Michelle McCarthy ’16
Gender Studies major
Research and writing assistant, J Strategies Inc.

“Gender is something that affects our entire lives — from the classroom to the workplace to your personal life. As a Gender Studies major, you read books and articles from a wide range of scholars who have an array of opinions on gender. You learn to interrogate and critique each work and think critically about what you believe.

“The Gender Studies program taught me how to analyze, write, and speak about complex topics. These are skills that are essential to my work at J Strategies, a communications and government relations firm, and will help any Gender Studies major in the modern workplace.

“One of the most beneficial parts of the program is that the major is incredibly interdisciplinary. I was able to take classes cross-listed with everything from history to English to sociology. I learned how to communicate effectively across a variety of disciplines and take advantage of all that Arts and Letters has to offer.”

Curriculum requirements
Primary major
Introduction to Gender Studies
Perspectives on Gender: Theory and Practice
4 courses in one concentration
2 to 3 electives
1 senior capstone project (interdisciplinary seminar or senior thesis)

Supplementary major
Introduction to Gender Studies
Perspectives on Gender: Theory and Practice
3 courses in one concentration
2 electives
1 senior capstone project (interdisciplinary seminar or capstone essay)

Study Gender. Do anything.

94% of recent Notre Dame Gender Studies majors started full-time jobs, enrolled in graduate school, entered service programs, or launched independent projects within six months of graduation.

41% started full-time jobs
- ABA therapist, Lighthouse Autism Center
- Advertising and promotions assistant, Macmillan Publishers
- Assistant teacher, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program
- Associate account executive, Bliss Integrated Communications
- Attorney human resources assistant, Kirkland & Ellis
- Business management associate, General Mills
- Executive assistant to the CED and CFO, Vinfen Corporation
- Genetics clinic coordinator, Boston Children’s Hospital
- Media associate, Starcom MediaVest Group
- Medical scribe, Scribe America
- Middle school teacher, Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy
- National account manager, Coyote Logistics
- Organizer, Impact
- Project manager, Epic Systems
- Quality assurance specialist, Epic Systems
- Teacher assistant, Chicago Public Schools

28% enrolled in graduate or professional school
- Computer engineering: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Law: Emory University, Loyola University Chicago, University of North Carolina, University of Virginia
- Library and information sciences: University of Washington
- Public health: University of Pittsburgh
- Psychology: University of Nebraska
- Social work: Arizona State University, Washington University in St. Louis

7% launched independent projects

17% entered service programs
- House of Brigid, Ireland
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Portland, Oregon
- Teach for America, Dallas, Texas
- Middle school teacher, Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy

Source: Center for Career Development
First Destination Reports, 2014–2018

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