Study American Studies. Do anything.

96% of recent Notre Dame American Studies majors found success within six months of graduation.

57% started full-time jobs

- Account executive, Yelp
- Analyst, Springhill Consulting Group
- Assistant account executive, Zeno Group
- Assistant planner of strategy, Mindshare
- Associate, Weber Shandwick Consultancy
- Associate account executive, Bliss Integrated Communication
- Blogger/Reporter, *TheWrap*
- Business development associate, FCB Chicago
- Editorial branded content coordinator, Hearst Magazines
- Finance director, Betsy Dirksen Londrigan for Congress
- Floor supervisor, Columbus Museum of Art
- Junior associate for Client Experience, Weber Shandwick
- Legislative correspondent, U.S. Senate
- Management consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Marketing assistant, Turner Sports
- News assistant, *The New York Times*
- Paralegal, Federal Trade Commission
- Production assistant, Girl Meets Dirt
- Project manager, Insyte Partners
- Research analyst, The Expert Institute
- Research associate, Katie Couric Media
- Runner, Whitehouse Post
- Staff assistant, U.S. House of Representatives
- Web producer, Ledger Bennett
- Workday business consultant, TopBloc

16% enrolled in graduate or professional school

Education: Columbia University, Harvard University
Global retailing: University of Houston
International educational development: University of Pennsylvania
Instructional Design, development, and evaluation: Syracuse University
Law: George Washington University, UCLA, University of Florida
Marketing: Vanderbilt University
Medicine: Rush University
Physical therapy: Northwestern University
Social work: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sports management: Columbia University

16% entered service programs

- Alliance for Catholic Education, San Antonio, Texas
- City Year, Los Angeles, California
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, Aloha, Oregon
- New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education, Seattle, Washington
- Teach for America, Chicago, Illinois
- Urban Teachers, Washington, D.C.

Source: Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2017–2021

Claire Kramer '18

American Studies major

First: Public relations intern, Baltimore Ravens

Now: Senior Associate Athletics Communications Director, University of Notre Dame

"I was immediately drawn in by the classes — Sports and American Culture, Catholicism in America, and American Politics. As I took more, interacted with faculty and students, and saw the opportunities and skills gained, I grew increasingly passionate about the area of study and how it could help me pursue a sports and communications career.

"Perhaps the most valuable part of the major was the incredible training in critical thinking. I was taught to always ask, "Why?". I learned further how to listen, consider, evaluate, then react, which has paid dividends in my ability to consider other points of view, see value in experiences different from mine, and understand how to formulate solutions that can serve many interests. In tandem, the ability to communicate effectively, visually, verbally, and in written form, is something that will last well beyond my education.

"American Studies gave me a great toolkit for any career I elected to pursue and taught me skills that can apply to any industry: I work well with others, communicate effectively, seek to find creative solutions, and recognize nuance in complicated situations. I'm better able to understand people who are different from me while being able to articulate my point of view clearly and productively.

"Major in what you're passionate about because Notre Dame will prepare you to do anything. It's a matter of how you use those skills to do what you love. What I learned at Notre Dame, in American Studies and outside of the major, continues to shape how I interact, learn and work today."

7% pursued other opportunities

(Completing an internship, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, or volunteering)

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

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