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

32% started full-time jobs
Adjunct professor, University of Rennes, France
Analyst, Huron Consulting Group
Associate financial analyst, Johnson & Johnson
Business analyst, Atheneum Partners
Development and design, McMaster-Carr
Director of youth ministry and evangelization, Holy Martyr Catholic Parish
Economics research assistant, American Enterprise Institute
Inside sales consultant, SinglePlatform
Investment banking analyst, JPMorgan Chase
Management and program analyst, FBI
Network technician, Reynolds and Reynolds
Refining technology intern, BP
Research assistant, Federal Reserve Board
Research coordinator, Langone Medical Center
Research intern, U.S.-China Commission
Technical problem solver, Epic Systems
Writer, Discovery Channel

45% enrolled in graduate or professional school
Arabic: University of Michigan
Computer science: University of Pittsburgh
Criminology: Oxford University
Divinity: Congregation of Holy Cross, Dominican Order Eastern Province, St. Joseph’s Seminary
English: Rutgers University, University of Chicago
Law: Boston College, Columbia University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, University of Arizona, University of Minnesota, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, Vanderbilt University
Medicine: University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin
Philosophy: École Normale Supérieure, Indiana University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oxford University, Princeton University, St. John Vianney College Seminary, University of Texas, Virginia Tech University
Public health: Northwestern University
Refugee and forced migration studies: Oxford University
Religion: Yale University

16% entered service programs
Amate House, Chicago, Illinois
AmeriCorps, Chelsea, Massachusetts
Alliance for Catholic Education, Los Angeles, California
Christian Appalachian Project, Mount Vernon, Kentucky
City Year, Washington, D.C.
Collegio Rotondi, Italy
House of Brigid, Ireland
Mercy Volunteer Corps, Savannah, Georgia
Peace Corps, Thailand
WorldTeach, China

2% joined the military

3% launched independent projects
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*Philosophy, unlike any other field, combines critical analysis with objectivity. I will always cherish the opportunity to encounter some of the defining intellectual texts in the history of thought.

*At Notre Dame, you find people who take seriously the idea that Philosophy is a way of life. The classes reflect this — professors understand that your philosophical outlook affects every aspect of how you live, and that it can help you to live a happy, virtuous life.

*Philosophy is an exercise of your highest capacity of thought. Whether you go on to become a banker or a soldier or a doctor — the time you spent studying philosophy will be remembered as a time you encountered truth and beauty for their own sake.

*Studying Philosophy will develop your critical thinking in a way that other fields cannot. You will have to stand by your interpretations of texts and defend your theses against people who have studied how to pick arguments apart. You will have to become precise in your language and reasoning as well. This will make you an attractive employee in any field.

Curriculum requirements
Introduction to Philosophy
Gateway Seminar or second Univ. requirement
Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
History of Modern Philosophy
Formal Logic
5 Philosophy seminars

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