Jose Fernandez '16
History major
Investment banking analyst, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, New York City

"Notre Dame’s History program sparked my intellectual curiosity and provided the academic rigor and skills development that I sought in a major. In addition to the great professors I had, the program challenged me to think outside the box, to question what I was studying, and to effectively formulate and support my opinions and conclusions.

"To break into the finance industry, I leveraged Notre Dame’s active and helpful alumni network to get interviews, then studied and prepared thoroughly — and used my history major as a way to stand out from other candidates. Studying history provides perspective on the world around us, and it gives you the necessary analytical and critical thinking skills to recognize trends and make decisions based on what you find."

46% started full-time jobs
Account manager, Aon Corporation
Analyst, Huron Consulting Group
Billing coordinator, Lindenmeyer
Business account executive, AT&T
Business technology analyst, Deloitte
Compliance analyst, JP Morgan
Consultant, IBM
Corporate PR intern, Ogilvy
Corporate recruiter, Epic Systems
Credit analyst, Windhaven Insurance
Executive team leader, Target
Investment banking analyst, Bank of America
Language assistant, Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sport
Legal assistant, Hussain & Bendersky LLC
Medical research assistant, Romano Orthopaedics
Outreach assistant, Committee for Economic Development
Project analyst, Align Communications
Project manager, Epic
Research analyst, Cadmus Group
Researcher, Columbia University
Sales representative, E & J Gallo Winery
Securities analyst, Goldman Sachs
Staff assistant, U.S. Senate
Survey associate, Mathematica
Policy Research

27% enrolled in graduate or professional school
African studies: Oxford University, Yale University
American studies: Columbia University
Archaeology: University of Arizona
Comparative politics: London School of Economics and Political Science
Education: University of Southern California, Xavier University
History: Columbia University, University College Dublin, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University
Human molecular genetics: University of South Dakota
International relations: University College Dublin
Law: Boston College, Columbia University, Duke University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, Stanford University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania
Library science: Drexel University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Medicine: Augusta University, Creighton University, Rush University, University of Maryland, University of Texas
Political theory: Boston College
Theology: Boston College

18% entered service programs
Alliance for Catholic Education, St. Petersburg, Florida
Assumptionist Volunteers, Italy
Harbor Health Services, Boston, Massachusetts
L’Arche, Washington, D.C.
Peace Corps, Ukraine
Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Teach for America, Connecticut

3% joined the military

3% launched independent projects

97% of recent Notre Dame History started full-time jobs, enrolled in graduate school, entered service programs, joined the military, or launched independent projects within six months of graduation.

Curriculum requirements
The History Workshop gateway course
1 global history course
3 courses from five geographic areas (Asia, African and the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, North America)
4 electives, with three comprising a concentration in a thematic or geographical track

The Department Seminar research capstone course

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

Study History. Do anything.