

# Study Philosophy. Do anything.



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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

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.

98%

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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