

Study PLS. Do anything.



Tom White, '14
PLS major

First: Director, internship program, Grand Central Tech
Now: Associate account strategist, Google

"I majored in PLS in order to learn how to think, read, write, understand, and articulate — to equip myself with those tools necessary to lead a life worth living. From survey course to seminar, the variety of courses and class types in PLS fosters a mental rigor that forces students to stretch their intellectual limits. From mulling over the musings of Machiavelli to debating the deliberations of Dante, students are encouraged to grapple with ideas, professors, and their peers to master the art form that is critical thinking.

"Now, I put my PLS education to use every single day. The latticework of mental models that I garnered has served me very well. I have found that the ability to deconstruct complexities, to communicate clearly and eloquently, and to synthesize information in a succinct, lucid manner is a luxury, not a commodity, in the professional world. By majoring in PLS, I was ahead of the pack before the race had even begun.

"By annexing and reflecting upon the knowledge of the greatest writers, theologians, musicians, and historians of all time, I have found tremendous solace. Pursuing PLS solidified my belief that internal peace and wellbeing are enhanced by the accumulation of knowledge and different philosophies. Whether meditating on the Confessions of St. Augustine or ruminating on the application of Stoicism to modern living, I always find some way to make use of my past readings in order to live a more wholesome life."

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

95%

46%
started full-time jobs



Analyst, Huron Consulting Group
Associate, Boston Consulting Group
Associate consultant, Bain & Company
Business analyst, Target
Campaign organizer, Impact
Community coordinator, Partners in Health
Consultant, H.W. Anderson
English teacher, YES Prep Public Schools
Health care analyst, Huron Consulting Group
Interior designer, Konstant Architecture
Leadership development associate, Advantage Solutions Group
Legislative correspondent, U.S. Senate
Library technician, Library of Congress
Marketing consultant, JElena Group
Marketing coordinator, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Paralegal, U.S. Department of Justice
Private banking analyst, JP Morgan
Publicity assistant, Penguin Books
Quality assurance analyst, Epic Systems
Research analyst, Ipsos
Special projects coordinator, Latham & Watkins
Sustainability intern, Coca Cola
Technology consultant, GWC Technology Solutions
Web producer, Hachette Book Group

22%
enrolled in graduate or professional school



Anthropology: University of Illinois
Arts administration: Sotheby's Institute of Art
Classics: Georgetown University
Education: Harvard University
English: Boston College, Duke University, University of Virginia
German philosophy: Freie Universitat, Berlin
Law: Columbia University, Cornell University, Temple University, University of Chicago, University of Virginia, Villanova University
Medicine: Emory University, New York University
Religion: Yale University
Statistics/computer science: Purdue University

20%
entered service programs



Alliance for Catholic Education, New Orleans, Louisiana
Camp Hill, Ireland
City Year, Chicago
College Possible, Portland, Oregon
ECHO, Indianapolis, Indiana
Farm of the Child, Honduras
The Haitian Project, Haiti
Jesuit Alumni Service Corps, Spokane, Washington
Operation Teach, Baltimore, Maryland
Peace Corps, Tanzania
Teach for America, New York City

1%
joined the military



4%
launched independent projects



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

Curriculum requirements

6 four-credit Great Books seminars

13 three-credit tutorials in methods of a specific discipline (philosophy, literature, theology, science, fine arts, intellectual and cultural history)

Senior thesis

1 to 2 electives per semester

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