

Study Italian. Do anything.



97% of recent Notre Dame Italian majors found success within six months of graduation.

47% started full-time jobs

- Accelerated development program, Vanguard
- Assistant news brief editor, ABIS Group
- Banking analyst, BMO Financial Group
- Business analyst, McKinsey & Co.
- Category specialist, Hayneedle
- Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton
- District manager, Aldi
- Program teaching assistant, SITE Italy
- Research manager, International Seminar Design
- Risk and financial advisory consultant, Deloitte
- Transfer pricing associate, KPMG

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

34% enrolled in graduate or professional school

History and cultural heritage of the Church: Pontifical Gregoriana Institute

Human paleobiology: George Washington University

International management: Bocconi University

Italian: Middlebury College

Law: Boston College, Notre Dame, Saint Louis University, University of Chicago

Medicine: Creighton University, Virginia Tech

Philosophy: Indiana University

Romance languages: Notre Dame

16% entered service programs

Alliance for Catholic Education
AmeriCorps, Tampa, Florida
City Year, Boston, Massachusetts
FrancisCorps, Syracuse, New York
House of Brigid, Dublin, Ireland
People of Praise Missionary Co., Evansville, Indiana

Curriculum requirements

Medieval-Renaissance Italian Literature & Culture
Modern Italian Literature & Culture
2 20000-level or above electives
5 30000-level or above electives
Italian Seminar

Jane Driano '19
Italian major

M.D. student, Creighton University School of Medicine

"I enrolled in my first Italian class my freshman year to fulfill my Arts & Letters language requirement, but after just one course, I knew I wanted to continue pursuing Italian Studies. I changed my major to Italian with a supplementary major in A&L Pre-Health, though I was nervous how a nonscience major would affect the strength of my medical school application. However, every school at which I interviewed was intrigued by my academic pursuits, and I believe studying Italian made me stand out as an applicant.

"The closeness of the community was a highlight of the Italian program. The annual trip to Eataly and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, monthly "coffee and conversations," the spring Italian music concert, Dante poetry readings, and yoga in Italian were fun opportunities to bond with faculty and other students.

"Although I have only met one patient who speaks Italian during my time in medical school, I use the skills I developed in the major daily. Learning medicine is akin to studying a new language. I consistently translate my thoughts from medical vernacular to accessible language for all patients. The guidance and exercise of writing a senior thesis prepared me for medical research, and I felt well equipped to conduct literature reviews upon entering medical school.

"The richness of Italian culture and the many disciplines I studied through the major — art history, literature, film, music, and theater — harness creativity and out-of-the-box thinking. In medicine, logical reason meets disordered humanity, and this complexity necessitates an inquisitive approach. As an Italian major, I was challenged to share original thoughts, pose new possibilities, and consider others' perspectives. This training of creative thinking is important in health care as physicians must use their limited toolbox of resources and knowledge to create unique solutions for each patient."

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