

Study German. Do anything.

97%

of recent Notre Dame German majors started full-time jobs, enrolled in graduate school, entered service programs, launched independent projects, or joined the military within six months of graduation.



Tatiana Vdovina '18
German major

First: Financial analyst, Kite Realty Group

Now: Ph.D. student, business administration,
Washington University in St. Louis

"I took my first German class as a sophomore and found there was so much more to studying German than learning the vocabulary and grammar — even my introductory-level classes featured insights into German and European cultures, international relations and politics, and multiculturalism.

"Most importantly, the curriculum emphasized how language can affect — and be affected by — society and historical events. The faculty members are all knowledgeable and there to help every student, whether they study German as a major or simply take a class out of interest.

"Even though I haven't used German directly in my career so far, my experience has proven beneficial. As a financial analyst, I wrote market research reports and presented my findings. The many papers I wrote in my German classes gave me a good grasp of how to best express the issue at hand, the research process, and the main takeaways. On a daily basis, having a rich sociocultural perspective helped me better understand why people visited our shopping centers — and how American consumers adopted habits seen in Europe.

"As I move on to graduate studies, the knowledge and skills I gained as an undergraduate will continue to serve me well."

51%
started full-time jobs



- Advisory forensics associate, KPMG
- Analyst, FTI Consulting
- Applications specialist, Perten Instruments
- Assurance staff, Ernst & Young
- Business management associate, General Mills
- Engineering rotational program, John Deere
- English teaching assistant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Germany
- Financial analyst, Kite Realty Group
- Investment banking analyst, Bank of America
- IT infrastructure and security consultant, West Monroe Partners
- Research technician, University of Chicago
- Track analyst, General Motors

35%
enrolled in
graduate or
professional school



- Biology:** Johns Hopkins University
- Dentistry:** University of Oregon
- Divinity:** University of Notre Dame
- German as a second language:** Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
- German literature and philosophy:** Heidelberg University
- Human development:** Tufts University
- Law:** Georgetown University
- Medicine:** SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- Public history:** University College Dublin
- Public policy:** George Washington University

5%
entered
service
programs



- Catholic Charities, Baltimore, Maryland
- Nazareth Farm, Salem, West Virginia

3%
launched
independent
projects



3%
joined the
military



Curriculum requirements

- Intermediate German II
- Contemporary Germany
- Introduction to German Literary Tradition(s)
- 7 electives at the 30000 or 40000 level

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