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

Nick Nissen ’16
Spanish major
M.D. student, Brown University

"Choosing the Spanish major is an important decision for your education as a whole person and becoming a member of the global society. Having some sort of cultural and linguistic competency is crucial. The Spanish major does an amazing job in preparing us for that.

"As you progress, you get to the point where you’re exploring these different topics—anthropology or philosophy or theology—but you’re exploring them all through the Spanish language. It’s like getting two things done at once—you’re not only delving into these very interesting intellectual topics, but you’re also getting better at a language and understanding a culture more deeply.

"I want to be a physician, and there’s a huge demand for physicians who speak Spanish. It’s been very important to learn the language in order to be able to provide medical services to people that often are unable to effectively translate their symptoms or the array of problems they’re dealing with."

Study Spanish. Do anything.

Education: Stanford University
Law: George Washington University, Loyola University, Northwestern University
Literature: Rutgers University
Medicine: Baylor University, Creighton University, Georgetown University, Michigan State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, Vanderbilt University
Spanish: New York University – Madrid

Curriculum requirements
Introduction to Hispanic Literature and Cultures
3-4 30000-level literature and culture courses
2 40000-level departmental electives
2-3 20202-level or above departmental electives
Senior Seminar

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