



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

As you read this Student Handbook, you will become more aware of the opportunities afforded you as a Dominican student. Most importantly, you will realize there are many ways for you to be involved in campus life: student government (ASDU), clubs and organizations (we will even help you start your own!), the honor societies, artistic endeavors, and athletics. This handbook includes information about some of the University's special traditions, such as Shield Day, the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Dinner, and Graduation Week. You will benefit knowing about the resources available to you on campus.

Please take time to read about the various procedures and policy statements that have a direct bearing on student life. Dominican has developed, with student input, policies on many important issues such as conduct, academic honesty, alcohol usage, drugs, sexual harassment, and grade changes. This handbook is an important tool for learning more about Dominican University of California. I encourage you to use it often. Remember that the policies and procedures contained in the handbook are updated online. Visit Dominican's web page (www.dominican.edu) to view updated policies and procedures.

Enjoy your Dominican experience!

Dr. John Kennedy

Vice President for Student Life

UNIVERSITY HISTORY & INFORMATION

The Dominican University of California Shield and Motto

The Dominican University Shield portrays a dog with a flaming torch in its mouth. This symbol had its origin in a dream attributed to the mother of St. Dominic: that she would bear a child who would set the world on fire with the wonder of his preaching. The name of the Dominican order in Latin, *Dominicanes*, lends itself to the pun *Domini canes*—hounds of the Lord. Consequently, a dog with a firebrand in his mouth was long a symbol associated with the University. Inscribed across the bottom of the shield is the University motto – *Veritas fax ardens*: “Truth is a flaming torch.”



Our Dominican Roots

Joseph Sadoc Alemany, for whom our Library is named, was consecrated Bishop of California by Pope Pius IX in Rome in 1850. He left Rome and stopped in Paris to find helpers, especially women, to establish schools in the Dominican tradition of education. He inspired Sister Mary Goemaere, a novice of the Holy Cross Convent in Paris, who had been trained for two years in Dominican traditions of religious life and education, to accompany him. They and several other Sisters set sail from Liverpool for New York on the steamer “Columbus” in October 1850, and then from New York to Chagres, Panama. They crossed Panama by canoe and mule back and, upon reaching Panama City on the Pacific coast, took ship for San Francisco – where they arrived on December 6, 1850.

Within a few days they left for Monterey where the bishop obtained a house that would serve as convent and school. From this school, Santa Catalina, with its European traditions of education, Dominican University of California ultimately developed. In 1854, Bishop Alemany became Archbishop and the population moved northward to Benicia, the new capital of California at the time. In 1887, Archbishop Riordan gave permission to the Dominican sisters, headed by Mother Louis O'Donnell, to move the center of their administration from Benicia to San Rafael.

The Birth of the Institution

The idea of a University had always been in the minds of the sisters, who had drawn up Articles of Incorporation for the University on August 7, 1890 and filed them with the Secretary of State on August 11, 1890. Eventually the encouragement of faculty of the University of California at Berkeley brought the matter to a decisive point. In 1915 a junior college was opened, and in 1917 a four-year college became a reality. To house the students, more land and buildings were needed; so in 1918, Meadowlands, the summer home of the Michael de Young family, was purchased. The first floor of the building was used for classrooms and the two upper stories for living quarters for students. It was a homey setting and an intellectual center as well.

From this small beginning has come the campus we know today. Within fifteen years Angelico Hall was built for a music conservatory; a large wing was added to Meadowlands; Forest Meadows was purchased for athletics and outdoor dramatics; Fanjeaux was erected for a student residence and dining hall; Guzman Hall was built (1930) for academic and administrative purposes; and the property which separated Guzman from Fanjeaux, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Buck, was purchased through the good offices of Joseph Tobin, sold to the school and named "Benincasa."

All this material progress and financial outlay were taking place during the throes of World War I and the frightening years of the Great Depression that followed shortly thereafter. We should give thought to the courage of the sisters, who had to borrow money constantly for building and living expenses; who had no endowment of any sort, relying on God's providence to send helpers and donors to carry on His work.

The college was fortunate in having a series of early presidents who were women of outstanding caliber: Mother Louis O'Donnell, who established the campus, and Mother Raymond O'Connor, noted for her administrative ability and her devotion to Dominican traditions. Later Sister Thomas Vaughan and Sister Patrick Harney continued and enhanced the ideal of the earlier presidents. Sister Samuel Conlan, who served as fifth president of the University from 1968 to 1980, during times of academic confusion and unrest, not only held on to the best of the traditions of the past but encouraged innovation and experiment in administration, curriculum, and community relations. Dr. Barbara Bundy was the first lay president selected to lead Dominican University. She had been a faculty member in the University's humanities programs since 1971. In 1987, Neil Webb was chosen the University's first male president. He served only half a year before he and his wife were killed in a tragic plane crash. His death deeply affected life on campus. In 1988, the Trustees selected Joseph R. Fink to lead the institution, where he served for 23 years. In 2011, Dr. Mary B. Marcy was selected as the ninth person to lead Dominican in its 121-year history.

The Growth to a University

Throughout its years, the college achieved professional recognition. The State Board of Education in 1924 empowered the institution to recommend candidates for public school teaching credentials, thus enabling Dominican students to teach in California public schools. Two years later the college was placed on the approved list of the Association of American Universities. In 1931 Dominican was recognized by the American Association of University Women and in 1932, established the Marin County Chapter of that group. That same year the college became a member of the Northwestern Association of Universities. Dominican is now accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and in 1990 its nursing program received accreditation from the National League for Nursing. It also holds accreditation from the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and has membership in numerous professional organizations.

In the early days, all the students were women except during the summer session. In 1950 Dominican opened its own yearly graduate program to men as well as women. This development led in 1971 to the expansion of coeducation into all areas of University life. The number of male students increased throughout the seventies, eighties, and nineties. The University also witnessed an increase in the number of re-entry or older students coming to campus. Many of them were seeking to start or to complete University educations that had been interrupted. Others wanted courses that would allow them to change careers.

The development of the curriculum, the addition of new fields of study, and the increase in the number and diversity of faculty and students necessitated campus expansion and renovation. The college acquired Bertrand Hall when the convent schools moved to their new campus in San Anselmo and erected three beautifully equipped buildings: Pennafort, a residence hall (1958); Caleruega, a dining hall and kitchen (1959); and Archbishop Alemany Library (1963). The name of the library shows the appreciation for our Dominican past, since Archbishop Alemany in 1850 brought the first Dominican sister to California. The Conlan Recreation Center, which opened in the spring of 2000, is a state of the art recreation facility. It features the gymnasium used for recreational activities and intercollegiate competition, a multipurpose room, and an outdoor pool.

In 2000, Dominican College of San Rafael became Dominican University of California and today it remains strong because it listens to the people it serves, it responds to people's needs, it attracts faculty members who are outstanding teachers, and it selects students who enhance the campus community in many significant ways. That it has always selected students with high academic potential, strong values, and commitment to "the Dominican way" is reflected in its alumni.

As the University grew and developed, the alumni became more conscious of University needs and of the obligation of past students to contribute as far as possible to meet those needs. The Alumni Association, through its loyalty and hard work, is one of Dominican University's most valuable assets. It has greatly contributed to our financial stability and to our enviable reputation. We look forward to your being part of that Alumni Association.

*Special thanks to the late Sister Martin Barry, O.P., and to the late Sister Justin Barry, O.P., who wrote **A Brief History of Dominican University of California**, so much of which is reprinted here.*

CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Albertus Magnus: located across from Bertrand Hall, this building is named after Albert the Great, a medieval Dominican scientist, Doctor of the Church, and teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Alemany Library: is named for Archbishop Joseph Alemany, a Dominican priest, who was the first Archbishop of San Francisco. The Library was built in 1963. The Plaza in front of the Library is dedicated to Sister Marguerite Stanka, O.P., who retired in 1996 after fifty-two years of service to the University. She was Director of the Library from 1940 to 1983.

Angelico Hall: is the home of the Music Department and the venue for various events on campus. Erected in 1921, the building is based on the nickname of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor.

Anne Hathaway: Located between Guzman and Albertus Magnus, this building is a replica of Shakespeare's wife's home in Stratford, England.

Bertrand Hall: Named for Louis Bertrand, who was the Dominican missionary called the Apostle to the Indies, Bertrand is a multi-purpose building that houses various offices and academic departments. The Administrative Services and Purchasing department, which includes Mail Services, is located in the basement.

Brown House: is the building between the Science Center and the Library. It used to be a teahouse and was located at the back of Bertrand near the Dominican Sisters Center. It was moved to its present location in 1948 and is currently used as a studio for the Art department.

Conlan Recreation Center: the University's recreation complex - featuring a gym for recreational activities, intramurals, and intercollegiate competition; an outdoor pool; a fitness center; and a multipurpose room - is named for the late Sister Mary Samuel Conlan, O.P., who in addition to being quite the field hockey player, served as the Dean of Students, Professor of English, and President of Dominican University.

Caleruega Hall: this chalet-style building on the corner of Magnolia and Palm, serves as the dining hall for the campus. Caleruega houses the Creekside Room and Shield Room that are frequently used for special events on campus. Built in 1959, the building is named for the small village in Spain where St. Dominic was born.

Dominican Alumni and Heritage House (The Edgehill Mansion): This building was once the home of the Babcock family; inside the building is the Legacy Hall where you can see pictures of the original home and the vineyard where Pennafort now stands. Restored in 2010, the structure is now home to the Office of Student Life on the 2nd floor and Alumni Relations and Career Services (both on the 3rd floor). There is a chapel and interfaith room available to students on the ground level. Mass is held M-F at 12:05pm and on Sunday evenings.

Edgehill Village: This residence area was named after neighboring Edgehill Mansion – now known as the Alumni and Heritage House. There are six buildings in the complex; each building has eight apartment style units which accommodate four students per apartment in shared rooms.

Fanjeaux: located across the street from the library and next to Pennafort. It has French Norman architecture, is gray and ivy covered, and was built in 1927. It is named after the French village where St. Dominic founded his Order of Sisters.

Guzman Hall: built in 1930 and named after St. Dominic's family, it houses classrooms and various administrative offices. Behind Guzman is a small hexagon-shaped building that was formerly a gazebo for Meadowlands and is now faculty offices.

Magnolia House: purchased by the University in 2007, this magnificent Colonial mansion radiates East coast architecture. The original house was 3,000 sq. ft. and in 1928, the house was doubled when the library wing was added. Located on over 1.3 level acres, the estate encompasses a gated entry, lawns, beautiful English gardens, and mature landscaping.

Meadowlands: the former summer home of the deYoung family was designed for entertaining, with its large Hunt Room and stately dining room table. Meadowlands was built in 1888 and purchased by the University in 1918.

Pennafort: named for a Dominican, St. Raymond of Pennafort, a canon lawyer who started schools for teaching Eastern languages to missionaries. It was built in 1958 in conjunction with the Library and Caleruega Hall.

Redwood Cottages: located between Guzman and Angelico are the Redwood Cottages. Ralph Minor Hall houses the Nursing simulation lab and classroom. Martin de Porres Hall contains the E. L. Wiegand Nursing Skills Lab.

San Marco: the art building, is located next to the bridge on the path from Anne Hathaway to the library. It takes its name from the monastery in Florence, Italy where Fra Angelico, a Dominican, lived and painted. The art studios are located within this building.

Science and Technology Building: houses various science, skill, and research laboratories as well as classrooms and offices.

CAMPUS TRADITIONS

A respect for Dominican traditions is a common bond for students. Time-honored traditions, celebrated at various times of the school year, enhance the quality of campus life. All students are invited and encouraged to participate in them. Some traditions and special events are listed below.

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Early in the academic year, the Dominican University community acknowledges its religious traditions with a special Catholic liturgy. All University students, faculty, and staff of all faiths are invited and encouraged to participate in this celebration.

Shield Day

Shield Day is the ceremony when the senior class welcomes the first year class by presenting them a shield and motto designed by a committee of senior students. During Commencement activities, the shield of the graduating class is unveiled in its permanent carved wood form. The first class shields (1924-1957) were designed in stained glass and have been incorporated into the windows of the Meadowlands Assembly Hall. Beginning in 1958 shields were carved in wood and hung in the Shield Room of Caleruega Hall and in Guzman Lecture Hall since 1984.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Celebration

All Dominican students are invited to participate in an ecumenical celebration of thanks, just prior to the Thanksgiving holidays. Representatives of various faiths and cultures share their special meanings of the occasion.

Commencement Activities and Events

The Graduate Commencement is held indoors, while Undergraduate Commencement is usually held outdoors at the Forest Meadows Amphitheater. Students participating in these events will be hooded by academic officials and receive their degrees from the President of the University.

Baccalaureate Mass: At the Baccalaureate Mass graduating students and their guests celebrate Commencement in a religious context. Catholics and non-Catholics join in giving thanks to their Creator for the blessings bestowed on them, especially during their time at Dominican.

Outstanding Student Award: the University presents this award during Commencement to a graduating senior in recognition of exceptional contributions to the University and community and for academic achievement. The winner is selected by a campus committee of faculty, staff and students from nominations made by the campus community.

Veritas Cup: The Veritas Cup is presented to a graduating senior who has been a “friend to the senior class,” and who gives evidence of service to the class and the University. The winner is selected by the graduating seniors.

Senior Class Speaker: Graduating seniors nominate from their members a speaker to represent them at Commencement. A University committee chooses the speaker from the nominees.

Senior Tribute Campaign: In their final semester, it is tradition for students to make a small donation to the Annual Fund, which supports merit scholarships. In exchange for their gift, graduating students are given space in the commencement program to honor family, friends, or faculty members who have helped them successfully navigate college. A Senior Tribute form is available in the appendix of this handbook.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

This Student Handbook provides policies and procedures, as well as general information, pertaining to University life, student conduct, and student resources. For policies and procedures pertaining to academic standards, registration, course attendance and credit, grading, transcripts, fees, financial aid and the like, students should consult the current University Catalog.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Dominican University's academic programs are organized into four Schools; The School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, The School of Business and Leadership, The School of Education and Counseling Psychology, and The School of Health and Natural Sciences. The Chief Academic Officer, located on the second floor of Guzman Hall, works closely with the Deans of each of the four schools and has overall responsibility for the University's academic programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Academic Advising and Support Center (AASC) is located on the first floor of Bertrand Hall, Rooms 109 and 110. The Center offers academic advising, tutoring, disability services, first-year programs, academic assessment, and skill development free of charge to Dominican students. The University provides these services to help students reach their full academic potential. The offices in Bertrand 109 are open Monday through Thursday 9-6, Friday 9-5, and by appointment. The Teaching and Learning Center (The TLC) in Bertrand 110 is open Monday through Thursday 9-9 and Friday 9-5, and by appointment.

Academic Advising

Students may work with both staff and faculty advisors. Professional advisors in the Academic Advising and Support Center provide academic advisement, course scheduling, and degree planning to prospective and current students who have not yet declared a major, as well as to students in transition between majors. Students with declared majors are advised by the chair or other faculty member, or a professional advisor, within their major department.

Academic Excellence Workshops

AASC staff offer workshops throughout each semester on such topics as Math Mastery, Goal Setting and Time Management, Medical Terminology, Test-Taking Strategies, Writing Research Papers, Stress Management, and Reading for Results. Check out their website or bulletin boards for more information about workshops.

First Year Programs

First Year Programs (Bertrand 109) are a resource for all first-year students who have questions as they adapt to university life. Programs designed to support students in the first phases of their academic journey include First Year Experience, General Education courses designed to deepen understanding of the breadth and depth of human intellectual and creative expression; Vision Quest, designed for incoming first-year students who are exploring social, academic, and career options; and Educ 1000 Mastering College, an opportunity to strengthen study skills and become an expert in university culture.

Testing

To place students in the classes that will give them the best possible foundation as they begin their studies here at Dominican, AASC staff administers placement tests in Writing, Math, and Chemistry. All tests are administered in a computer-based format except for Chemistry. The University's CLEP testing center is also housed in AASC, Bertrand 110.

The Teaching and Learning Center (TLC)

The TLC, located in Bertrand 110, is an academic resource for all Dominican students. It houses eight computers, four tutoring carrels, and conference areas for group tutoring. Many helpful resources are available in the TLC, such as the Academic Skills Resource Manual. Here are some of the things you can do in the TLC: meet with a tutor; access online resources from a computer; take a placement test; meet with a study group; take a CLEP test; attend an academic excellence workshop; check out instructional books or videos; or obtain free math, writing, and reading handouts (and more).

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is available free of charge to all Dominican students. Every effort is made to provide tutoring in as many subjects as possible, such as algebra, anatomy and physiology, biology, calculus, chemistry, economics, nursing, Spanish, statistics, and writing. However, we cannot guarantee that tutoring will be available in any particular subject other than writing and math. Tutors are primarily students who have been referred to our center by faculty members. They have strong academic records and have demonstrated the skills to provide support and encouragement to students. A number of our tutors are professionals, hired on a part-time basis to assist students in several different subjects.

Students are allowed one hour of tutoring a week per subject, as available. Students may receive additional tutoring hours, requested on a case-by-case basis. Tutoring Services is located on the first floor of Bertrand Hall, Room 110. In general, tutoring is available by appointment only and is provided on a first-come/first-serve basis; however, drop-in tutoring is available in many subjects--just check the listings in the TLC. To sign up for a tutor, stop by the TLC to make an online request. After you submit an online tutor request, you will receive the name and number of an appropriate tutor to contact. You and the tutor will choose a time to meet that is convenient for you both. You are encouraged to meet in the Teaching and Learning Center (Bertrand 110), where you can access computers and other helpful resources.

