Michelle McCarthy ’16
Gender Studies major
Research and writing assistant, J Strategies Inc.

“Gender is something that affects our entire lives — from the classroom to the workplace to your personal life. As a Gender Studies major, you read books and articles from a wide range of scholars who have an array of opinions on gender. You learn to interrogate and critique each work and think critically about what you believe.

“The Gender Studies program taught me how to analyze, write, and speak about complex topics. These are skills that are essential to my work at J Strategies, a communications and government relations firm, and will help any Gender Studies major in the modern workplace.

“One of the most beneficial parts of the program is that the major is incredibly interdisciplinary. I was able to take classes cross-listed with everything from history to English to sociology. I learned how to communicate effectively across a variety of disciplines and take advantage of all that Arts and Letters has to offer.”

96% of Notre Dame Gender majors find success within six months of graduation.

33% enrolled in graduate or professional school

40% started full-time jobs

20% entered service programs

3% pursued other opportunities

Curriculum requirements

Primary major
Introduction to Gender Studies
Perspectives on Gender: Theory and Practice
4 courses in one concentration (Arts and Culture, Religion and Family, Gender and Society)
2 to 3 electives
1 senior capstone project (interdisciplinary seminar or senior thesis)

Supplementary major
Introduction to Gender Studies
Perspectives on Gender: Theory and Practice
3 courses in one concentration (Arts and Culture, Religion and Family, Gender and Society)
2 electives
1 senior capstone project (interdisciplinary seminar or capstone essay)

Alliance for Catholic Education, Fort Worth, Texas
AmeriCorps, Phoenix, Arizona
House of Brigid, Ireland
Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Portland, Oregon
Teach for America, Dallas, Texas

Computer engineering: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Irish folklore and ethnology: University College Dublin
Law: Emory University, Loyola University Chicago, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, University of Virginia
Library and information sciences: University of Washington
Philosophy: Indiana University
Psychology: University of Nebraska
Public health: University of Pittsburgh
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Study Gender.
Do anything.

Study everything. Do anything.”

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