

Prepared to Contribute

Thanks to her degree in Latin American studies and minor in history, 2017 grad Camille Dockery felt ready to enter the professional sphere and be a helpful colleague and contributor in the office. “The professors prepare students well for competitive internships and future careers,” said Dockery. She explained that the courses she took were intensive.

Dockery eagerly welcomed opportunities offered at BYU, and she served as president of the Foreign Service Student Organization. She was also invited to interview for an internship with the Department of State’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security and for a position in Mexico City. Dockery chose to intern with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, which turned out to be an important step in her career path. “The regional director told me he was impressed with the qualifications BYU students brought to the table,” she shared. “BYU’s stellar language instruction helped check another box on their list of requirements.”

Dockery’s experiences at BYU have affected other aspects of her life. She said, “The broad liberal arts background provided to Latin American studies majors, as well as the area-specific coursework, have been invaluable to me. I see connections to things I learned in the program constantly—in work, at church, on the Foreign Service test, and in my daily life.”

In summary, she said, “I sincerely believe this major offers opportunities to learn that will help throughout your life to be more well-rounded, empathetic, and knowledgeable.”