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

Dominican's Office of Alumni Relations is a branch of the External Relations Department and is advised by the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Alumni Relations office is located on the second floor of Guzman Hall. With more than 10,000 members worldwide, the Dominican Alumni Relations' mission is to support the overall advancement of Dominican University of California. In support of this mission, the Alumni Relations Office strives to engage all alumni for life, build a culture of philanthropy among the Dominican family, and be a representative voice for all Dominican alumni. Dominican's Alumni Relations Office hosts annual on and off campus events and provides benefits and services to all alumni. All alumni and current students are encouraged to utilize the Dominican Alumni Online Community which can be accessed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at <http://alumni.dominican.edu>.

ATHLETICS & RECREATION

The Dominican University Athletics and Recreation program is comprised of intercollegiate and recreational sports. In the athletics program, the University is a Division-II member of the Pacific West Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The programs offered at Dominican include: men's and women's basketball, cross-country, golf, and soccer; women's softball and volleyball; and men's lacrosse. Visit www.dominicanathletics.com for more information about the Penguins. The goal of Athletics at the University is to make involvement in intercollegiate athletics a positive and memorable experience for the student athlete, as well as providing school spirit and enthusiasm for the whole campus community.

Our Mascot - The Penguins

How did Dominican University end up with the nickname and mascot 'Penguins'? In the mid-1970's, students at the University wanted a nickname and mascot for their athletics teams. The Dominican Sisters, who founded the University in 1890, had a distinct presence on campus with their long white habit, black mantel and veil, resembling a penguin. With a good sense of humor intact, the student body voted in the nickname Penguins - which years later is alive and well! Youngstown State in Ohio is the only other school to have the nickname Penguins.

The Conlan Recreation Center

The Conlan Recreation Center first opened its doors in the spring of 2000. The center includes a gymnasium with 2 full sized basketball and volleyball courts, a 2500 sq. ft. fitness center containing free weights plus aerobic and cardio machines, a multipurpose room used for activity instructional classes, aerobics and dance, a six lane swimming pool, and 6 outdoor championship tennis courts. A wide range of recreation sports and activities are offered, as are various intramural sports such as aerobics, dance, sailing, self-defense, weight training, and yoga. All students have free access to the recreation facilities at Dominican. A student ID card is required to gain entry.

BOOKSTORE

In addition to textbooks for your courses, the Bookstore carries reference books, study guides, leisure reading, magazines, greeting cards, sundries, Dominican apparel and other memorabilia, school supplies, and much more. Contact the Bookstore for information about hours of operation and with any questions about books for classes. The Bookstore is located on the ground floor of Fanjeaux Hall and managed by the Follett Corporation.

CAREER AND INTERNSHIP SERVICES

Career and Internship Services assists students in developing effective career planning skills to achieve their career goals and promote lifelong career development. The office also connects students with employers. Career counselors offer counseling to assist students with choosing a major, self-assessment, exploring career options in their major, finding an internship, writing a professional resume, preparing for the interview, applying to graduate school, and strategizing the job search including utilizing social networking. Counselors also offer self-assessment exercises to freshmen in Vision Quest classes. The office is located in the Heritage and Alumni House. Drop-In hours are Monday-Thursday from 2-4 pm and Friday from 11-12 noon; additional hours by appointment from 9-6 pm. More resource information and opportunities for students can be found by visiting www.dominican.edu/careerservices.

Internship Program

Career counselors assist students in locating and registering for internships related to their majors, provide the internship packet, and guide students throughout the internship experience. Students can receive academic credit.

Career Workshops and Events

Throughout the year, workshops panels, and events are offered to help students with building resumes, interviewing and networking, professional etiquette, planning for graduate school and careers, and connecting with employers.

Job and Internship Listings

Full and part-time jobs and internships are posted on the Career Services website. Students can also post resumes, be notified of specific jobs/internships, and apply for positions online.

Career Resource Library

Students may search for jobs and internships on the computer and binders..A variety of career-related books, guides, periodicals, and resources are available for students.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Dominican University of California is committed to providing effective, reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act. Reasonable accommodations are provided to remove barriers that unfairly deny students with disabilities the opportunity to access the University's programs, services and activities. Through advising and support, the Academic Advising and Support Center (AASC) will provide guidance to assist students with disabilities in their academic pursuits.

It is the University's policy that no student is excluded from participating in any University program or is subjected to discrimination with regard to any University program. Once a student with a disability is admitted to the University, the student is responsible for notifying the Disability Services Office of her/his disability, requesting academic accommodations and providing any necessary evidence of a disability related need for the requested accommodations.

Some students with disabilities may not be able to satisfactorily complete requirements for a particular course essential to a specific major, program of instruction and/or discipline. It may be possible to substitute courses for some requirements in such cases. However, the University will not waive required courses, attendance policies, or test formats which are essential to the degree program in which the student is enrolled. Each situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Definition of Disability

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 define a person with a disability as one who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning or working;
- Has a record of such a disability;
- Is regarded as having such a disability.

Students with temporary illnesses, injuries or conditions are not considered disabled under these laws. However, the Disability Services Office will work with such students to make appropriate adjustments to assist them within available resources of the AASC.

Procedures

Procedures for students to follow in seeking accommodation are listed in the University Catalog, including under the General Academic Policies and Procedures, Policies and Procedures for Students with Disabilities. The Disability Services Office is part of the AASC which is located in Bertrand Hall, Room 109.

ELS LANGUAGE CENTERS

ELS Language Centers operates an intensive English language program on the Dominican campus. Student from all over the world come to the campus to study English and improve their communication skills. ELS provides an opportunity for Dominican University students to develop friendships with these visiting students, and activities are sponsored to help facilitate this process.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

All students are enrolled in the University's emergency notification system, a program that will send critical information to students in the event of an emergency or a situation on campus. The system is set-up so that once activated, text messages and voice messages are immediately sent out to the campus community with important information. This system is used **only** in emergencies, but it is critical that students follow the directions and instructions provided by the system. When situations arise on campus, University personnel or local civil agencies will initiate procedures to inform students of the nature of the situation and steps to follow.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid staff is available to help answer questions about scholarships, grants, loans and work study. Walk in hours are from 9-6 Monday through Thursday, and 10-5 on Fridays. The staff can also be reached by phoning 257-1350 or by email at finaid@dominican.edu. Additional information about financial aid can be found at www.dominican.edu/financialaid.

Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships are awarded by private sources directly to the students. Many students qualify for specialized scholarships or grants from outside agencies. Some sources to explore are employers, unions, professional organizations, and community and special interest groups. Additionally, students can look for scholarships using search engines or searches based on major, ethnicity, area in which you live, and gender. For information about scholarships, visit the website. Please be advised that students should never have to pay for scholarships and if asked to do so, should discontinue the search the report it. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Office of Financial Aid when it is known a scholarship has been awarded. In most circumstances, outside scholarships are added onto the existing financial aid award. In some circumstances as per federal guidelines, some existing aid will need to be reduced to stay under the student's financial need or cost of attendance. When existing aid is required to be reduced self help in the form of loans and work study will be reduced before any grants or scholarships.

Selective Service

The federal Military Selective Service Act (Act) requires most males residing in the United States to register with Selective Service within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday to be eligible for federal financial aid. Most males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959 may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Student Employment

Full-time students are not permitted to hold a regular full-time position at the University. Student employment opportunities become available at the start of the fall semester, and students can continue to find part time jobs on and off campus up to the end of the spring semester. There is a Student Employment Fair during the first week of the fall semester each year, afterwards job openings are posted outside the financial aid office and on the Dominican Career Network. Most student employment is through the Federal Work Study program, the amount of your award represents a job opportunity and the maximum amount you may earn over the course of a year. For students without a work study award, there are limited positions available.

Student Employment for International Students

Work Study is available for undergraduate Day International students. There are limited on-campus positions offered within departments that will hire students without a Federal Work Study award. These limited positions are determined by the individual department's budget and job availability. International students, whether on F-1 (student) or J-1 (exchange) visas, are permitted to work on campus as long as the following conditions apply:

1. They maintain their legal status in the U.S. by maintaining full-time student status as defined under the immigration regulations;
2. They do not work more than 20 hours a week while they are actively pursuing their degrees and while school is in session;
3. They do not displace U.S. citizens or permanent residents, with an exception for students who have been awarded fellowships/assistantships that require them to work.
4. Students on J-1 visas who are not sponsored by Dominican University also require the permission of their sponsors.

International students often face different tax withholding requirements, and must meet with a tax professional at the University Payroll Office to determine appropriate tax withholding..

Grant Proration Policy

If you are packaged with financial aid as a full-time student (12 or more units per semester) and your enrollment status is below full-time as of the last day to drop a class without receiving a "W", you will be repackaged and your federal and state grants will be prorated based on your enrollment status according to the chart below:

Award Type	9-11 units	6-8 units	1-6 units
Cal Grants (A, B, & Access)	75%	50%	0%
Pell Grants	75%	50%	25%
Educational Grant (SEOG)	75%	50%	0%

There will be no further adjustments made to financial aid packages after the census date has passed, unless a student withdraws from all classes.

Important Financial Aid Deadlines and Information:

Each year, students receiving financial aid (grants, loans and federal work study) must reapply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2nd for the upcoming academic year. Students who wish to apply for a Cal Grant, and do not currently have one, must also submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form by the March 2nd deadline. The Registrar's Office will submit this data for current students with more than 24 completed college units. Students with less than 24 units should contact their prior college or high school.

Remember, continued eligibility for Dominican scholarships and grants requires full time enrollment (12 or more units for undergraduates, 9 or more for graduates) and completing satisfactory academic progress. Most other aid requires at least half time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress. For more specific information, refer to your *Guide to Financial Aid 2011-2012 For Day Undergraduates* or visit our website at www.Dominican.edu/financialaid.

FOOD SERVICE

The Caleruega Dining Hall is the dining facility of the university; in addition to the main dining hall, there is also a small café where students can relax between classes. Bon Appetit Management Company, a model organization in terms of sustainable food service, operates the dining facilities on campus and provides different options for students.

Caleruega Dining Hall

There are a variety of dining options, from a choice of sustainable local farm fresh foods, vegan and vegetarian options. Hours of operation are as follows:

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
BREAKFAST	Brunch	7:30-9:30	7:30-9:30	7:30-9:30	7:30-9:30	7:30-9:30a	Brunch
LUNCH	10:30-12:30	11:30-1:30	11:30-1:30	11:30-1:30	11:30-1:30	11:30-1:30	10:30-12:30
DINNER		5:00-7:00	5:00-7:00	5:00-7:00	5:00-7:00	5:00-7:00	5:00-6:30

(hours may change due to campus holidays or special events)

Three meal plans are available to resident students; 10, 14, or 19 meals per week. The weekly meal plan schedule is Monday breakfast through Sunday Dinner, for a total of 19 meals per week. Any combination of meals may be used for each meal plan, but unused meals do not rollover to the following week.

Chilly's Café

The chefs prepare a daily variety of pre-made sandwiches, salads, and hot entrée items. Also available are chips, pastries, cereals, and cookies. The café offers a full selection of coffee and espresso drinks, smoothies, and ice cream treats. The Café is a great place to relax, meet friends, or just escape the pressure of college.

Flex Dollars

The Flex plan is similar to a debit system. Any denomination of money can be deposited into your flex plan (part of your Penguin Pass) and then used in either the dining hall or Chilly's Café located in the corner of the Shield Room. Off-campus students can use this plan to pay for meals as needed, and resident students can use Flex dollars if they have exceeded the meal plan limit.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Please go to the *STUDENT LIFE* section of the handbook for more information, or visit <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

IDENTIFICATION (STUDENT ID CARD)

All Dominican University of California students are expected to obtain a Student ID Card (Penguin Pass) from the Information Technology Department. Students must carry their card with them at all times when on campus, and, when asked, should provide it to any University employee or agent (including Campus Security). In addition to identifying you as a student of the University, your Penguin Pass also allows access to facilities and events on campus. Please see "Penguin Pass" in the Information Technology section of this handbook for more information.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology department (located on the ground floor of the Library) is responsible for designing, implementing and supporting all the computer and phone related services at Dominican University of California. The following sections provide a brief introduction of the various resources and systems that may be utilized while at Dominican. As technology systems change faster than we can print catalogs and handbooks, we have provided URLs so that you can access more detailed and more current information online. Please note that the misuse of phone service or the internet (harassing messages, obscene emails or images, prank calls, etc) is a federal offense as well as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. For a complete list of all the technology use policies, please visit <http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/technology.html>.

Penguin Pass

The Penguin Pass is the unified identification, communication and purchasing system at Dominican. The Penguin Pass provides each student with a photo ID card, a user ID/password and an email address. Students are expected to carry their Penguin Pass with them at all times when on campus, as this card allows you access to facilities and identifies you as a student.

With their Penguin Pass students can access the following services:

- Door access to various facilities on campus.
- Send and receive email with your @students.dominican.edu email address.
- Utilize campus computers and use wireless network.
- Check out books from the Library and use the online research database.
- Dorm students will use as Meal Plan card and pay for Laundry services
- Access online Moodle Courses.
- Print in the University's computer labs or make photo copies
- Use as a debit card in the café or at the Bookstore

How to Get Information and Help

There are a number of resources available for technology assistance. The IT Home page for students is accessible at www.dominican.edu/about/current/. Go to the Information for Students section. From here you can find most everything that you may need. If you need IT support you can email them at helpdesk@dominican.edu or call x0123 (415.257.0123).

E-Mail

Email is an exceptional mechanism for communication within the University and used to a great extent by faculty and administration. Each student is provided a Dominican email address (@Students.Dominican.edu) with their Penguin Pass, and the University expects that students will read messages sent to this address. Google is our email service provider. With this service students are responsible for reading their email, or configuring forwarding to an existing account. For complete information on how to use the Dominican provided email services, please visit the following site: <http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/technology/policies/email.html>.

On-Campus Student Internet Access

On-Campus students have internet access from their dorm rooms. If your Internet access is not working, please call the IT Help Desk at x0123 and provide your name, number and dorm room number so that we can assist. If you connect your personal PC to the student network we require that your computer is secure and virus free. This will assist in keeping the student network from being heavily infected with viruses, worms and other malicious software. For information and helpful tips on how to secure your PC from virus's, worms and Trojan horses please go to <http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/technology/secure.html>. Dominican has seen P2P (peer to peer) software significantly degrade network performance on campus, and as a result, P2P software use is restricted to the hours of 7 PM to 7:00 AM each weekday. Please visit <http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/technology/policies/dormnetwork.html> for more information about on-campus student Internet access. If it is determined that an individual PC is using an inordinate amount of network bandwidth, we will attempt to broadcast a warning to the computer and, if the problem persists, we will then restrict bandwidth speeds on that computer.

On-Campus Student Telephones and Voice Mail

Due to the fact that most students now use mobile phones or online communication systems, we are phasing out the phone lines in the residence halls.

Student Computer Support Policy

Dominican does not take responsibility for any student computer failures or problems unless they relate to problems with the Dominican provided services. There may be instances where students' computers are not working due to viruses, software configuration problems or hardware failures completely unrelated to any Dominican provided network services. As time permits the Dominican IT Department is willing to help students diagnose, and repair when possible, problems with student computers. Due to the nature of "other emergencies," students who need such assistance will have to coordinate with the IT department to set a time to stop by for help. Please call the IT Department at x0123 to set a date and time for computer help. Dominican is not responsible for any data loss or other problems resulting from computer assistance from the IT Department.

INSURANCE

The University requires ALL students registered for 6 or more units to be covered under a medical insurance plan. Each student will automatically be enrolled in the University sponsored plan and will be charged in July for fall semester and in December for the spring semester. Students who provide proof of medical insurance and complete the waiver form on or before the date specified by the Business Services Office will have the charges reversed. Charges are NOT REFUNDABLE after the specified dates. In addition, the University strongly encourages resident students to look into a renter's insurance policy (either an individual policy or through a parent's homeowners policy) as Dominican is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.

INTERNATIONALIZATION AND GLOBAL EDUCATION & STUDY ABROAD

The Office of Internationalization and Global Education (OIGE) supports international students directly and indirectly through its support of an international ethos for the University. It provides information and counseling on a wide range of topics, including visas (work permits, travel), financial questions, social and cultural differences, study abroad, and personal concerns. The OIGE provides orientation and programming to help international students and their families adjust to life in the United States.

Study Abroad

As part of the university's mission of fostering an appreciation of cultural diversity and global interdependence, students are encouraged to consider study abroad opportunities while attending Dominican. Students can arrange to study in virtually any country where there exists an accredited study abroad program. Opportunities are available for every major on campus and for periods of study from one week to one year. Please visit the OIGE for more information.

Why study abroad?

Developing an understanding of a different cultural perspective is a fundamental part of a Dominican education. There is no better way to do this than to spend time living, learning and even working in another country. The most important reason, however, is simply practical - there is a growing demand in the United States, regardless of industry and geographical location, for professionals who are multilingual and multicultural.

Requirements

Every student who intends to study abroad must first meet with the study abroad advisor and work closely with his or her academic advisor. Students will be counseled on the host school requirements that must be completed well in advance of their program's starting date and help ensure that academic credit will transfer. The student's academic advisor must approve transferable courses that apply toward the student's specific major course of study. Dominican will accept units for non-Dominican programs only after a student has obtained pre-departure approval for the program of study from the study abroad advisor and an approved authorization to take courses off-campus from the registrar.

