Study German. Do anything.

99% of recent Notre Dame German majors found success within six months of graduation.

Fritz Holzgrefe '24
International Economics major, concentration in German
LPG trading analyst, Glencore

"Going into my junior year at Notre Dame, I spent a couple weeks on a Summer Language Abroad grant in Radolfzell on the Switzerland-Germany border, and I then spent my junior year entirely in Germany. Working for a company based in Baar, Switzerland, with offices also in London, New York, and Singapore, I have found many of my colleagues really appreciate people with international experience. People who have studied different languages see the world as a bigger place than just the U.S. and have a better understanding of how different corners of the world interact with each other.

"The most beneficial part of the German program was the focus on learning German through different lenses. My classes didn't consist of just studying German, but learning a new subject in German. I studied literature, philosophy, economics, political science, etc. while also learning German.

"Whether it's a book, short story, or newspaper, I read something German every day, which has allowed me to largely maintain the level of German I had after studying in Berlin for a year. I don't do this because I have to, but rather because I want to. There's a very fulfilling feeling I get when doing it."

43% started full-time jobs

- Analyst, FTI Consulting
- Area manager, Amazon
- Associate, Boston Consulting Group
- Field sales associate, Sazerac
- Financial analyst, Kite Realty Group
- Foreign language teaching assistant, Fulbright Student Program
- Investment banking analyst, Bank of America
- Leadership development program technician, BAE Systems
- Orr fellow, Octave
- Project coordinator, Archdiocese of Denver Office of Catholic Schools
- TRACK analyst, General Motors
- Workforce transformation associate consultant, PwC

30% enrolled in graduate or professional school

- **Biology:** Johns Hopkins University
- **Child studies and human development**: Tufts University
- **Comparative literature:** UC Berkeley
- **Computer science:** Technical University of Munich
- **Dentistry:** Oregon University
- **German:** Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
- **Law:** Georgetown University
- **Medicine:** SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- **Organizational behavior and adaptive cognition:** Heidelberg University
- **Piano performance**: Indiana University Bloomington
- **Public history:** University College Dublin
- **Public policy:** George Washington University
- **Philosophy:** UC San Diego

Curriculum requirements

German Major
Intermediate German II
2 German culture classes (chosen from three options)
7 electives (four above 20113 and two at 40000 level)
Supplementary German Major
Intermediate German II
2 German culture classes (chosen from three options)
5 electives (three above 20113 and one at 40000 level)

3% joined the military

10% entered service programs

- Alliance for Catholic Education, Dallas, Texas
- Fulbright Student Program, Germany
- Nazareth Farm, Salem, West Virginia
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, Glendale, Arizona

12% pursued other opportunities

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

Source: Meruelo Family Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2015–24

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