financial representative, Northwestern Mutual
Library specialist, University of Notre Dame
Recruiter, Seven Step Recruiting
Storyboard colorist, Visual Storyline

Dental assistant, Fashion intern, Financial representative, Library specialist, Recruiter, Storyboard colorist

Alliance for Catholic Education, Fort Worth, Texas
City Year, Little Rock, Arkansas
Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Source: Career Center First Destination Reports, 2010-2014

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