Individual program requirements may vary, but there are options for every academic major. Some programs may require a specific level of language proficiency, and all require a minimum grade point average. Students should investigate their options as early in their academic career as possible to ensure eligibility and maximum range of options.

Financial responsibility

The costs for study abroad programs can vary depending upon the program selected. Federal and state financial aid programs may be available to help fund study abroad programs that are approved for credit by Dominican. Students must file a FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) application in order to apply. Students should contact Dominican's financial aid office for more information.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Alemany Library has a large collection of books, periodicals, reference materials, online databases, and course reserves that supplement student learning. In addition, there are multiple computer workstations and study areas available for students. Library orientation tours are available at the beginning of each semester, and the librarians are available at the Reference Desk or by appointment to provide reference assistance, bibliographic instruction, and to help with databases and other electronic information resources. For additional information, go to the Library circulation desk or visit <http://dominican.edu/academics/resources/library>.

LOST AND FOUND

Students with lost or found items should check with Campus Security at the front desk in Bertrand Hall, or contact them at 269-6070 to report a lost or found item.

PARKING

Parking can be challenging on campus, and we advise students to plan accordingly. It is always a good idea to speak with classmates and peers to try and arrange carpools to and from campus. Please remember that Dominican University is located in a residential neighborhood of San Rafael, and as such, students are responsible for obeying speed limits, following directions on traffic and parking signs, and for parking in legal parking spaces only. Students may not park in front of neighborhood homes on Palm and Olive Avenues and under no circumstance should they block access to a neighbor's driveway or home.

PLEASE READ ALL POSTED SIGNS ON THE STREETS AND AT THE ENTRANCES TO ALL OF THE PARKING LOTS.

The proper signage is posted at designated areas on University property for parking guidelines. It is the responsibility of the person parking their vehicle to read and follow the instructions of the signage posted. Please note that parking is strictly enforced by the University and the San Rafael Police Department. Vehicles parked out of compliance will be tagged with a violation sticker AND/OR TOWED at the vehicle owner's expense. *There is no warning prior to a vehicle being towed.* The average cost of towing is in excess of \$300, plus vehicle storage charges.

General Parking

The main parking lot for Dominican University is located in the Conlan Recreation Center parking lot (Grand Avenue at Acacia Avenue). Parking in this lot is not restricted and is free of charge. The lot is lighted for nighttime use, and Campus Security patrols the lot at regular intervals. Personal escorts from campus buildings to vehicles are available by calling Campus Security at 415-269-6070. Escorts can also be arranged in advance. Please note that Acacia Avenue is reserved for faculty and staff with special parking permits.

Parking is NOT PERMITTED in the following areas:

- At a red curb
- At a loading zone or yellow curb
- In a time restricted zone for longer than the posted time
- In handicapped parking spaces without displaying proper license or placard
- In a numbered residence hall space
- In a driveway, fire lane, or in front of a fire hydrant
- In a pedestrian walkway or path
- On a lawn or on any landscaped area
- On any other no parking designated area

Please work with the University to provide a safe and secure campus by respecting parking restrictions on campus.

Residence Hall Parking Lots

Residence hall parking spaces (those with numbers painted in the stall) are assigned to resident students. Vehicles parked in any of these spaces will have specialized resident parking decals visibly posted at all times. Resident students with assigned spaces parked elsewhere on campus are essentially taking up two spaces and will be cited if not parked in their designated numbered space. Vehicles illegally parked in any residence hall space will be towed at the owner's expense.

STUDENT CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND EVENTS

Through elected and appointed representatives to various Dominican University of California committees and governing groups, students may voice their opinions on institutional matters. Student ideas are helpful as the University reviews and considers policies, procedures, and major issues that may influence the quality of the student experience. In addition, students are encouraged to plan and promote different co-curricular or extra-curricular activities and events on campus. We strongly encourage students to plan activities and events that promote the celebration of various cultures and traditions. Students seeking information about programming and activities, or those wishing to establish a club or hold an event on campus, should speak to a member of the Student Life Staff or to bring their ideas to ASDU to seek additional resources.

Associated Students of Dominican University (ASDU)

The primary group that helps students plan and provide campus activities, distribute activity funds, initiate changes in policy, and represent themselves to the University's administration and the broader community is ASDU. This group of elected student representatives serves both as the student activities association and the student government board. The members of the ASDU Senate are composed of representatives from the undergraduate population. Opportunities exist for involvement in many activities on and off campus. ASDU is committed to helping student clubs and organizations through funding and publicity. In addition, students who perceive a need for a new and different organization on campus are invited to discuss their ideas with ASDU. All ASDU meetings are open to the public and to any student wishing to attend.

Institute for Leadership Studies (ILS)

ILS is a consortium of Dominican faculty and staff and leaders from business, government, and community organizations committed to providing leadership development opportunities through education and training, public lectures and workshops, leadership and change management research and strategic planning services. ILS serves as one of the University's portals to the community in contributing options for leadership practice and for promoting community and socially responsible leadership. The Institute serves as a partner to our campus and our community as we strive toward continuing to achieve our Dominican values of service and community based on knowledge and reflection.

STUDENT LIFE

The members of the Student Life staff are professionals who are able and ready to assist all students at Dominican. The staff works collaboratively in addressing student needs and concerns, and works closely with students in improving their experience at the University. Students are encouraged to visit the offices below, or to stop by the Student Life Office for further information. You can also access more information at <http://www.dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry serves the religious and spiritual needs of a diverse student body. While anchored in the Catholic tradition, the Campus Ministry Office employs an ecumenical approach in responding to concerns of all students striving toward enhanced spiritual maturity. Campus Ministry provides many opportunities for students of any age or religious tradition to participate in liturgies, retreats, Bible studies, community service projects, social celebrations, spiritual direction, immersion trips, and informal counseling. The Offices for Campus Ministry and the Chapel are located in the Alumni and Heritage House. Dominican University celebrates a Sunday liturgy on Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM and daily liturgies as well as other religious services during the week.

Counseling Services

Counseling interns, under the supervision of the Director of University Counseling Services, offer free, confidential personal counseling. Students wishing to resolve problems and enhance their lives through individual, group, family, or marriage counseling should make an appointment with a counselor by calling the University Counseling Services at 485-3258 or by dropping by that office on the second floor in Bertrand Hall, Room 21.

Residential Life

The Director of Housing has an office in Pennafort Hall. The University provides on-campus housing for undergraduate students only. One of the primary goals of the residence life program is the development of community among campus residents. Please refer to the Residence Life Addendum at the back of this handbook for more information about living on campus and the additional rules and regulations that govern residence life.

Student Health Center

The Student Health Center at Dominican University of California is committed to quality care and the promotion of optimal health. We encourage disease prevention and health awareness in our student clients. The Health Center is staffed by a nurse practitioner who has advanced education in primary health care and an emergency medical technician / coordinator. They work in collaboration with a physician consultant. Services at the Health Center are available to all students enrolled at Dominican University of California. For more information about the Health Center and the services provided, please visit <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY POLICIES

The University has developed and adopted the following policies and procedures to govern students at Dominican University generally and, under the Residence Life Handbook included herein, living at the Residence Halls. In some instances, the University has adopted broad policies reflecting a universal concern (e.g., prevention of illegal discrimination or harassment), that govern all members of the University community. In such instances, employees shall be held either to the standard enunciated in this Student Handbook or that in their Employee Handbook, whichever standard is higher.

ACADEMIC HONOR

All member of the Dominican University of California academic community are expected to abide by ethical standards both in their conduct and in their exercise of responsibilities toward other members of the community. Students, faculty members, administrators, and staff are expected to adopt standards of behavior that place a high value on respecting the ideas of others. All intellectual accomplishments - examinations, papers, lectures, experiments, and other projects - should adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and ethics.

The faculty, administration, and staff recognize their obligation to provide continuing guidance as to what constitutes academic honesty and to promote procedures and circumstances that will reinforce the principle of academic honor. Fundamental to the principle of independent learning is the requirement of honesty and integrity in the performance of academic assignments, both in the classroom and outside. Students should avoid academic dishonesty in all of its forms, including plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct. The University reserves the right to determine in any given instance what action constitutes a violation of academic honesty and integrity. Please visit <http://dominican.edu/academics> for complete and detailed academic information, including academic polices and procedures.

Academic Honor Code

Dominican University of California is rooted in the Dominican ideals of love of truth, beauty and the life of the mind, combined with a deep respect for the dignity and worth of the individual. In the spirit of this philosophy, all members of the University community have the responsibility to protect and maintain an academic climate in which the fundamental freedom to learn and grow can be enjoyed by all its members. Faculty, administration, staff, and students are expected to demonstrate standards of conduct, personal honor, regard for the rights of others, and respect for order, which are essential for good citizenship and appropriate to the pursuit of academic goals. In becoming a member of this academic community, one accepts the right and responsibility to abide by standards of intellectual integrity and standards for conduct. The Honor Code depends upon the willingness of members of the campus community, individually and collectively, to maintain and perpetuate standards of the Academic Honor Code. When one becomes aware of a violation of this principle, he/she is bound by honor to take some action. He/she may report the violation, speak personally to the individual involved, or do whatever is appropriate under the circumstances. If one stands by and does nothing, both the spirit and the operation of the principle of honor are threatened.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is an act of academic dishonesty and is a serious ethical and scholarly violation unless the words, phrases, or sentences are in quotation marks and the sources are given in full. Broadly defined plagiarism is presenting the work of another person as one's own. It is unacceptable to copy text or ideas, either verbatim or in using wording or sentences from a source, without citing the author and source. These sources might be written, such as textbooks, library books, journal articles, encyclopedia articles, or they may be electronic, such as computer files, the World Wide Web or Internet, or they may be audio disks, musical scores, or film and video materials. The

format of the information you use is irrelevant; any material written by another that you incorporate into your papers must be properly acknowledged using the style manual appropriate to the discipline or required by the instructor. Similar care must be taken in the preparation of oral presentation.

There are two main forms of plagiarism:

1. Direct copying of any source without proper acknowledgment.
2. Integrating ideas or concepts from one or various sources without citations.

The presentation of material without acknowledging its sources misleads the reader about the source of the ideas, language, or data. Required practices include written citations acknowledging the ideas or work of others that contributes directly to your work. When using the exact language of another, the text must be put in quotation marks and the source acknowledged. When using combined sources for a paper that closely express the views of other authors, even though the wording may be changed, each of the works must be cited. Students should consult with their instructor if there is any question regarding good practices of citation.

Plagiarism is a very serious matter. Plagiarism, like cheating on an assignment or exam, is a violation of the University Honor Code.

Cheating

While plagiarism is, perhaps, the most common form of academic cheating, other violations of scholarly integrity also undermine the learning process and compromise personal honor. Any effort to flout the general standards of academic conduct or to circumvent the stated course expectations of individual instructors constitutes "cheating" and violates the University Honor Code. Such dishonorable behavior includes:

- Using information from another student's research or paper.
- Copying information from another student's test or using unauthorized materials during an examination, whether an in-class or take-home exam.
- Buying, selling, or stealing test questions, answers, or term papers.
- Doing work or taking tests on behalf of another student or submitting work done by another person.
- Falsifying data or laboratory results.
- Submitting the same work for more than one course.

Penalty for Student Acts of Plagiarism or Cheating

Should an incident of plagiarism or cheating occur, the faculty member is expected to take swift action. If, after investigating the incident and consulting with the chair of the department within which the course is offered, the faculty member determines a violation did occur, the faculty member will fill out an Academic Misconduct report form and submit a copy to the Dean of the appropriate school with originals going to the Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs (AVPAA). The report should include copies of the evidence of the plagiarism or cheating. The penalties for acts of plagiarism or cheating may include failing an assignment/exam, failing a course, and/or dismissal from the University. The faculty member may determine the penalty to be applied as indicated in the following process:

Upon detecting an act of plagiarism/cheating the instructor is authorized to fail the student for that assignment/exam. The instructor must immediately file an Academic Misconduct Form with accompanying evidence with the AVPAA. The AVPAA will determine if this incident is the first or a repeated act of academic misconduct and notify the instructor. If, at the end of a semester, a student has committed an act of plagiarism/cheating in a course, received an (F) for the assignment, and still has a passing grade, an incomplete grade (I) for the course will be assigned until the AVPAA has had time to review the allegation and determine if it is a first, second, or third offense. The AVPAA will inform the faculty member of the appropriate action to be

taken. If it is determined to be the second offence, the AVPAA will direct the instructor to assign a grade of F for the course. If it is the third offense, the University reserves the right to dismiss the student. Decisions of dismissal must be made by the AVPAA in consultation with the Provost. Dismissal is not within the purview of the faculty.

In all cases the University reserves the right to determine the final administrative, disciplinary, or legal action including dismissal from the University for any offense. The AVPAA will communicate with the student by letter with copies to the chair of the department within which the course is being offered, the chair of the department in which the student is majoring, the instructor of the course, and the Dean. The original documents will remain in a confidential file in the Office of the AVPAA. The confidential file will be destroyed upon graduation of the student.

Procedures for Students Who Witness an Act of Plagiarism or Cheating

The University expects anyone who witnesses or has knowledge of plagiarism or cheating to report it using the following procedure:

- Report the incident to the faculty member whose course is involved;
- If not satisfied with the results, discuss the incident with the Department Chair;
- If still not satisfied, see the Dean of the appropriate School.

University employees are responsible to maintain confidentiality. Cases should not be discussed beyond official channels; breaking of confidentiality by a faculty member is considered to be unprofessional conduct and is a violation of the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974.

Student Rights

A student who believes s/he has been falsely accused of plagiarism or cheating, or that the instructor's resolution of the alleged incident is unjust, may appeal, in writing, directly to the Department Chair and the Dean of the appropriate School. This appeal should follow the grievance procedure process, which can be found at <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

AIDS POLICY

Dominican University trustees have approved the adoption of the American University Health Association (ACHA) revised guidelines in responding to AIDS. The ACHA guidelines are derived from the best currently available information about HIV infection and AIDS, and apply to all students, faculty, and staff infected with the HIV virus. The ACHA's General Statement on Institutional Response to AIDS is available in the Student Health Center.

ANIMAL/PET POLICY

The University does not permit students to bring animals of any kind into campus buildings or to outdoor events unless the animal is designated as a "service animal," such as a guide dog for the blind. Documentation for student use of a service animal on campus must be submitted to and approved by the Office of Disability Services or the University. The documentation must establish (1) that a student is considered to be a person with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act, and (2) that the animal is considered a "service animal" as defined by the ADA.

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY

The University Alcohol and Drug Policy exists to allow the responsible use of alcohol by those of legal drinking age, and to prohibit the use of drugs. Dominican is committed to fostering the intellectual, spiritual, ethical, and social development of its students. Consistent with these goals, Dominican expects the members of the campus community, including students, to respond responsibly regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs. This University's alcohol/drug policy focuses on these priorities:

1. Federal laws and laws of the State of California.
2. Dominican promotes the concept of wellness to its community. The abuse of alcohol or other drugs is inconsistent with that goal.
3. Students over the age of 21 who choose to drink, either off campus or at campus locations where alcohol is permitted, will do so in moderation and with mindfulness of the welfare of the entire campus community. In addition, these students shall not provide alcohol to, and will discourage the use of alcohol by, those under the age of 21.
4. Many students at Dominican University of California choose to abstain from alcohol and other drugs. They should be free from pressure from other students to engage in activities that are not in harmony with their principles.
5. The University seeks to educate and support its students and the broader community about alcohol and other drugs.
6. The University and in special situations the local authorities will take punitive action against students who violate alcohol and drug abuse policies.

The following policies and procedures are based on the above priorities and with the understanding that students are adults who are expected to take personal responsibility for their own conduct, to support those students in the community who choose not to drink, and to maintain standards of safety on campus.

Wellness

Dominican's Wellness Coalition, a group of faculty, staff, and students seeks to promote and sponsor programs which serve to cultivate the whole person spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically in making choices affecting their lives and the lives of those in their community. Consistent with that goal, the University seeks to promote an attitude of "wellness," or encouraging students to be mindful of the promoting and engaging in activities that support the well being of students and others in the campus community.

Education and Support – Alcohol and Drugs

Dominican University of California has a number of services available to students, staff, and faculty with alcohol or drug-related problems or concerns. Confidential individual counseling is available from the University Counseling Centers. Appointments can be made for confidential sessions, free to students, by calling 485-3258. The Student Health Center is a resource for students seeking information about alcohol and drug concerns. The Center provides brief evaluations regarding alcohol and drug use and referrals to community services if any additional assessment/treatment is advisable. The phone number of the Health Center is 485-3208. Dominican sponsors education programs about alcohol and drug usage. The Health Center and the Student Life Office has information about these programs.

Dominican values the importance of early intervention to assist members of the community who are being negatively affected by alcohol or any other substance abuse. While respecting individual freedom the University has the right and responsibility to confront individuals regarding behavior, including that related to the abuse of alcohol or other substances that adversely affects the individual or other members of the campus community. The University will respect the need for confidentiality in dealing with those who demonstrate problems with alcohol and other substances.

