

# Caroline Kreins

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### Double Major: Italian and English

I was a double major in Italian and English while attending UCD. I decided on a gap year and now attending Pepperdine's Caruso School of Law. I have a multitude of take-a-ways from my time in the Italian department. I think the accessibility to professors and the relationships I was able to build with my professors was a key take-a-way and something I will always cherish. The intellectual rigor of the courses within the major were another key take-a-way as it translated to my ability to think critically in other areas of my life (since I had to come up with new modes of completely digesting the material as it was in a foreign language). I was also a peer tutor and that experience is something that was another major take-a-way for me. My advice to current and incoming students would be to go to office hours and get to know the professors. They are all such phenomenal professors and people, and I think it is incredibly beneficial for students to go speak with them about any questions they might have or just in general to discuss the material for fun! I would also suggest that students practice their oral speaking skills by continually participating in in-class discussions, talking to professors, talking to student tutors, or even fellow classmates - it is helpful to keep those skills sharp! (I wish I had practiced a bit more after I graduated in 2020, because now I need to refocus my oral speaking in an attempt to apply to international law internships based in Italy!)