



# Study Irish. Do anything.



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of recent Notre Dame Irish language and literature students found success within six months of graduation.



**31%**  
started full-time jobs

- Actuary, Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Assistant manager of equipment operations, St. Lawrence University
- Associate director, Community Counseling Services
- Attorney development assistant, Ropes & Gray
- Consultant, Grant Thornton Ireland

- GPS advisory analyst, Deloitte
- Member advocate, PURE Insurance
- Operations analyst, The Jordan Company
- Project manager, CVS Health
- Security specialist, Select Medical
- Teacher, Great Hearts Academy

### Curriculum requirements

#### Minor in Irish Language and Literature

Intermediate Irish I and Intermediate Irish II  
3 electives in Irish language and literature

#### Interdisciplinary minor in Irish Studies

5 electives in Irish studies  
Irish language courses are strongly encouraged but not required

The five classes can be taken on the Notre Dame home campus, the Dublin Global Gateway (O'Connell House), or the National University of Ireland Galway.



**30%**  
entered service programs

- Alliance for Catholic Education, Dallas, Texas
- ECHO, Camden, New Jersey
- House of Brigid, Ireland
- Indianapolis Teaching Fellows



**26%**  
enrolled in graduate or professional school

- Archaeology:** University of Arizona
- Bioengineering:** University of Illinois at Chicago
- Conflict transformation and social justice:** Queen's University Belfast
- English:** Boston College, University of Arkansas
- Gender studies:** University of Wisconsin
- Law:** Notre Dame
- Medical physics:** University of Kentucky
- Medicine:** Louisiana State University

"Studying Irish provided me with incredible opportunities and experiences in and out of the classroom. Small classes with exceptional and dedicated faculty allowed me to engage more deeply with the study of all things related to Ireland. These brilliant professors helped develop my critical-thinking and communication skills in both English and Irish.

"Studying Irish gave me the opportunity to spend my summers studying in Gaeltacht and interning in Dublin. This experience working in a foreign language and in a foreign country not only improved my language skills, but it helped to develop me professionally as well. Living and working in Ireland allowed me to experience aspects of the country that I could not simply learn in the classroom, while also putting my experience as an American in a new perspective.

"Studying Irish Language and Literature has been a life-changing decision which has provided me with unbelievable opportunities to develop academically, professionally, and personally."

**9%**  
pursued other opportunities

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

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

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