Health Risks

Substance abuse can cause extremely serious health and behavioral problems, including short- and long-term effects upon the body and mind. The physiological and psychological responses differ according to the chemical ingested, and although chronic health problems are associated with long-term substance abuse, acute and traumatic reactions can occur from one-time and moderate use. The health risks associated with each of five major classifications of controlled/illegal substances are summarized below. In general, however, alcohol and drugs are toxic to the body's systems. In addition, contaminant poisonings often occur with illegal drug use, and mixing drugs, or using "counterfeit" substances, can also be lethal. Human immunodeficiency

Virus (HIV or AIDS), other sexually transmitted infections, rape, unwanted pregnancies, injuries, accidents, and violence can result from alcohol abuse or drug use. In addition, substance abuse impairs learning ability and performance.

Acute health problems may include heart attack, stroke, and sudden death, which, in the case of drugs such as cocaine, can be triggered by first-time use. Long-lasting health effects of drugs and alcohol may include disruption of normal heart rhythm, high blood pressure, blood vessel leaks in the brain, destruction of brain cells and permanent memory loss, infertility, impotence, immune system impairment, kidney failure, cirrhosis of the liver, and pulmonary (lung) damage. Drug use during pregnancy may result in miscarriage, fetal damage and birth defects causing hyperactivity, neurological abnormalities, developmental difficulties, and infant death.

Long-term abuse of alcohol results in ulcers, gastritis, pancreatitis, liver disease, hepatitis, and cirrhosis and is associated with cancers of the digestive tract. Chronic heavy consumption can lead to stroke, heart disease, hypertension, anemia, susceptibility to tuberculosis, gastrointestinal bleeding, impotence and fertility loss. Episodic binge drinking can cause toxic reactions leading to death when large amounts are consumed or when alcohol is combined with other drugs. The most common negative health consequences from occasional drinking are trauma-related (accidents and violence), and involve both the drinker and non-drinking victims.

- Narcotics: excessive use may cause drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, and nausea. Abuse of narcotics may lead to more significant reactions such as shallow breathing, convulsions, seizures, coma, and possible death.
- Depressants: central nervous depressants that slow down physical and psychological responses. The most serious risk is toxic reaction, or overdose, which causes death when respiratory, cardiac, and circulatory systems slow down and cease to function. Sedatives and anti-anxiety drugs can cause temporary psychosis, hallucinations, paranoid delusions, interference with short-term memory, impaired judgment and motor performance.
- Stimulants: exceedingly dangerous to both physical and mental health. Physical complications include heart attack, stroke, permanent brain damage, fatal heart rhythm abnormalities, convulsions, and physical exhaustion. Psychological complications include psychosis, paranoia anxiety, violent behavior, and depression that may lead to suicide. Injection of these drugs may lead to serious infections, including AIDS.
- Hallucinogens: involve health risks such as panic reactions, flashbacks, toxic reactions (overdose), hallucinations, and death. Psychological states induced can include paranoia and Psychosis. Misidentification of mushrooms can lead to serious or fatal illness. Some hallucinogens cause users to become violent and oblivious to pain, leading to serious injuries to themselves and others.
- Cannabis: simultaneously creates physical symptoms akin to both depressants (relaxation, sleepiness) and stimulants (increased respiratory and heart rates). Chronic marijuana smoking results in respiratory difficulties, bronchitis, and probably both emphysema and lung cancer. Episodic use can cause panic reactions, flashbacks, and depression. Psychosis may occur in susceptible individuals, and severe toxic reactions may result from ingestion of large quantities.

Federal Laws

Under federal law, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance on University property requires a sentence enhancement of up to twice the prescribed sentence for the original offense, and at least twice the prescribed amount of parole time. In addition, a mandatory prison sentence of at least one year is imposed for any offense except possession of less than five grams of marijuana. Persons convicted of possession or distribution of controlled substances can be barred from receiving benefits from any and all federal programs (except certain long-term drug treatment programs), including contracts, professional and commercial licenses and student grants and loans. Health care providers are barred from receiving federal insurance program payments upon conviction of a criminal offense involving distributing or dispensing controlled substances. Property, including vehicles, vessels, aircraft, money, securities, or other items of value which are used in, intended for use in, or traceable to transactions that involve controlled substances in violation of federal law are subject to forfeiture to the government. Finally, aliens convicted of violating any state, federal, or foreign law or regulation is subject to deportation and exclusion from entry into the United States.

Federal Trafficking Penalties

DRUG/SCHEDULE	QUANTITY	PENALTIES	QUANTITY	PENALTIES			
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500 - 4999 gms mixture	First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs, and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual	5 kgs or more mixture	First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.			
Cocaine Base (Schedule II)	28-279 gms mixture		280 gms or more mixture				
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40 - 399 gms mixture		400 gms or more mixture				
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10 - 99 gms mixture	Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual	100 gms or more mixture	Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.			
Heroin (Schedule I)	100 - 999 gms mixture		1 kg or more mixture				
LSD (Schedule I)	1 - 9 gms mixture		10 gms or more mixture		2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment		
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5 - 49 gms pure or 50 - 499 gms mixture		50 gms or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture				
PCP (Schedule II)	10 - 99 gms pure or 100 - 999 gms mixture		100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture				
PENALTIES							
Other Schedule I & II drugs (and any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid)	Any amount		First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, or more than Life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual				
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 10 years. If death or serious injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1.5 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual					

All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	Less than 1 gm	Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.

Federal Trafficking Penalties – Marijuana

DRUG	QUANTITY	1 st OFFENSE	2 nd OFFENSE *
Marijuana (Schedule I)	1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants	Not less than 10 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual	Not less than 20 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if other than an individual
Marijuana (Schedule I)	100 kg to 999 kg mixture; or 100 to 999 plants	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life Fine not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	Not less than 10 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual
Marijuana (Schedule I)	more than 10 kgs hashish; 50 to 99 kg mixture	Not more than 20 years If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life	Not more than 30 years If death or serious injury, mandatory life
	more than 1 kg of hashish oil; 50 to 99 plants	Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than individual
Marijuana (Schedule I)	1 to 49 plants; less than 50 kg	Not more than 5 years Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual	Not more than 10 years Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual
Hashish (Schedule I)	10 kg or less		
Hashish Oil (Schedule I)	1 kg or less		

California Laws- Drugs

Under California law, first offenses involving the sale and possession for sale of amphetamines, barbiturates, codeine, cocaine, Demerol, heroin, LSD, mescaline, methadone, metamphetamine, morphine, PCP, peyote, Quaalude, Psilocybin, and marijuana are felonies carrying prison terms of seven years or more. Manufacture of illegal drugs may result in prison terms of twenty years or more. Penalties are more severe for offenses involving manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs by convicted felons and for distribution within 1,000 feet of a school or university, within 100 feet of a recreational facility, to anyone in prison or jail, to anyone under eighteen by anyone over eighteen, or to a pregnant woman. Personal property may be seized if it contains drugs or was used in a drug transaction. The illegal possession of most of these drugs is also a felony (some may be felonies or misdemeanors depending upon amounts involved), carrying maximum prison sentences of up to seven years.

The University has the responsibility to uphold Federal and California laws on campus grounds and at University-sponsored events held off-campus. The University may take action against students who are involved in the illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs off campus.

Responding To Violations of the Drug Policy

The University considers violations of the Drug Policy to be significant and a direct challenge to the health and safety of the campus community. Students in violation will be referred to the Office of The Dean of Students and/or to the Student Conduct Board, and civil authorities may be contacted if warranted. The case of each student violator will be responded to in an individual manner. Factors that will be considered in determining the University's response include the nature of the violation, the impact of the violation on the safety and security of the campus community and neighborhood, and the number and severity of the current and/or previous violations.

Category I:

Possession of drug paraphernalia or objects/materials that could be used as drug paraphernalia; being present in a location where a controlled substance and/or illegal drugs are present. Responses to a Category I violation include:

- First Offense: warning, probation, \$100 fine;
- Second Offense: probation/stayed suspension, residence hall suspension, \$200 fine, parental notification, drug assessment and education program;
- Third Offense: academic suspension, residence hall expulsion, parental notification.

Category II

Possession and/or use of any controlled substance or illegal drug (regardless of quantity), including seeds and/or residue; illegal use of prescription or other legal drugs. Responses to a Category II violation include:

- First Offense: probation/stayed suspension, residence hall probation, \$200 fine, drug assessment and education program, parental notification;
- Second Offense: academic suspension, residence hall expulsion, parental notification;
- Third Offense: university expulsion and parental notification.

Category III

Possession of large quantity and/or the actual or attempted sale; distribution, cultivation, or manufacture of any controlled substance, illegal drug and/or drug paraphernalia. Responses to a Category III violation include:

- First Offense: university expulsion and parental notification.

California Laws- Alcohol

No person may sell, furnish, or give, or cause to be sold, furnished or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under age 21 or to any obviously intoxicated person. No person under age 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages or possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any place open to public view. It is illegal to sell alcohol without a valid liquor license or permit. It is unlawful for any person to drink while driving, to have an open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle, or to drive under the influence of alcohol (intoxication is presumed at blood alcohol levels of .08%, or higher, and may be found with blood alcohol levels from .05% to .08%). It is also illegal to operate a bicycle, water vessel, and water ski or aquaplane while intoxicated. Penalties for a drunk-driving offense include attending an alcohol/ drug program, monetary fines, imprisonment, and driver's license suspension.

Abstaining From Alcohol

The number of students nationally and on campus who choose not to drink is high. Many college and university students, including those at Dominican University of California, never or rarely consume alcoholic beverages and prefer to attend parties where alcohol is not served. The number of such students has grown in recent years. Students who abstain from drinking should not be pressured by their student colleagues to engage in drinking activities. Please remember that deciding to drink or to not drink is an individual decision that individuals should make after becoming informed about alcohol usage and its effects.

Responsible Drinking

Dominican University of California encourages each individual member of the campus community to consider the impact of alcohol usage on his/her own life and on the broader community. The University encourages anyone who chooses to drink to do so responsibly. Students and other members of the campus community should know their limits of alcohol intake. Some people cannot "handle" even one drink before becoming intoxicated. Students should know their limits and take precautions to stay within them. In recent years, designating a driver who refrains from drinking has become a popular way to make sure that at least one person in a group does not drink and drive. Having a "designated driver" is an act of responsibility.

A student whose drinking impacts the campus community, disrupts the living/learning environment in the residence halls, or impacts the neighborhood, is not acting responsibly. Resident students are referred to the residence hall policies section of this handbook for additional information about the alcohol policy.

Responding To Violations of the Alcohol Policy

Students who are in violation of the Dominican University of California alcohol policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Usually alcohol infractions will be referred to the Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of Students, or Director of Residence Life. Those persons have the discretion to refer cases to the Student Conduct Board. The case of each student violator will be responded to in an individual manner. Factors that will be considered in determining the University's response include the impact of the violation on the safety and security of the campus community and neighborhood, and the number and severity of the current and/or previous violations.

The students, faculty, and staff who helped in the development of the alcohol policy, recognized that violations of the alcohol policy demand responses on the part of the University that reflect the severity of the offense. Each violation earns points, based on the severity of the offense and the student's history or record of alcohol misuse. The more points a student accumulates, the more harsh the sanction. Repeated violations may move the student's offense up one level and may merit a higher number of points than violations typical of the offense category. An accumulation of six points usually will result in the removal of a student from the University or the residence halls.

Students wishing to appeal sanctions should follow the "Appeal Procedure" in the Grievance Policy (please visit <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife> for more information).

Level One Violations

Level one violations are of concern, but usually are not serious enough to warrant action by civil authorities. These violations typically earn one point. An example of a level one violation is the drinking and/or possession of alcoholic beverages (on their person or in their room) by a student under the age of 21. Students guilty of a level one violation will be fined a minimum of \$50. Fine amounts will increase when the violation is a result of the student hosting a party. Repeated level one violations will result in more significant action on the part of the University.

Level Two Violations

Level two violations may attract attention of civil authorities and, as such, will merit three points and will incur a fine of \$100. Level two violations may include the destruction of property; rude, offensive, or abusive behavior; and influencing other persons to drink against their will. Providing alcohol to a minor is classified as a level two offense. Students guilty of a level two violation will meet with a member of the Student Life staff and may be required to participate in an alcohol assessment either online or with the assistance of a professional alcohol counselor. The assessment will help the staff determine an appropriate course of action in working with the student. The student also may be required to perform community service for a number of hours appropriate to the violation.

Level Three Violations

Level three violations are the most serious violations and often constitute illegal actions. If pursued by civil authorities they may result in civil action being taken against the student. Students guilty of level three violations will receive the harshest penalties, up to and including expulsion from the residence halls or the University. Six points are assigned to violations in this category. Examples of level three violations are: having sexual activity with someone under the influence of alcohol; and actions requiring the presence of police on the campus or a police investigation that finds the students guilty of breaking civil laws.

Additional Examples Of Alcohol Policy Violations

This list, like the examples of violations printed in the previous paragraphs, is not exhaustive. These are additional examples of the kinds of violations against the alcohol policy that will result in action being taken against the student.

- Students over the age of 21 who are drinking alcoholic beverages in their rooms and have present anyone who is under the age of 21, including a roommate;
- The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public area, including but not limited to hallways, lounges, lobbies, parking lots, lawns, and University property;
- Students and other persons who bring or are responsible for the bringing of kegs or other forms of “common source” alcohol on or off the campus;
- Students or others who host events that feature or advertise “all the beer (or other alcoholic beverage) you can drink” or events that promote binge drinking;
- The coercing of another person to drink alcohol or other substances of abuse;
- The serving of alcohol to anyone who is intoxicated;
- The carrying/transporting of all open and/or unbagged containers of alcoholic beverages through campus building and sidewalks;
- Consistent and persistent noise violations resulting from parties at which alcohol has been served or at which intoxicated students are present;
- Attending class, athletic events, and University-sponsored activities under the influence of alcohol and behaving in a disorderly, disruptive, or abusive manner;
- Empty alcohol containers in a residence hall room suggests that alcohol has been consumed. Collections of beer cans or alcohol bottles are not allowed in any residence hall room.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The disruptions caused by cell phones (including text messages) and pagers are annoying and have a negative impact on the learning environment. For this reason Dominican University of California asks that students turn them off before the start of a class. It is a mark of courtesy to your student colleagues and instructors to keep the classroom cell phone free. Faculty may require a student to leave the classroom or study space he or she is occupying if this policy is abused.

CHILDREN IN CLASSROOMS

Children are not permitted in classrooms while class is in session. Attendance in class is limited to officially enrolled students and authorized visitors or guests only. In addition, students shall not allow children to be left unattended or unsupervised anywhere on campus.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

To prepare students for the diversity in today's world, Dominican University will continue building a culturally inclusive and culturally sensitive community of students, faculty and staff whose backgrounds reflect a diversity of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, disability, medical condition and economic condition. The University's commitment to diversity is reflected in its hiring policies, curriculum development, admissions practices, and in other ways, all in the attempt to make the campus more reflective of the richness of our global diversity.

DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT POLICY

(NOTE: For more complete information regarding the discrimination and harassment policy, please visit <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife/>.)

Dominican is firmly committed to being a community in which students, faculty, and staff are consistently treated with both consideration and respect, and are protected from discrimination or harassment. The University policy prohibits discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, veteran's status, disability, medical condition, or any other basis that is protected by federal or state law. Some of the laws that govern these prohibitions include Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Sexual harassment may be viewed as gender-based discrimination. Prohibited forms of sexual harassment include but are not limited to the following kinds of behaviors:

1. Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments, slurs, unwanted sexual advances or invitations;
2. Visual conduct such as derogatory or sexually oriented posters, photography, cartoons, drawings, or gestures;
3. Using University computers, email, or web service as a mode of communicating verbal, written, or visual messages (see 1 & 2);
4. Physical conduct such as assault, unwanted touching, or blocking/interfering with normal movement or activities;
5. Making submission to sexual advances or requests for sexual favors a term or condition of any aspect of an individual's education or employment; and
6. Creating a working or educational environment that could be perceived by a reasonable person as intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

Dominican's policy prohibiting discrimination and harassment applies to all individuals involved in University operations, applicants for admission or employment, and any persons doing business with or for the University. The University has appointed the Director of Human Resources as the individual who serves as Dominican's Title IX/Affirmative Action Coordinator. In this role, he/she is the campus's primary resource on issues relating to perceived discrimination and/or harassment. Any member of the University community who would like advice or assistance in dealing with any incident or action that is perceived as discriminatory or harassing should feel free to contact the Director of Human Resources or the Associate Dean of Students.

The University has also put in place a set of grievance procedures that specify exactly what steps should be taken to resolve a problem of perceived discrimination or harassment. An individual who has a problem of this nature is first encouraged to try to deal with it on an informal basis; if this approach doesn't lead to a satisfactory resolution (or if the individual prefers to omit this step), a formal grievance may be filed.

No individual shall be penalized in any way for having reported or threatened to report discrimination or harassment, or for cooperating or participating in an investigation of a complaint or hearing for discrimination or harassment.

FERPA: FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS POLICY

Dominican University uses many chemicals and substances that require special handling, storage, deployment and disposal in our chemical laboratory operations, maintenance and cleaning functions. Federal regulations and our local OSHA authorities require that the campus implement a Hazard Communication Program to alert our campus to the presence of these substances and any potential risk of exposure. Should you see any procedures that appear questionable, products in use whose properties you question, or the mishandling of a chemical, please bring the matter to the attention of a supervisor in writing.

INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION POLICY

General Information

Dominican University of California values individuals' privacy and actively seeks to preserve the privacy rights of those who share information with us. Dominican is dedicated to preventing unauthorized information access, maintaining information accuracy, and ensuring the appropriate use of information. We strive to put in place appropriate physical, electronic, and managerial safeguards to secure the information we collect in all formats: on paper, electronically, and verbally.

This policy provides procedures for responses to:

- Known or suspected information security breaches,
- Disruptions caused by the failure of a security mechanism, and
- Known or suspected security incidents.

This policy provides guidance on documenting the incident, determining notification requirements and working with Dominican administration to remediate any damage.

Mitigation or notification requirements may differ, depending on federal or state statutes, the nature of the information at risk in the event of a security breach, or contractual agreements. Under California law, notification obligations extend only to California residents. However the university will make reasonable efforts to extend notification to affected out of state residents as well. There may be also specific notification requirements that relate to Dominican's contractual relationships with third parties.

Reporting Requirements

Any member of the university community (students, faculty and staff) who believes there has been an information security breach shall report this to their supervisor who must immediately report the potential breach to the Office of the President or the Chief Financial Officer.

Notification in Instances of Security Breaches Involving Electronic Personal Information

Notice of a security breach must be given following discovery or notification of a breach in the security of the computerized data when the *unencrypted* personal information of a California resident was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. The definition of "personal information" is an individual's first name or first initial, and last name, *in combination with* any one or more of the following:

- Social security number
- Driver's license number or California identification card number
- Account number for a *financial* account, credit or debit card number, *in combination with* any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account
- Medical information, meaning any information regarding an individual's medical history, mental or physical condition, or medical treatment or diagnosis by a health care professional.
- Health insurance information, meaning an individual's health insurance policy number or subscriber identification number, any unique identifier used by a health insurer to identify the individual, or any information in an individual's application and claims history, including any appeals records.

Good faith acquisition of personal information by a University employee or agent for University purposes does not constitute a security breach, provided that the personal information is not used for, or subject to, further unauthorized disclosure.

Notification Procedures

In the case of a security breach as defined in this section, Dominican shall follow the procedures here to provide notification of the breach to those individuals whose personal information is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Notification must occur in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, except:

- When a law enforcement agency has determined that notification will impede a criminal investigation (in this case, notification must occur as soon as the law enforcement agency determines that it will not compromise the investigation) or
- When necessary to discover the scope of the breach and restore the integrity of the system.

Method of Notification

The office of the President and/or the Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students or their designee shall determine the language to be used in the notification, which may be distributed by one of the following methods:

- Written, hard copy notice or
- E-mail notice.

Telephone communication or other timely communication to an individual's representative may be used when it is determined that written notice may adversely affect a patient's health.

If sufficient contact information is not available for direct hard copy or e-mail notice, a substitute method of notice may be used. Substitute notice shall include prominent display on the university's web site or other commonly used web site for at least forty-five days. The office of the President and / or the Chief Financial Officer or their designee shall determine the language to be used in the substitute notice. The University may provide notification to affected individuals if personal information beyond the data elements defined here is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Any written communications involving legal counsel should assert attorney-client privilege to ensure strict confidentiality, as appropriate.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES

Please visit <http://www.dominican.edu/academics/resources/technology.html>.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Dominican is committed to fostering the academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual development of each of our students. Part of the development process entails students being more autonomous in their decision making and thinking critically about certain choices and actions. However, there are times when these choices and actions pose a significant health risk to the student or place the student in harm's way; or worse yet, endanger the welfare of the campus community. When students choose to act in a way that endangers themselves and/or puts the campus community in harm's way, the University reserves the right to contact parents/guardians to discuss concerns and explore possible resolutions.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY POLICY

The University recognizes the need for guidelines for the use of University facilities, the University name, and the University seal where political activity or involvement is concerned, because of the laws under which it receives a tax exemption as an educational, non-political organization. While establishing these guidelines, the University also affirms that education must be an active, on-going process whereby individuals become aware of the social, economic, political, and legal issues that influence their lives and the environment in which they live. Individuals seeking to alter these conditions in ways they believe to be beneficial to the society as a whole and/or to themselves will, of necessity, become politically involved. The University encourages all members of the University community to become informed and active participants in the democratic process.

The University believes that one of its primary purposes as an educational institution is to provide an atmosphere for inquiry, open discussion, and difference of opinion that supports the objective gathering of facts. In order to provide such an environment, it is necessary that the University as an institution and the University's various recognizable components remain officially neutral on political issues and provide a place for persons of various persuasions to present their opinions.

The following guidelines are applicable to campus political activity:

1. The name of Dominican University of California, the seal and/or logo commonly used to represent the University or the name of any department or subdivisions of the University should not be used on any material intended for political purposes.
2. The University facilities may not be used to solicit funds for political purposes, to support candidates seeking public office, or to support proposed legislation.
3. No employee of the University, including work-study students, may be asked to perform tasks while on duty which support or promote a political issue or candidate seeking public office. Time spent in support of political activities cannot be substituted for performance of the specific task the person was hired to perform.
4. Political candidates and persons advocating a political position are welcome as guests of the campus provided proper arrangements have been made and appropriate campus offices have been notified. The presence of a speaker does not indicate support from the University for his/her point of view or for the specific individual. The University cannot assume responsibility for guaranteeing that all sides of every issue will in fact be presented by their supporters.
5. If the presentation is to be advertised outside of the University community, the sponsoring group or individual must consult with persons designated by the President in sufficient time to insure that adequate arrangements have been made according to University guidelines. Off campus advertisements should be approved by this person.

Political Activity Policy for Student Organizations

All student organizations must be registered by the University, through ASDU or the Office of Student Life, and they must comply with the Political Activity Policy found in this Handbook. Endorsement of a particular candidate by a registered student organization is not permissible and the University will not register student organizations that have as a goal the support of a particular

political candidate. No politicians who have public positions that run counter to the teachings of the Catholic Church are to be invited for anything without express permission from the President. Student organizations are not permitted to obtain a separate and distinct tax identification number.

POSTER POLICY

A poster policy provides guidelines for the placement of posters, flyers, and other notices on campus. Nothing should be placed on windows, either inside or outside a building; but instead may be placed on appropriate bulletin boards in several campus locations. The University reserves the right to remove any posters deemed to be offensive in nature, or those advertising events and/or products not in line with the Student Code of Conduct.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ON CAMPUS

Security and safety on campus must be a top priority for all of us. While the Dominican campus generally is a safe and secure environment, it is not exempt from occasional criminal activity. The following information is provided so that you might become familiar with the provisions and procedures Dominican University has set in place to foster a safe campus environment.

Access to Campus Facilities

Dominican University academic buildings are generally open on class days from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Access to certain facilities during the day, and all facilities after hours, requires special permission. During nighttime hours, Security officers patrol the campus and conduct regular checks of all facilities. Campus residence halls are locked at all times, but students have entry access with their Penguin Pass. Students are advised to take precautionary measures when entering and leaving residence halls and their rooms.

Campus Security

Campus Security is on-site 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays. Campus Security performs many duties, including regular patrols of campus, responding to incidents, conducting investigations, and being a visible presence to promote student safety. Security will escort students between buildings or to their vehicles. A security escort can be arranged by contacting them directly at 269-6070.

Crime Prevention at Dominican

Awareness is the most critical factor in the personal safety equation. If your attention to surroundings is compromised by intoxication, fatigue, or preoccupation, you operate at a disadvantage and have a greater potential for being victimized. The primary responsibility for avoiding victimization resides with you. The University routinely provides a variety of programs on issues related to safety and security. For example, workshops have been held on alcohol and drug awareness, self-defense, date rape, emergency preparedness, and first aid. Certain faculty, staff, administrators and students undergo specialized training to respond to emergencies and crisis situations; additionally, Resident Assistants are fully versed in the University's safety procedures for investigating and reporting any suspicious or criminal activities in the residence halls. Students are encouraged to report any suspicious activity or concerns to Campus Security.

Missing Persons Reporting

In compliance with the Higher Education Act, Dominican has established a missing student notification policy and procedure. Resident students have the option to provide confidential contact information for a person to be notified in the event the student is officially reported as missing. This information is provided on the residence hall emergency contact form. Should you have concerns about an individual who may be missing, please speak to campus security or the Dean of Students. These individuals will assess the situation and take appropriate action. If it is determined that a student for whom a missing person report has been filed has been missing for more than 24 hours, then within the next 24 hours, the University will take the following action:

- Notify the individual identified by the student to be contacted in this circumstance;
- If the student is under 18 years old, notify a parent or guardian;
- If the student is over 18 but has not identified a person to be contacted, notify appropriate law enforcement officials.

Notification of Current Campus Crime Problems

Title II of Federal Public Law 101-542, The Campus Security Act of 1990, requires universities to collect and report statistics concerning the occurrence on campus of certain criminal offenses which must be reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies. Those criminal offenses include murder, rape, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. At Dominican University, the Office of Human Resources collects data about these crimes. Statistics about these crimes are published each year. This information is available in the Student Life Office and in the Human Resources Office. Information is also collected about arrests for liquor law violations, for drug abuse violations, and for weapon possession. All crimes should be reported. Any inquiries from the news media regarding the occurrence of criminal incidents on campus should be directed to the Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

Responding to Crimes and Emergencies

In the event of a violent crime, a crime in progress, or an incident involving personal injury or requiring medical attention, immediately contact the San Rafael Police Department or San Rafael Fire Department by dialing 911. Non-emergency criminal acts (vandalism, burglary, etc) should immediately be reported to the San Rafael Police Department by calling 485-3000.

Should a forcible or non-forcible sexual offense occur, the victim should immediately seek medical attention and/or support from campus or community resources, e.g. the Student Health Center at 485-3208, the University Counseling Services Program at 485-3258, Community Violence Solutions at (800) 670-7273 (this hotline operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week), or the San Rafael Police Department at 911. A victim wishing to file a formal complaint against a perpetrator who is a member of the campus community should refer to the University's sexual harassment grievance procedures, which can be found at <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ASSAULT POLICY

Please visit <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife> for complete and detailed information regarding this policy. In any instance of alleged sexual harassment or assault, this policy and its definitions, standards, and procedures take precedence over any other University policy.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the boundaries of the University campus. The population of smokers on campus is small relative to those who do not smoke. The number of complaints regarding health concerns from inhaling second-hand smoke while walking in or out of buildings has increased significantly in recent years, and the University has adopted a smoke free campus policy in response to these complaints and medical findings.

The purpose of the Smoking Policy is to promote and protect the health, comfort and safety of all members of the Dominican University of California community. All community members have the right and the responsibility to inform or remind violators of the policy and request compliance. If a problem arises with non-compliance, Security staff may be called. Community members who refuse to comply will be subject to the disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Faculty, Staff or Student Handbook. Visitors who refuse to comply will be removed from campus.

SOLICITATION & DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE POLICY

In order to ensure efficient operation of the University's business and to prevent annoyance to faculty, staff, and students, it is necessary to control solicitations and distribution of literature on University property. The University has established rules governing solicitation, distribution of written material, and entry onto the premises and work areas. All staff and students are expected to comply strictly with these rules. If the solicitation and/or distribution are directed toward students, the Dean of Students should be consulted. No staff member shall solicit or promote support for any cause or organization during his/her working time or during the working time of the individual(s) at whom such activity is directed. Solicitation on the University campus by non-University personnel and by individual students not representing University affiliated or sponsored groups shall abide by the following policies:

1. Solicitors, sales persons, peddlers, and canvassers seeking student contact are not to operate on the University campus or in any of its buildings or facilities (except as outlined in item 4 below), without the personal and specific invitation of an individual student for a private conference. (Food or merchandise may be delivered to a student in the residence halls only if the student has ordered the specific food items.)
2. Students may not arrange sales conferences for other students.
3. Free samples of products may be distributed in designated areas by sales personnel only upon the written approval of one of the Vice Presidents as designated above.
4. Requests for on-campus solicitations or sales of newspapers, magazines, or periodicals published off-campus will be considered by one of the designated Vice Presidents.
5. University affiliated or sponsored groups may be authorized to conduct sales or solicitation on campus in areas specified by one of the designated Vice Presidents.
6. Use of University facilities and property for commercial advertising by University or non-University groups or individuals must have prior approval from the Vice President.
7. Mailing lists owned by the University shall not be used for any purpose other than for which they were established, unless a designated Vice President has given approval.
8. The distribution of free literature on Dominican University property must have written approval of one of the designated Vice Presidents. If permission is granted, individuals distributing materials must do so in such a way as to avoid interference with those entering buildings or with building occupants. This permission may be revoked if deemed necessary by the administration.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Disrespectful behavior of any kind and the lack of civility in interacting with others fundamentally undermine the educational process. For this reason the University is firmly committed to ensuring that each person in the University community feels valued as an individual and respected for his/her accomplishments and unique contributions to the campus.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATION POLICY

Dominican University has as one of its distinguishing characteristics an atmosphere conducive to genuine understanding and mutual respect among all members of the University community. Open and honest communication is an essential contributing factor if such an atmosphere is to remain a reality. After all other means of communication have been tried and found wanting, demonstrations will be permitted as a mode of free expression of opinion so long as they are orderly and the rights of others are respected. However, the University does believe that other means of expression or communication are more meaningful and therefore more productive in the solution of common problems; and in the last analysis, any problem in the University is a common problem, therefore one to be approached in a way agreeable to all sectors of the University insofar as possible.

Demonstrations or protests which in any way infringe upon the rights of others or which disrupt the normal educational process of the University cannot be tolerated. If the University administration determines that a demonstration or protest is disruptive and/or is in violation of the rights of others, appropriate action will be taken.

VENDOR POLICY

Dominican University of California has adopted a policy that limits the accessibility of off-campus vendors, defined as persons/companies/agencies that come to campus for the purpose of selling goods or services. Adoption of this vendor policy helps this University maintain its integrity as an institution of higher education while at the same time protecting its community members, especially students, from outside agents who may harass, annoy, or provide services that are of questionable value. There are some vendors that are prohibited because their product is not compatible with the mission of Dominican. In addition, Dominican may have contractual relationships with some valued service providers that preclude having other vendors on campus.

Examples of vendors that are restricted from access to campus include:

- Companies/agencies/individuals promoting the use of alcoholic beverages or advertising “all you can drink nights” or similar;
- Banks/credit unions/ companies promoting the usage of credit cards;
- Solicitors who sell products that are available in the DUC bookstore;
- Competitors in violation of University contractual relationships;
- Caterers;
- Anyone engaged in providing services that are illegal.

Some vendors who seek access to campus may provide services and products that the University welcomes, provided they follow established guidelines. Examples of vendors the University allows on campus are companies providing graduation apparel and announcements, banks providing money management services (excluding credit cards), and social services or volunteer agencies. All vendors who come to campus MUST secure approval from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Approval Process

Vendors whose mission is in harmony with that of Dominican University of California must contact the Student Life Office at least ten days before the desired date of presence. Vendors must provide information about their purpose (for example, a statement of mission), the company's name, address, and a phone number for the vendor who will be present on campus. Student Life Office Staff may require the vendor to submit examples and/or full descriptions of items to be sold or distributed, if that is appropriate and possible. Any vendor coming to campus must also provide proof of insurance if the University requests it.

The Dean or Assistant Dean of Students will review the information provided by each vendor and will notify the vendor of the outcome of the review. If approved, the vendor will be issued a permit to display during the time this person is on campus. Vendors are NEVER allowed to collect student names, addresses (including email and residence locations), and phone numbers to be sold/given/distributed to telemarketers, nor are students to be placed on “call lists.”

Where Vendors May Locate

Vendors may NEVER set up booths, tables, displays, or merchandise in any residence hall, nor are they allowed in the residence halls. The residences are home to the students and must be respected as such. Resident students are encouraged to report the presence of any vendors in any of the halls. Vendors may use the following facilities: Caleruega Hall and plaza in front, the outdoor walkway outside the front entrance of Bertrand Hall. Use of other buildings may require special permission. A faculty member may request that business not be transacted in an area where he/she is teaching if the noise is deemed by the faculty member to be excessive.

Restrictions for Approved Vendors

In harmony with Dominican's status as an educational institution, all vendors are expected to operate in an ethical manner, and to fully inform students about the product or service being discussed. Vendors are expected to provide detailed information, including negative findings/results/data, when asked. Banks/credit unions/similar may be allowed on campus to promote services to students with the exception of credit cards. Credit card companies are not allowed on campus.

The number of posters announcing the presence of vendors on certain days on campus is limited to "For Your Information" boards in Guzman Hall, Caleruega Hall, and Bertrand Hall. Posters also may be hung on bulletin boards in other buildings as long as the space is of a general nature and not restricted for use by Dominican announcements. The number of announcements (flyers, posters) is limited to three per building and one per board. Vendors may not use large size banners, and are discouraged from using flyers that litter the campus grounds. No vendor may place flyers or cards on car windows. Any vendor activity that interferes with or disrupts the normal functions of Dominican University of California or the campus neighborhood is in violation of University policies. Vendors manifesting such behavior will be asked to leave the campus.

Food items, i.e. candy or pastries, and tee shirts, cups, etc. distributed by the vendor to solicit student clients, may not be used as incentives to purchase items or enter subscriptions. It is permissible to have appropriate "gifts" and handouts available. Food service providers for large groups are not allowed on campus during hours of cafeteria/café operation. Vendors are subject to the Events Management Plan, as is everyone on campus, and as such may not use sound amplification equipment.

