

# Study PLS. Do anything.

95%

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.



**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."

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

4%

**launched independent projects**

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

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**

## 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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