

Study American Studies. Do anything.

98%

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

57% started full-time jobs

Accelerated development program, Vanguard
Account coordinator, News America Marketing
Assistant canvass director, Fund for the Public Interest
Associate consultant, PwC
Associate director of admissions and public relations, Detroit Catholic Central High School
Associate library researcher, Fusion
Business analyst, Target
Business development program professional, Cleveland Indians
Business management associate, General Mills

Communications associate, AARP
Communications consultant, Fidelity Benefits Consulting
Communications coordinator, Skoog Productions
Development coordinator, Tricon Energy
Digital marketing analyst, Acquity Group
Editorial assistant, Pearson Learning Solutions
English language teacher, Center for Teaching and Learning in China
Finance associate, U.S. congressional campaign
Human resources associate, Eli Lilly and Co.
Intelligence analyst, FBI
Page, NBCUniversal
Paralegal, U.S. Department of Justice
Production assistant, CBS
Project manager, Epic Systems
Reporter, Catholic News Service
Reporting intern, *Tampa Bay Times*

20% entered service programs

Alliance for Catholic Education, Richmond, Virginia
AmeriCorps, St. Paul, Minnesota
Blueprint Fellowship, Denver, Colorado
Community Health Center, Meriden, Connecticut
House of Brigid, Dublin, Ireland
Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Peru
Teach for America, San Antonio, Texas
WorldTeach, American Samoa

8% launched independent projects

13% enrolled in graduate or professional school

Dentistry: Baylor University
Education: University of Massachusetts, University of Wisconsin
History: Colorado State University
Kinesiology and exercise science: Ohio State University
Law: Duquesne University, John Marshall Law School, University of Iowa, Washington University
Medicine: Loyola University Chicago
Public history: Northeastern University
Sports management: Ohio State University

Curriculum requirements

Introduction to American Studies

8 upper-level American Studies courses (up to two may be taken from different departments or through an off-campus Notre Dame program)

Senior Seminar in American Studies, including significant capstone research project

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



Sarah Morris '16
American Studies major
Associate, Clyde Group

"I wanted to study everything — literature, history, politics, religion, art, race, gender. In American Studies, I found a path that not only appealed to my varied interests, but encouraged and demanded that I think critically about how they all connect.

"Through my coursework, I learned how to write clearly, speak eloquently, and think critically. I was equipped with tools that I use constantly — writing, research, time management, problem solving, and teamwork. I owe many of my professional skills to my senior thesis, where I learned how to conduct in-depth research, receive and incorporate feedback to my work, and take ownership of a project from start to finish.

"I put my American Studies degree to use every day working at a public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. When I started, I had never written a press release or a pitch to a journalist, but I quickly discovered that didn't matter at all. I developed a strong writing foundation through American Studies, and I apply that to my diverse range of writing projects, from op-eds and speeches to memos and research documents.

"American Studies taught me how to observe and understand our complex, often difficult world — and that's made me a more thoughtful, critical, and empowered citizen."

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