Cost For a Vendor Permit

Non-profit organizations are not required to pay a fee for being on campus, other than any expense the University incurs for setting up a table for the group. For-profit vendors are required to pay a fee of \$50. University offices that are sponsoring an event that includes vendors may charge special rates for visiting organizations. In such cases other fees are waived. To the extent additional set-up is required, additional fees will be charged.

Government Requirements

Dominican University of California and all other colleges and universities that accept federal financial aid are required to permit military recruiters on campus. Persons representing government agencies are welcome on campus, and are subject to the same location and fee requirements as vendors.

WEAPONS POLICY

No firearms, air guns, CO2 guns, knives, or weapons of any kind are permitted anywhere on the Dominican campus. Persons seen with or using such weapons on campus are subject to dismissal and legal action.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Implicit in his or her enrollment is the student's agreement to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and to accept its sanctions. Dominican University of California, by reason of its religious and humanistic commitment, expects of its students, both on campus and elsewhere, behavior commensurate with its commitment. In general, this entails:

- Respect for the rights and dignity of all persons;
- Respect for the academic goals and processes of the University;
- Respect for property, public and private;
- Respect for civil law; and
- Respect for the University's religious heritage, character, and ecumenical spirit.

In addition, it is the responsibility of each student to inform his/her guests on campus or at campus events of the social standards in place at Dominican University of California. Students are responsible for the behavior of their guests.

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

No handbook could cover all possible violations of the student code of conduct. The following is a list of examples of violations of University policies, procedures, and rules that will lead to disciplinary action:

- Violation of laws, including federal, state, or local ordinances or regulations;
- Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other University activities, on the Dominican campus or at an off-campus University sponsored event;
- Theft, unauthorized possession, damage, vandalism, defacement, or misuse of University property or property of any person while he/she is on campus or at a University -sponsored event;
- Hazing;
- Behavior, physical/verbal/psychological, which threatens the health, safety, welfare and/or dignity of any person on the Dominican campus or at an off-campus University sponsored event, or which interferes with an event;
- The sale, or manufacture, or possession of weapons, including firearms, explosives, or dangerous combustible materials on University property;
- The sale, manufacture, or possession/maintenance of toxic or poisonous substances on University property;
- Sexual activity that is unwanted (See Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy);
- Actions that prevent the University staff, including faculty, resident advisors, and work-study students from discharging their duties;
- Engaging in lewd, indecent, or obscene behavior on campus property or at University functions;
- Interference with campus security personnel;
- Violation of Alcohol and Drug Policy;
- Falsifying information to University authorities, including the knowing misrepresentation of the facts in response to a University investigation, the presentation of "fake" ID cards, forgery, and altering records;

- Interfering with the appropriate free speech of Dominican University personnel, other students, invited guests, and others on campus;
- Reckless driving, speeding, or disobeying traffic signs on campus;
- Misuse of the University's phone and/or technology systems (e.g., sending abusive or pornographic matter via campus email, or similar);
- Unauthorized entry to or use of University property, including the University name, address, official logo or seal;
- Violations of published policies or procedures of the University, as found in various handbooks and memoranda of University policies and procedures distributed periodically by administrative offices. (It is the responsibility of each student to know the policies and procedures of the University which pertain to him/her);

Abuse of the Judicial System

Any action or failure to act which abuses the integrity of the University judicial system constitutes a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including the following:

- Failure to obey the summons of a judicial body or University official.
- Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a judicial body.
- Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a judicial proceeding.
- Institution of a judicial proceeding knowingly without cause.
- Impeding an individual's participation in, or use of, the judicial system.
- Influencing or attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a judicial body.
- Influencing or attempting to influence another person to abuse the judicial system.
- Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student Code of Conduct.

Responding to Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct should immediately be reported to the Dean of Students, who will conduct an initial inquiry or will direct the complainant to the appropriate office. The University will investigate all violations and will take disciplinary action that is appropriate to the type and severity of the violation, as well as considering the existence and disposition of any previous violations. The University may send cases to the Student Conduct Board for review.

Because faculty members are acting as agents of the University in fulfilling their teaching and advising responsibilities, in cases where a student's inappropriate behavior adversely affects a faculty member in the performance of his/her duties, that faculty member will be consulted by the administration in determining the disciplinary action that is most appropriate.

STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD (SCB)

Students in violation of policy or the Student Code of Conduct may be referred to the Student Conduct Board. That Board serves as an adjudicating body which will determine and recommend appropriate sanctions for all offenses and violations brought before it. The SCB shall review all information pertaining to a case and will deliver a recommendation to the Dean of Students in a reasonable time frame. The Board will utilize in its recommendation any and all campus publications that are pertinent to the case at hand.

In cases where the SCB is serving as an appellate court, their decision is final. In cases referred to the SCB for initial review, appeals of any decisions must be made according to the "Appeal Procedure" listed under the University's Grievance Policy, which can be found on the University website at <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife>.

GRIEVANCES & PROCEDURES

The President of Dominican University of California is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the administration of the University, including the development, enforcement, and monitoring of all policies and procedures. The authority for responding to student discipline matters has been delegated to the Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students or his designee. All Dominican University of California students are required to know and to comply with University rules, policies, and procedures, and are responsible for their violation of them. Some issues with which a student must contend cannot be the subjects of a formal grievance; that is, while some issues may be serious, they do not warrant the involvement of a significant number of campus officials. Disciplinary matters usually fall into that category. Disciplinary action against a student is usually initiated by the Dean of Students in response to an incident report filed by any member of the University community or someone not associated with the University.

The University expects all community members to interact with each other in ways that minimize the possibility of problems or disputes. One of the most important elements for preventing misunderstandings and hurt feelings is clear, honest, and respectful communication. In any organization, a certain amount of disagreement is healthy, indicating that the environment supports and encourages personal expression. However, even with the best communication, occasional problems are inevitable. When a problem occurs, reasonable attempts will be made to maintain confidentiality in order to protect the right to privacy of those who are involved, and so that the integrity of the person alleged to have acted inappropriately is not compromised in the event of an unfounded complaint. It is necessary, however, to recognize that in the course of investigating and resolving complaints, some dissemination of information to others may be appropriate and necessary in order to fairly and adequately investigate such claims.

In order to ensure equitable, fair, and timely resolution of problems that may arise, procedures for responding to academic and disciplinary grievances have been established. No individual's status with the University shall be adversely affected in any way because he/she utilizes these procedures or participates in a grievance proceeding. The grievance procedures are intended to address allegations of violations of University procedures or policies.

Please go to <http://dominican.edu/about/current/studentlife> for complete and detailed information about all Dominican University of California grievance policies and procedures.

RESIDENCE LIFE HANDBOOK

In addition to the information, policies, and regulations explained in the previous sections of the Student Handbook, all resident students should carefully review the following specific information about the residence halls and residence life. Resident students are expected to abide by and uphold at all times the rules, regulations, and policies described in the Student Handbook.

Dominican University of California strongly encourages all resident students to consider a renter's insurance policy or to explore optional coverage provided by a parent's homeowner's policy. Dominican University of California is NOT RESPONSIBLE for lost, stolen, or damaged property at any time.

WELCOME

Welcome to your new home at Dominican University of California. The Residence Life staff is here to help you whenever possible and to facilitate your learning experience on campus. The mission of the University and the goals of the Office of Student Life guide the Office of Residence Life. It is the University's belief that the rights of all students must be maintained within the residence halls. We provide facilities, programs and activities that meet students' out-of-the-classroom needs and assist students in fulfilling their personal and academic goals. Our role is to create a comfortable environment that promotes academic success and personal growth. Students are encouraged and are free to explore their own beliefs and values, while allowing others to do the same. Dominican University of California encourages and celebrates diversity.

The on-campus living experience is an integral part of the total educational program at the University. Your res-hall is a vital learning area where you will be introduced to new and different people, new activities and a new perspective on yourself. We hope you will choose to become an active participant in what can be the most exciting time in your life. This handbook serves as an important resource for you as it contains information about the staff and services available in the residence halls; outlines your rights, responsibilities, and policies that pertain to living on campus; and describes a wide variety of ways you can become involved.

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

The Residence Life Staff consists of the Director of Housing and the Resident Assistants. The Director of Housing is a member of the Student Life Staff and serves as a resource to the Resident Assistants and students in general. The Director of Housing is responsible for the everyday operation of the building and the activities of the students who reside on campus. This individual serves as a counselor, coordinates activities, supervises the Resident Assistants and promotes the res-halls as safe living and learning environments.

Resident Assistants are students who are selected and trained by the Director of Housing and serve as student colleagues to the Student Life Staff. The RA is there to listen, to offer advice, to refer you to the appropriate offices if you have special concerns, and to report violations of residence hall policies. In addition to having other responsibilities related to Residence Life, RAs can be an incredible resource and can provide leadership and guidance in establishing a hall community and in providing educational, social and recreational programs. The RA should be the first person students see regarding issues such as roommate conflicts, personal concerns, maintenance requests and general information. There is an RA on duty every evening in each residence hall; you should not hesitate to go to an RA if you have any questions or concerns.

RESIDENCE HALL INFO & HELPFUL TIPS

How am I ever going to get along with my roommate? Sound familiar? Learning to live with another person in your residence hall room can often be one of the first and most challenging experiences you will have in University. Here are some hints we know work.

FORMS FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

There are several important forms that you are required to submit when you check into the residence halls. Please be sure that all of the information on these forms is correct. Should you need to make changes during the course of the year, please speak with your RA.

Emergency Contact Form

During the check-in procedure you will be asked to fill out an Emergency Contact/Information Form. This form provides the residence hall staff with information on who to contact in an emergency situation. There is also a space provided to let the residence hall staff know if you take any medications on an on-going basis or have any allergies. This information is confidential and is used only in the event of an emergency.

Housing Contract (please see the copy of the contract printed at the end of this section for additional information) **The housing contract is for the entire academic year.** The contract can be signed on a semester basis for academic reasons only (graduation/internship/study-abroad) and approval must be given by the Director of Housing before a semester contract is signed. By signing the contract you are financially responsible for the room fees for the length of the contract.

Housing and Meal Plan Refund Policy:

- Students must notify in writing the Director of Housing of their intention to leave the residence halls. Refunds are issued according to the Housing/Meal Refund Policy.
- Continuing students who have signed a housing contract WILL BE charged the \$500 breach of contract penalty regardless of when they notify the Director of Housing.
- New students who notify the Director of Housing after May 1 (fall) or December 1 (spring) will not be refunded their housing security deposit.

Health Form

All resident students must have a Health Form on file in the Student Health Center. The Campus Nurse will notify students with incomplete forms – failure to complete these forms will result in termination of your housing contract – NO EXCEPTIONS to this policy.

Room Condition Report (RCR)

When you move into your room you must complete and sign this Check-In/Check-Out form. This will serve as an accurate and complete record of the contents and conditions of your assigned room. You have 24 hours from check-in date to identify any damaged articles in your room not previously identified. If you do not provide any additional information within 24 hours, you waive your right to provide input to the Check-In Form. This Check-In Form will be reviewed with you by your RA and will serve as the basis for checkout charges, if imposed. Periodic announced inspections might be done to assure proper maintenance of your room. You must complete the same RCR form when moving out of a Residence Hall. Failure to do so will incur a \$250 improper checkout fee plus an additional \$250 if you fail to return your room key.

LIVING WITH ROOMMATES

Living successfully with a roommate requires flexibility and the willingness to communicate in an honest, yet tactful manner. You and your roommate may not develop a lifelong friendship. Remember that roommates do not have to be best friends. But learning to live with respect, and to tolerate personality differences, is a valuable part of your education. Remember that your roommate has individual likes and dislikes and these should be respected the same as yours.

The Rights of Roommates:

- The right to study, free from undue interference in one's room.
- The right to sleep without undue disturbance from noise, guests, roommates, etc.
- The right to expect that roommates will respect one's personal belongings.
- The right to be free from the fear of intimidation, physical, or emotional harm.
- The right to live in a clean environment.
- The right to assume that there will be reasonable cooperation.
- The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from roommate.
- The right to be respected as a person.
- The right to personal privacy.
- The right of redress of grievances to the Residence Hall Staff.
- The right to expect reasonable cooperation in the use of the telephone.
- The right to expect that any and all disagreements will be discussed in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect, and that it is acceptable when any roommate feels it is necessary to involve a residence hall staff member in such discussion

Roommate Agreement Contract

It is a very wise idea for you to sit down with your roommate and discuss the types of situations that can cause the most roommate problems and come to an agreement that is mutually acceptable to each of you. Each room will be required to complete and submit a written roommate contact that will serve as documentation that basic concerns have been discussed and agreed upon for the room. Agreements cannot violate University Policy, and once signed a copy of the agreement will be kept on file in the Housing Office and the agreement becomes policy for that room. Failure to abide by the guidelines set may result in disciplinary action by a Residence Life Staff Member. If at any point during the occupancy period, the set guidelines no longer work for residents of a room, the contract may be re-visited and changed. If a change in occupancy occurs in the room a new roommate agreement contact should be completed. You may receive a roommate agreement contract form from your RA or the Director of Housing.

The following are some questions to serve as a device to get you both talking about getting along effectively with a roommate:

- Do you like to go to bed early or late? Do you like to sleep in or get up with the sun?
- Do you require total darkness and quiet to go to sleep? Can the light be left on while your roommate studies?
- Are you a neat person or do you tend to keep things messy?
- Do you like to have guests all the time, or do you prefer that your room be quiet for study more often than not?
- Do you like to loan your belongings? Roommates only? Car, clothes, stereo, money?
- What do you think is important in a roommate relationship?

Always strive to keep the lines of communication open between you and your roommate. Chances are that if something is bothering you, it is also bothering your roommate, so try and talk about it. If a problem persists even after discussion about it has taken place, your RA may be helpful in assisting you and your roommate to work out an acceptable solution.

Your residence hall community consists of you and the members of your hall. Your community will begin to develop from the day the halls open. The direction your community takes depends largely upon your involvement in it. Your interaction with others and their interaction with you is the largest factor in the evolution of your community. With the proper emphasis and effort, your community environment has the potential to offer you support in the areas of academic excellence, social maturity, a sense of belonging, self-reliance and self-understanding. One of the best recommendations that can be offered to any resident to help insure the successful growth of the community is to have mutual respect and consideration of others. Before you act, consider the impact your behavior may have on the lives of your fellow community members.

RESIDENCE HALL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The following provides helpful information for resident students. If you have any questions or concerns, or have suggestions to make, we encourage you to speak with the Director of Housing.

Bicycle Storage

Bicycles are not allowed inside the buildings. Please use the bike racks to secure your bicycle when not in use. Dominican University is not responsible for the loss or theft of bicycles. Bicycles must be removed from campus at the end of each academic year.

Custodial Services

The custodial staff is responsible for the daily maintenance of all public hallways, lounges and public bathrooms. You are responsible for cleaning your own room and bathroom. Trashcans may be emptied into the large garbage cans located in designated areas in each residence hall. Students are encouraged to make use of the recycling bins located in each of the residence halls.

Data Hubs / Tech Boxes

All rooms are equipped with a data hub (or “tech box”) that incorporates your internet access and cable TV port; in addition, cable TV requires the use of a digital cable converter box. Please do not tamper with these boxes in any way and please refrain from trying to resolve any problems on your own. The University’s cable package includes local channels and access to popular cable channels. For more information on technology services and features, please consult the section on “Information Technology” in the handbook.

Food Services

Please consult the section on “Food Service” in the handbook for specific information.

Furniture

Students are responsible for the upkeep of all residence hall furniture. Furniture in each room must remain there at all times and shall not be moved from the room. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 fine per item each day past notification. At checkout, all furniture must be clean and arranged according to instructions provided by your RA or the Director of Housing.

Keys

When you arrive on campus, you will receive a key for your room. Residence halls exterior doors are kept locked at all times; your Penguin Pass will provide you with access. DO NOT prop open doors or share your key with non-resident students. You are the first line of safety when it comes to protecting yourself and other resident students. You should always keep your door locked when you leave your room. Replacement cost for your key is \$250. The lock to your room will be changed and all roommates will be issued new keys. Should you lose your key, please contact the Director of Housing during regular business hours. If you are locked out of your room, please contact Campus Security for assistance.

Laundry

Laundry rooms are located in each of the residence halls. All washers and dryers operate with money transferred to your Penguin Pass.

Lights

The fluorescent overhead lights in your room and bathroom are the property of the University and thus will be maintained and replaced by the University for normal wear. Damage to these fixtures or bulbs will be billed to the students. Standard incandescent bulbs that are in student desk lamps or on bathroom vanity fixtures are the responsibility of the student to replace. Please turn off your lights when not in your room.

Mail Services

The Mailroom is located in the basement of Bertrand Hall. Mailboxes are available for students living on campus. Mail for on-campus students should be addressed as follows:

MSC (mailbox number)
Student Name
50 Acacia Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94901-2298

It is important to put the correct mailbox number on the top line so your mail will not be delayed. Incoming mail will generally be placed in mailboxes by 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. You will be notified if you receive a package. Packages may be collected from the Mailroom window during posted hours Monday through Friday. Stamped out-going mail can be dropped off at the campus Mailroom for delivery to the Post Office. The Mailroom does not sell stamps; however, the staff will weigh a letter or package to determine postage costs during window hours. Postal regulations require customers to take packages over 1 pound to a US Postal Service branch due to security concerns. Mailroom personnel are not available to provide this service for personal packages. Shipping tools are available from www.usps.com, www.ups.com, and other shipping companies. Students can use these services to generate prepaid labels. These packages are not subject to postal security measures, and can be brought to the mailroom. The mailroom is closed on weekends and holidays.

