

# WHY HUMANITIES?

Here's what our alumni say about the value of a major in Villanova's Department of Humanities.

The Department of Humanities helped me think sincerely about the sort of life I want to lead. Seldom do we have the opportunity to reflect on our life trajectories, let alone in an integrated and intellectually serious way.

Michael, Class of 2014

Megan, Class of 2015

My time with Humanities taught me to always live close to life's biggest and hardest questions, to always welcome good conversation, and to strive for an integrated life with depth and virtue, but also fun.



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Charlotte, Class of 2010

How awesome to have a major where we learn about what it means to live a good life, so that no matter what we do, we can apply what we've studied.

Humanities gave my restless mind and heart a place to ask the questions that had so often been met with shrugs and rolling eyes. It introduced me to a wealth of wonderers who opened so many new doors; and it always left me wanting more.

Brendan, Class of 2015

Grappling with questions about how and why we live our lives in particular ways gave me an unusual sense of purpose as an undergraduate.

The coursework in Humanities helped contextualize the great big ideas of the world along a spectrum of interdisciplinary approaches. Slowly, admittedly very slowly, it helped develop in me a breadth of intellectual engagement and interpersonal empathy that is foundational to the work I do now.

Nick, Class of 2009

All of my Humanities Gateway courses and electives have stuck with me, because the cumulative effect of the curriculum was to bring the most important, interesting, and enduring human questions into clear focus.

I have not stopped thinking about them since. The Humanities professors and courses deeply shaped the way I think. It is hard to imagine what it would have been like to build on a different foundation, but I doubt I would be where I am personally, professionally, and otherwise had I not come by way of the Department of Humanities.

Keenan, Class of 2010

Emily, Class of 2016

My peers and professors in the Department of Humanities challenged me to think more deeply and to move through life more consciously.

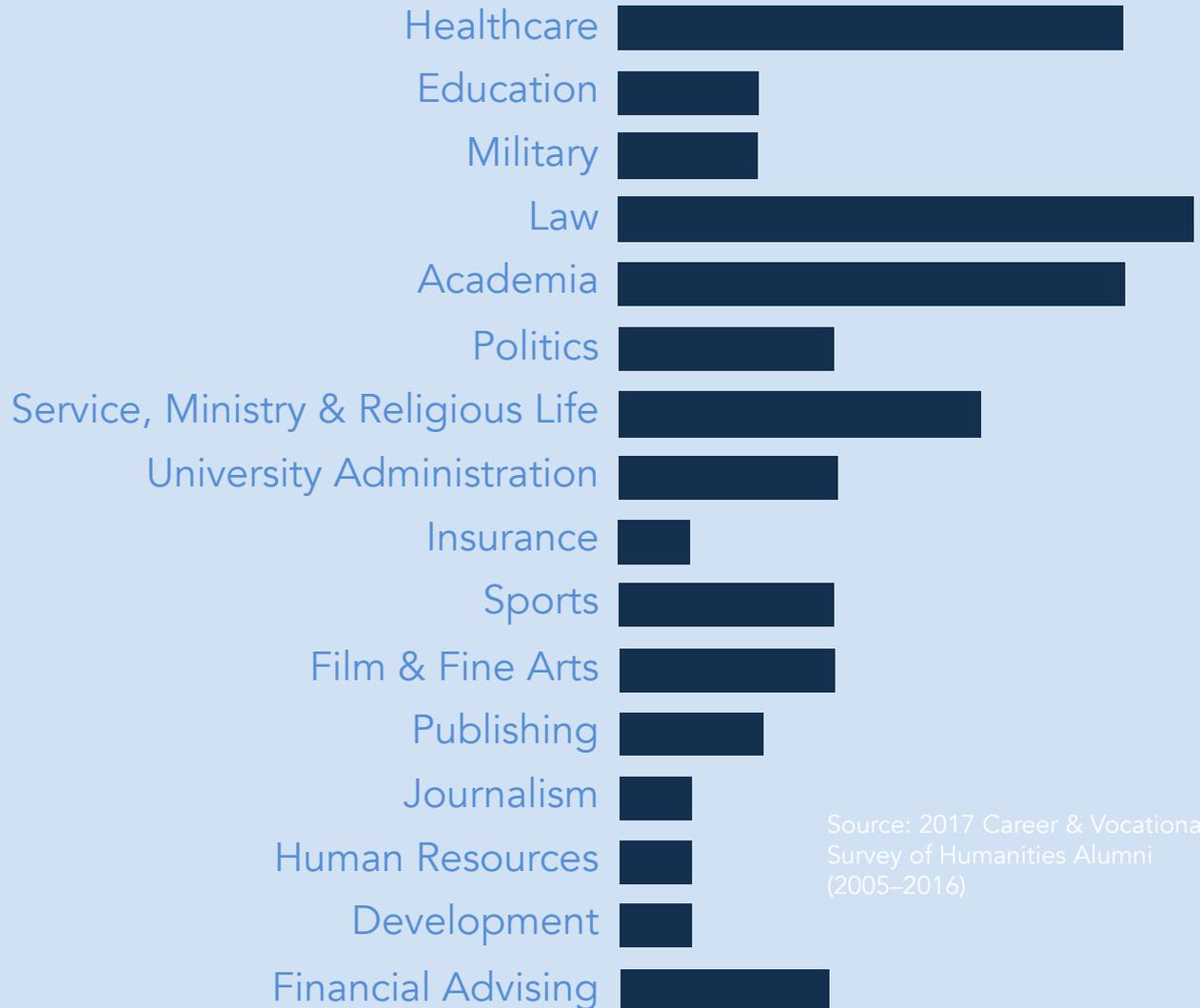
That mentality became a part of me as a Humanities major and has stuck with me beyond graduation.

I wouldn't trade my liberal arts education in the Humanities for anything. It provided not just substance, but a framework for addressing the world.

Will, Class of 2010

# WHERE WILL HUMANITIES TAKE YOU?

Here's where our alumni are.



Source: 2017 Career & Vocational Survey of Humanities Alumni (2005–2016)



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