Maintenance and Repairs

If your room is in need of maintenance or repairs, contact your RA to file a Maintenance Work Request. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE should you call Facilities directly. In the event of a water or electrical emergency, please contact Campus Security if your RA is not available – DO NOT leave a water leak unattended as the resulting damage could be extreme. Remember that you are responsible for any damages to your room and bathroom beyond normal wear and tear. In order to perform repairs, maintenance personnel may need to enter your room. They typically make repairs between 9am-5pm and they will enter your room if you are not present – and they will always lock your room when they leave. If a maintenance staff member comes to make repairs, you need to be out of bed and fully clothed. You may not use the shower/bathroom while work is being done.

Parking

Only residents with special parking permits are allowed to park in the designated residence hall lots, located near Fanjeaux/Pennafort, Meadowlands, and Edgehill Village. Cars without permits found parked in these lots will be towed at the owner's expense. All resident students with cars on campus are required to register their vehicle information with the Housing Office, regardless of whether or not you have a resident space.

Freshmen students are not allowed to have vehicles on campus and therefore will not be allowed to register a vehicle or receive a parking permit.

Residence Hall Parking Permits

Permits are distributed by lottery during the Room Selection Process (spring) and at the beginning of the fall semester. The cost for a residence hall permit is \$300 for the year. Resident students with parking

will keep this permit visibly posted in the front left corner of the windshield. These vehicles should ONLY be parked in residence hall spaces. Resident students with parking decals parked elsewhere on campus are essentially taking up two spaces and will be cited if not parked in their designated space in the residence hall lots.

Pest Control

The residence halls are served by a private pest control service. Pest problems in a room should be reported immediately to your RA. Pests are attracted by food left out in individual rooms, bathrooms, and common areas (kitchens, hallways, trash rooms and lounges). Be sure to wrap all food in plastic and seal in an airtight container and keep it off the floor. If you keep food sealed and your room is kept clean, you should have no problems with pests.

Public Areas / Common Areas

Students are responsible for cleaning up after using the lounges. All furniture is to remain in the lounges for community use. Students found with lounge furniture in their rooms will incur a fine and will meet with the Director of Housing.

Recreation Equipment

You are welcome to use the various types of recreation equipment at any time before quiet hours. Remember that you are responsible to care for the equipment that you use.

Safety on Campus

Providing students a safe environment in which to live is a priority of the Residence Life staff. RAs monitor the residence halls in the evenings from 7pm to midnight, and the security staff makes regular on-going patrols of the campus and perimeters of the residence halls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The front doors of each hall are locked at 8:00pm every night. You are the most important component of security in the residence halls. All students have a responsibility for maintaining our safe environment. Do not prop open exterior doors at any time! When entering a building late at night, please make sure the door closes and locks behind you. Always lock your door when leaving your room at night. The University's insurance does not cover loss, theft, or damage to student's personal property. Students should consider the purchase of renter's insurance or check on the extension of parent's homeowner's insurance for this purpose.

The Dominican area of San Rafael is generally safe; however, we strongly encourage students not to walk alone after dark. If you see someone or a situation that concerns you, contact an RA immediately. The security guards will also provide an escort for students walking on campus after dark. To request an escort across campus, please call Security at 269-6070.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

Storage

There is a limited amount of storage space on campus, especially in the residence halls. For this reason, students are encouraged to store all possessions in their rooms. Items may be placed in storage only with the permission of the Director of Housing. Any items left in storage for longer than one year will be donated to a charitable organization. Dominican University does not assume responsibility for items that are damaged, lost, or stolen while in storage.

Vacations

Residents may remain on campus during Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break. The residence halls are closed for Christmas Break; and access to rooms during this time is not possible. Only students on non-standard academic schedules (ex: Liberal Studies majors), and athletes in season will be allowed to remain on campus during the winter break. An additional fee equivalent to that of the daily semester rate will be charged to students requiring housing during the Christmas Break.

Vending Machines

For your convenience, snack and soda vending machines are located in residence halls and other campus locations. An outside contractor runs these machines; the Housing Office accepts no responsibility for loss of money in the vending machines.

RESIDENCE HALL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Alcohol Guidelines and Procedures

Please refer to the Alcohol/Drug Policy in the main section of the handbook for further information.

Dominican University, adhering to the laws of the State of California, permits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by those students who are 21 years of age and older. The University does not permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by those students under the age of 21 in the residence halls or on University property.

- Alcohol may only be present in rooms where all residents are of legal drinking age. A student who is of legal drinking age is not permitted to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in a room where other students are under 21; this includes situations where roommates may be under the legal drinking age.
- Students who are 21 years of age and older are permitted to consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms with the door closed. All individuals in the room must be of legal drinking age, and all residents of that room must also be of legal drinking age.
- It is the responsibility of the 21-year-old resident to ensure that all individuals in his/her room are at least 21 years old.
- Students younger than 21 years of age are NOT permitted in any room where alcohol is being consumed.
- The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public area is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, hallways, lounges, porches, patios, lobbies, parking lots, walkways, and lawns.
- All alcoholic beverages must be bagged and unopened while they are being transported into or through a residence hall.
- The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, as is the furnishing or purchasing of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21 years of age.
- Kegs, party balls, "beer bong," or other common sources of alcohol are not permitted in the residence halls.
- Public intoxication does not contribute to the residence hall community. Repeated incidents of public intoxication may result in disciplinary action and/or a referral to an appropriate agency.
- Violation of any of these policies may result in the confiscation of all alcoholic beverages by Residence Life staff members and subsequent disciplinary action.

Candles and Incense

The burning of candles and incense is prohibited in the residence halls.

Cooperation with University Personnel

It is the expectation of the University that each resident will cooperate with University officials who are acting in the performance of their duties. This includes but is not limited to: Security, Facilities personnel, Resident Assistants, the Director of Housing, and when applicable the Dean of Students. Noncompliance with any University personnel will result in disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the residence halls.

Disruptive Behavior

Disruptive behavior such as sports, wrestling, and rough play are not permitted in the residence halls because of potential injury and damages. This includes, but is not limited to, bouncing or kicking balls, the wearing of rollerblades or skates, and the use of skateboards, bicycles, or scooters in the halls or rooms.

Electrical and Cooking Appliances

Due to the limits residence hall rooms have on the capacity of their electrical systems, and in an effort to save energy, there are certain restrictions and limits placed on appliances in the residence halls. No cooking appliances of any kind may be used in the residence halls, as these pose a significant fire danger. The following items are NOT ALLOWED in the residence halls:

- Space heaters or air conditioning units
- Electric Blankets
- Halogen lamps
- Small kitchen appliances. These include, but are not limited to toasters/ovens, coffee makers, espresso machines, rice steamers, etc.
- Open element appliances (these are an extreme fire hazard)
- Items to burn such as candles and incense

In addition to the above restrictions, the following limits will be placed on electrical appliances. These limits have been placed in an attempt to reduce the amount of power consumed in the residence halls. Each room will be limited to one (1) of the following:

- Refrigerator
- Television
- Stereo
- Oscillating fan
- All electrical appliances must be UL approved. Please see the Director of Housing for specific information.

Fighting and Violence

Physical, verbal, or emotional abuse/violence toward another person or their property will not be tolerated on campus or in the residence halls. Violations of this policy will result in severe disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the residence halls.

Fire Safety

It is against Federal and State laws to tamper with any part of a building fire system or with any fire hose, extinguisher, sprinkler system, or smoke alarm. DO NOT touch the fire sprinklers at any time! Any person sending a false alarm or violating any provision of the Federal or State fire laws is subject to a fine imposed by the University, civil prosecution, and possible dismissal from the University. Failure to exit a residence hall during a building fire alarm will result in a \$100 fine. In accordance with San Rafael fire code regulations, a maximum of ten people is permitted in a residence hall room at any one time.

Furniture

Students must not move University equipment or furniture from their assigned room or public areas of the residence halls. The University reserves the right of entry to student rooms by designated personnel to inspect furniture and equipment and to make necessary repairs. Students found with lounge furniture in their rooms will be fined \$50 per item each day past notification.

Guests

Please refer to Visitor and Cohabitation Policy.

Harassment and Intimidation

Physical, written or verbal intimidation, harassment or abuse of other students or staff is prohibited. Any students found in violation of this policy will face immediate disciplinary action. Any person not currently attending Dominican University who is in violation of this policy will be restricted from campus, as well as face possible legal action.

Musical Instruments

Musical instruments are not to be used in the residence halls.

Noise and Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours for both weekdays and weekends are posted in each residence hall. The hours prior to the official Quiet Hours should not be considered "noisy hours." Unreasonable noise at any time that interferes with the rights of others is not permitted. During final exams the Quiet Hours are extended to 24 hours per day.

Painting & Walls

Students are not permitted to paint their room or bathroom and will be charged for the cost of repainting. Room painting is on a schedule established by the Director of Facilities and Director of Housing. Students are required to use painter's tape (looks like blue masking tape) or museum putty to attach posters, etc. to the walls. Duct tape, masking tape, and nails are not permitted since they damage the paint. Students who have caused excessive damage to their walls will be billed for the cost of repainting the entire room.

Pets

Animals of any kind are prohibited inside the residence halls. Service animals, with proper documentation, are permissible (see Animal/Pet Policy). If a student is found responsible for bringing an animal into the residence halls, he/she will be required to find an alternate home for the animal, and will be responsible for the cost of any necessary cleaning.

Right of Entry

The University reserves the right to enter any student's room or apartment without notice for the following reasons:

- to inspect condition of room and compliance with safety regulations;
- repair, maintain, or clean;
- respond to reported or perceived emergency situations;
- enforce University Policy and investigate possible violations thereof;
- inspect rooms and/or apartments to ensure that the building is vacated in fire drills, during vacation periods, and in health and safety emergencies.

Authorized representatives of the University may respond to violations of law or policy discovered upon entering a student's room or apartment. Rooms and apartments will be searched only with the voluntary consent of the student and typically 24 hours notice will be given unless an Administrative Search Authorization has been granted by the Dean of Students (or appropriate designee), or a search warrant has been issued by a court of law. The occupant(s) will be informed of the reason for any room or apartment search. The Right of Entry is intended to protect the well-being of the students and to promote safety within the student community.

Room or Roommate Changes

Sharing a living space requires significant adjustment on the part of all students. When issues arise, it is best for all parties involved to sit down with one another and discuss the situation in a timely manner. Students who encounter a difficult living situation should speak with a member of the residence life staff. Staff members can provide information and resources to students on resolving most roommate issues. Room changes are possible after all other options have been exhausted and only with the permission of the Director of Housing. Residents are not permitted to change rooms, or allow another resident to move into an empty space in their room, without proper authorization from the Director of Housing. No student shall allow anyone to live in his/her room who is not assigned by the Director of Housing. Students found in violation of this policy will face disciplinary action and may be fined.

Solicitation & Vendor Policy

The Dominican University Vendor Policy described in the Student Handbook applies in its entirety to the residence halls. No one is permitted to go door-to-door in the residence halls for the purpose of sales or solicitation. Please contact your RA immediately if a solicitor approaches you.

Vandalism

The willful destruction of any University property is prohibited. Any student found responsible for vandalism will face disciplinary action by the University and be held for full restitution for replacement or repairs. PLEASE NOTE: If no one person claims responsibility for the vandalism, the cost of replacement or repairs will be evenly divided among all residents of that residence hall or floor.

Visitor & Cohabitation Policy

Residence halls are communities. The students who choose to live on campus accept the rights and responsibilities associated with communal living. More specifically, Dominican believes that students, by agreeing to live on campus, agree to certain roommate rights, including the right to sleep undisturbed in one's room without noise caused by roommates or guests, to have free access to one's room and its facilities without pressure or interference from roommates, and to personal privacy. Roommates and suitemates should always discuss during the first days of the academic year the rules that will govern how they operate within the room and suite. Agreements should be reviewed periodically by the residents of a room.

At Dominican, students who live in the residences have helped to develop for themselves and for the community a policy on visitation and cohabitation based on their experiences in the halls and their understanding of what works here. Civil laws, too, will have an impact on how students live in their environment.

Students, and roommates in particular, are expected to engage with each other in a positive, respectful manner, even when dealing with conflicts. It is doubtful that any roommates make it through a year without disagreements. The hallmark of "good" roommates is their willingness to calmly talk through their differences, and to seek compromise when appropriate. Students are encouraged to bear in mind that their actions may affect the entire student community. Sometimes the intervention of a facilitator (for example, the resident advisor) may be necessary for students in a room or suite to work out their differences.

Occasionally problems arise because of guests in a room. In the Dominican residence halls, a visitor is defined as any person, including another Dominican student, who has not been assigned to live in the room he/she is temporarily occupying. Guests are welcome; however, all hosts and guests are expected to abide by regulations that have been developed by students to assure the consideration of and respect of the host's roommates, suitemates, and members of the hall. Student hosts have the responsibility to inform their guests of University rules and regulations, and to inform their room/suitemates in advance of the arrival of a guest.

In general, visitors must vacate rooms by midnight each evening, not to return before noon of the following day, unless all residents of the room agree that the visitor may stay. If roommates (and suitemates as appropriate) agree to have a visitor stay beyond midnight the student host must register the guest with the RA. There are times when students may wish to study in their room with other students or classmates beyond midnight. Occasional late study hours are reasonable by most student standards and need not be cleared with the RA; however, all residents of the room must agree to having extended study sessions continue beyond midnight.

No guest may remain in the residence halls for more than three consecutive nights without permission of the Director of Residence Life. Violation of this policy may result in a \$50 fine per night for the host of a guest.

Cohabitation is never allowed in University residence halls. Cohabitation is defined as any visitation that disrupts the living unit or violates University social standards. Excessive and/or extended visitation is not allowed. The policy applies to a student's friends and to the student's sexual partners. The University will take appropriate disciplinary action against students who violate the cohabitation policy. Students considering violating it are urged to consider the liability of having members of the opposite sex or sexual partners remain in a room overnight as well as the University sanctions that will be imposed.

Students who violate the cohabitation policy will meet with the Director of Housing for a first offense. The director has the discretion of determining an appropriate sanction for the violation. For a second offense the student violator will be charged a fine of not less than fifty dollars. A third violation warrants dismissal from the residence halls. Some offenses may warrant an immediate dismissal no matter how many times the student has violated the policy.

Because men and women students frequently congregate in each other's rooms, a bathroom usage policy is necessary. Someone of the opposite sex should use the bathroom or the shower only with the consent of all roommates/suitemates, and never when an occupant of the room is using the bathroom or shower facilities. Student hosts have the responsibility to check with roommates and suitemates when someone of the opposite sex is using the facilities. For example, it is reasonable for the host to inform suitemates when someone of the opposite sex is using the bathroom. Residents of a room/suite should always discuss their comfort with this policy; they may collectively decide upon a more restrictive one.

Guests should be told by hosts that they may never park overnight in any of the residence hall lots. Guests must park overnight in the lot near Conlan Recreational Center, off Grand Avenue. Guests may never park in numbered spaces.

Water Beds

For safety reasons, waterbeds are not permitted in student rooms.

Windows and Roof Policy

Throwing or placing any object in or out residence hall windows, or people climbing in or out of residence hall windows, is prohibited. Students are not permitted on the roof of any residence hall at any time. Residents of Meadowlands with small balconies outside their windows are not permitted to go out on the balconies. They are considered decorative elements only and are not structurally reinforced to support much weight. Fire escapes are not considered balconies and are not to be used except in case of an emergency. Students found in violation of this policy will face disciplinary action by the University or civil action by the Fire Marshall of San Rafael.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE CONDUCT PROCESS

Students choosing to live on campus are responsible for knowing and observing the policies of the University and the residence halls as set forth in the Student Handbook, the Residence Life Addendum, and the Housing Contract. Specifically, residents are personally responsible for any and all actions taking place in their residence hall room.

INCIDENT REPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

When a violation of policy occurs, or there is a complaint regarding student action/behavior, an incident report/documentation is filed with the Director of Housing. An Incident Report is a written statement, submitted to the Director of Housing by a member of the Residence Life Staff or other student, which details alleged violations of policy or serves as a formal complaint regarding a student's actions or behavior. An Incident Report is not a judgment, nor does it imply guilt.

A student who receives an initial Incident Report may be required to meet with the Director of Housing to discuss the report. This meeting may or may not include the RA(s) or students who filed the incident report. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the events surrounding the potential policy violation and to give the student(s) the opportunity to provide his/her/their view of incident.

Each Incident Report will be kept in the student's permanent file for their duration of stay in the residence halls. Students do not necessarily begin each year with a "clean slate." Additional Incident Reports during their time on campus will be examined with full knowledge of those already on file. Continued policy violations will result in limited choices for room selection and possibly more serious disciplinary action.

SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF RESIDENCE HALL POLICY

In a case where it is clear that the student(s) who was issued the Incident Report was involved in a policy violation and the student(s) admits to his/her/their involvement, the Director of Housing will issue a sanction to the student(s). The input the student has given will be taken into consideration when determining a sanction. The sanction given to a student involved in a policy violation is designed to be educational, not punitive. The purpose of a sanction is to challenge students to examine their behavior. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to:

- **Official Warning:** Behavior is inappropriate and unacceptable. More serious action could result if the behavior continues.
- **Community Service:** The student is given a project that facilitates learning and that benefits the community.
- **Monetary fines:** Commensurate to the significant of the violation
- **Counseling:** a recommendation that a student sees a counselor or be referred to an off-campus agency.
- **Restitution:** For damage to University property or other property as appropriate.
- **Residence Hall Probation:** A period of time specified for observing and evaluating student's conduct, with or without special conditions.
- **Relocation:** The student must move to another floor or hall in order to have a new start in a positive atmosphere.
- **Suspension:** A student will be suspended from the residence hall or the University for a specified period of time. After that time, a student may or may not be eligible to re-apply for on-campus housing.
- **Permanent Expulsion** from Dominican University Residence Halls.
- **Expulsion** from Dominican University.

DUE PROCESS

In the case where a student has received an Incident Report and denies any involvement in the incident, and a meeting with the Director of Housing has been inconclusive, the student will meet with the Associate Dean of Students. The Associate Dean may choose to include the RA or student who filed the report at this meeting in an attempt to facilitate a resolution to the situation. At this time, the student named in the documentation may bring to the meeting a peer to act as his/her advocate. Following this meeting and any necessary investigation, the Associate Dean of Students will determine the appropriate sanction for the student(s) involved.

Appeal Process for Residence Hall Violations

When the student meets with the Director of Housing and (a) denies involvement in the incident, and there is conflicting evidence regarding the student's involvement, or (b) wishes to appeal the decision of the Director of Housing, the student will then be required to appear before the Associate Dean of Students. The Associate Dean will hear the case and do one of the following:

1. Uphold the decision of the Director of Housing and/or modify the imposed sanction.*
2. Overturn the decision of the Director of Housing and/or modify the imposed sanction.*
3. Refer the case to the Student Judiciary Board for further peer review.

**The student may appeal any decision of the Director of Housing or Associate Dean of Students to the Student Judiciary Board. The Student Judiciary Board reserves the right to choose which cases will be heard.*

The University does not practice a "three strikes, you're out" policy. We reserve the right to sanction according to each incident, which may be on the first violation or the fourth, depending on each case and the severity of the incident involved. All decisions and reviews will be confidential.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

HOUSING AND DINING CONTRACT

(ABBREVIATED VERSION: OFFICIAL SIGNED COPY ON FILE IN THE HOUSING OFFICE)

This is an agreement between DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, hereinafter "UNIVERSITY," and the undersigned STUDENT. The UNIVERSITY and the STUDENT both agree to enter into this agreement upon the following terms and conditions. This contract is non-transferable and the STUDENT shall not assign it or attempt to sublet the premises

A. Terms of Agreement

1. Term of Occupancy. The term of this contract shall be for the ENTIRE 2010-2011 academic year and the scheduled dates of occupancy may be subject to change:

Fall 2011 Semester:

Open: August 17, 2011 (new students)

August 20, 2011 (continuing students)

Close: December 10, 2011 (all students)

Spring 2012 Semester:

Open: January 15, 2012 (all students)

Close: May 10, 2012 (non-grad students)

May 13, 2012 (graduating students)

2. Winter Break. STUDENTS must vacate their rooms for the entire winter break period.

3. Holdover Fee. If the STUDENT does not vacate the premises during the Winter break period or at the end of the term of occupancy, the UNIVERSITY reserves the right to charge a \$100 per day holdover fee.

4. Advance Cancellation. The STUDENT may terminate this agreement and cancel a reservation for room and/or board by giving written notice to the Director of Housing at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the occupancy period.

5. Late Cancellation. The STUDENT may request to terminate this agreement and cancel a reservation for room and/or board upon less than thirty (30) days' notice prior to the beginning of the occupancy period, or during the occupancy period, by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students, which request shall include the STUDENT'S statement of reasons. The UNIVERSITY may, in its sole discretion, grant or deny the request and may require the STUDENT to provide appropriate verification of the reasons supporting the request. If a request is granted during the occupancy period, the UNIVERSITY will assess the STUDENT pro rata charges and a late cancellation fee of \$500.

6. Room and Board Fees. The fees for room and board vary depending on choice of meal plan and room occupancy. These fees may be paid in full in advance of the occupancy period or pursuant to a schedule provided by the Director of Housing which schedule, once provided to the STUDENT, becomes a part of this agreement and STUDENT agrees to make all payments promptly when due. The following room and board fees apply **per semester**:

Room Occupancy	Room Rate	10 Meal Plan	14 Meal Plan	19 Meal Plan
Single	\$5,000	\$7,700	\$7,750	\$8,030
Double	\$4,200	\$6,900	\$6,950	\$7,230
Triple or more	\$3,500	\$6,200	\$6,250	\$6,530

7. License. This agreement is a license only, and no lease or any other interest in real property is created.

8. Unavailability. In the event that the UNIVERSITY cannot provide housing due to conditions not reasonably foreseen at the time this agreement is entered into (but not as a result of conditions caused by the STUDENT), the STUDENT shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of any fees applicable to periods after the STUDENT was required to vacate. Such conditions include, but are

not limited to, damage caused by floods, slides, fire, earthquake, other natural disasters and vandalism; civil disorder; compliance with state or federal law; interruption of basic services because of labor strife; and a drop in the rate of cancellations not reasonably foreseen by the UNIVERSITY if such a drop results in an overbooking of available housing facilities.

B. University Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Room Assignment. The UNIVERSITY shall assign the STUDENT to a specific room without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin. The STUDENT may request a specific room, in which event the Director of Housing will reasonably endeavor to give priority to students on the basis of seniority. During the term of this contract the UNIVERSITY shall have the right to reassign the STUDENT to a different room, or change the room occupancy, at any time and without the consent of the STUDENT. In the event that the room occupancy is changed, the UNIVERSITY will adjust the STUDENT'S room rate to a prorated amount. The UNIVERSITY does not promise or guarantee specific rooms, halls, or roommates furnishings may vary by residence hall and room, and no promises or guarantees are made with regard thereto.

2. Right of Entry. The University reserves the right to enter any STUDENT'S room without notice for the following reasons:

- a) to show the room to a prospective student;
- b) to inspect for condition of room and compliance with safety regulations;
- c) to repair, maintain, or clean;
- d) to respond to reported or perceived emergency situations;
- e) to enforce University policies and investigate possible violations thereof.

Authorized representatives of the UNIVERSITY may respond to violations of law or UNIVERSITY policy discovered upon entering a STUDENT'S room. Rooms will be searched only with the voluntary consent of the STUDENT and typically 24 hours notice will be given unless an Administrative Search authorization has been granted by the Dean of Students (or their designee), or a search warrant has been issued by a court of law. The occupant(s) will be informed of the reason for any room search. STUDENTS are urged to review the full text of this policy in the Student Handbook.

3. Meal Plan. The UNIVERSITY shall provide the STUDENT with an option of three meal plans, of 10, 14 or 19 meals per week. The STUDENT MUST choose one of the three meal plans. If the STUDENT fails to indicate a choice, he or she will be automatically assigned to the 14 meals per week plan. Meal plans may only be changed during the first week of the Fall and Spring semesters. In order to change plans the STUDENT must do so in writing, addressed to the Director of Housing. No credit or refund will be given for meals not eaten by the STUDENT. Each meal plan is non-transferable and for the exclusive use of the STUDENT.

4. Termination. The UNIVERSITY may terminate this agreement in its sole discretion, and assess the STUDENT for the price of room and board for the full occupancy period together with all nonrefundable fees upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the STUDENT'S abandonment of the premises; (b) the STUDENT'S violation of the rules of student behavior (Section C.1 herein); (c) the STUDENT'S loss of eligibility (Section C.2 herein); or (d) the STUDENT'S breach of any term or condition of this agreement, including failure timely to pay fees. In the event of termination by the UNIVERSITY, the UNIVERSITY shall provide the STUDENT not less than three (3) days written notice, except in cases of emergency. In the event the UNIVERSITY terminates this agreement, the STUDENT shall remain financially responsible for all payments of room and board until the end of the contract period or until the UNIVERSITY secures a satisfactory replacement, whichever occurs first.

5. Internet & Television. The UNIVERSITY agrees to install and maintain data hub boxes (at least one per room); these boxes include connections for internet and cable TV. The STUDENT agrees to strictly abide by the Information Technology (IT) policies contained in and referred to in the Dominican University Student Handbook.

6. Cleaning. The UNIVERSITY agrees reasonably to maintain and clean common areas of the residence halls. Common areas are to be defined by the Director of Housing, but generally include common hallways, stairways, lounges and other shared space in the residence halls. STUDENTS are responsible for cleaning assigned rooms and bathrooms.

7. Mailboxes. The UNIVERSITY shall provide the STUDENT with the use of one mailbox.

C. Student Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Student Behavior. The STUDENT agrees to strictly abide by the Dominican University Student Handbook and the Residence Hall Policies and Guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct contained therein, the 2008 - 2010 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog, and by all UNIVERSITY policies and procedures, including any policies or rules as determined by the Office of Student Life. The UNIVERSITY reserves the right to terminate this contract for any violation of UNIVERSITY policy (Section B.4 herein).

The STUDENT agrees that the UNIVERSITY may, from time to time and without prior notice, promulgate and enforce additional rules and regulations which may be reasonably necessary or appropriate for the safety, care and cleanliness of the room or residence hall, the general operation of the UNIVERSITY, or for the general welfare of the residents, and the STUDENT agrees to observe such rules and regulations.

The STUDENT also agrees to obey all federal, state, and local laws. The STUDENT agrees to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other members of the UNIVERSITY community. The STUDENT agrees to refrain from doing anything that acts as a detriment to themselves, others, or the community.

If the STUDENT violates this section of the contract, the STUDENT understands and agrees that disciplinary action may be taken by the Student Judiciary Board or the Director of Housing, including the termination of this contract, including dismissal, withdrawal from the UNIVERSITY, or exclusion from on-campus housing, in which event the STUDENT shall vacate the assigned room within 48 hours of notification. The STUDENT shall remain financially responsible for all payments of room and board until the end of the contract period or until the UNIVERSITY secures a replacement, whichever occurs first.

2. Eligibility. The STUDENT must be a regularly enrolled, full-time, registered student of DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, as defined by the Director of Housing, for the term of this contract. The UNIVERSITY reserves the right to terminate this contract for any loss of eligibility (Section B.4 herein). Additionally, in support of the UNIVERSITY'S academic mission, the STUDENT must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to remain in the residence halls. If the STUDENT'S GPA falls below the minimum standards set, he or she will be placed on Residence Hall Probation for the following semester. If the STUDENT fails to sufficiently improve his or her GPA, this contract shall be terminated at the discretion of the Director of Housing.

3. Room Assignments. The STUDENT shall not permit any other person, including any children of the STUDENT, to occupy his or her assigned space. Also, the STUDENT may not transfer to another UNIVERSITY housing space without first obtaining the written permission of the Director of Housing. Permission to transfer is at the sole discretion of the Director of Housing, and unauthorized transfers will result in disciplinary action.

4. Damage. The STUDENT shall not change, modify, or alter any room, its fixtures, furnishings, equipment, or decoration without the written consent of the Director of Housing. The cost of any unauthorized change, loss or damage to the residence hall, any room, its fixtures, furnishings, equipment, or decoration shall be charged to the STUDENT if either the STUDENT or his or her

guest or invitee is the cause. Reasonable costs will be determined by the UNIVERSITY and payment of such costs shall be due and payable within 10 days of receipt of notice. The UNIVERSITY reserves the right to collect a security deposit of up to \$500 from the STUDENT against which these costs may be deducted. The Director of Housing will complete a Room Condition Report upon the termination or expiration of this agreement, and the UNIVERSITY reserves the right to override the damage assessment on the Report if the Director of Housing discovers damages after the STUDENT'S departure.

Each student sharing a residence hall room shall be jointly and individually liable for damage occurring to that room, and the cost of repairing such loss or damage shall be charged pro rata to each student occupying the room, unless after reasonable investigation, the UNIVERSITY determines that the cause of such damage was beyond the reasonable control of the STUDENT. If the STUDENT or his or her guest or invitee is the cause of any damage to the common or public areas of the residence hall, the STUDENT will be jointly and individually liable with other involved students, for any damages done to the common or public areas.

5. Keys. The STUDENT is responsible for the room key at all times once the key has been issued to the STUDENT. If the STUDENT loses or misplaces the key, the UNIVERSITY reserves the right to charge the STUDENT \$50 for a new key or \$250 for the cost of installing a new lock and issuing new keys.

6. Maintenance. It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to clean and maintain his or her room, bathroom, furnishings, and fixtures during the term of this contract. The STUDENT also agrees to leave his or her room in a clean and orderly condition at the termination or expiration of the contract. If this section of the agreement is not followed, the UNIVERSITY reserves the right to charge the STUDENT for cleaning, and may deduct this cost from the STUDENT'S security deposit if a deposit has been collected.

7. Fire Safety. The STUDENT understands and agrees to observe all fire safety measures. All persons are required to evacuate the residence hall any time an alarm sounds and follow evacuation instructions given by the hall staff. During an evacuation, staff may enter individual rooms to verify evacuation. No person is allowed to re-enter the hall during an evacuation until approved by staff or emergency personnel. Intentional misuse of, tampering with or obstruction of the fire safety system or firefighting equipment (e.g., fire alarm, fire extinguisher, emergency exit signs, smoke detectors, fire sprinkler heads, etc.) is a violation of UNIVERSITY policy and local ordinances.

8. Dangerous Materials or Possessions. The STUDENT shall not possess any firearm, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, highly flammable material, dangerous weapons or any other material or instrument which poses an unreasonable risk of damage or injury to the STUDENT, other residents or any member of the UNIVERSITY community.

9. Communicable Diseases. The STUDENT understands and agrees to observe all medical safety measures. Any resident diagnosed with or suspected of having a communicable disease (e.g., influenza, measles, tuberculosis) may be sent home during the infectious period or quarantined in his or her room while waiting for a diagnosis. If the STUDENT is exposed to a communicable disease, he or she should make an appointment with student health services, to discuss the possible exposure, symptoms and treatment.

10. Quiet Hours. The STUDENT understands and agrees to observe quiet hour guidelines as posted. During these times, all noise shall be held to a minimum. During all other times, reasonable respect of other residents should be shown.

11. Visitors. The STUDENT shall permit no visitors, guests or invitees to enter the residence halls or private grounds except as permitted in UNIVERSITY policies, and shall be responsible for their behavior while they are on UNIVERSITY property.

D. General Provisions.

1. Fee Increases. The UNIVERSITY may, at its sole discretion, increase room and board fees up to 10% with 30 days notice.

2. Liability. The UNIVERSITY assumes no responsibility for the STUDENT'S personal property at any time, including periods when the STUDENT is not in occupancy or after the term of the occupancy has expired. Personal property includes, but is not limited to, automobiles parked on-campus, personal property in rooms, common areas or on-campus storage, and any property left after expiration or termination of this contract. If the STUDENT abandons the room, the UNIVERSITY may consider any personal property left on the premises also to be abandoned and may dispose of it at the STUDENT'S expense in any manner allowed by law. The UNIVERSITY shall not be responsible for bodily injuries, including death, property loss or damage, due to the STUDENT'S use of residence hall facilities, unless such injury loss or damage resulted from the negligence of the UNIVERSITY.

3. Insurance. The UNIVERSITY provides no insurance or financial protection for the STUDENT'S personal property at any time, including periods when the STUDENT is not in occupancy or after the term of the occupancy has expired. The UNIVERSITY encourages the STUDENT to acquire renter's insurance from an authorized agent.

4. Taxable Possessory Interest. It is the position of the UNIVERSITY that this agreement does not create a taxable possessory interest in real property. However, the STUDENT is hereby notified that a taxing authority may take a contrary view and may assess this agreement.

5. Waiver, Modification, Entire Agreement and Severability. Any waiver or non-enforcement by the UNIVERSITY of any term or condition of this contract shall in no way constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or condition of this contract. This Agreement constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements, oral and written, and may not be modified except in writing signed by both parties. If any term of this agreement is found to be illegal, void or otherwise unenforceable, it shall be severed here from without affecting the validity of the remainder of the agreement.

6. Attorney Fees, Choice of Law and Acceptance. The STUDENT agrees to pay all fees and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that shall be incurred by the UNIVERSITY in enforcing this contract. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California. Completion and delivery of this agreement by the STUDENT does not constitute acceptance by the UNIVERSITY. This agreement is approved and accepted by the UNIVERSITY only when signed by the representative of the Housing Office in the appropriate space contained herein.

APPENDIX

THE DOMINICAN IDEALS

Study

Service

Community

Reflection

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DIVERSITY DECLARATION

Dominican University of California declares that its commitment to diversity and the fulfillment of its educational mission is best achieved when every member of the University community upholds in thought, word, and deed:

"E Pluribus Unum; Ut Unum Sint.* Two profound visions -- our American civic tradition and our Catholic religious heritage -- inform Dominican University of California's commitment to the principle of pluralism and to the dream of a reconciled community. Faithful to these birthrights, Dominican seeks to nurture attitudes and behaviors that promote global awareness, inclusive sensibilities, and respect for the dignity of each individual regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, culture, political conviction, or disability -- all in the light of the Truth that breathes forth love and in the hope of a common life that transforms the world."

Consistent with the above declaration and Dominican ideals, the University recommends that every member of the community support and express his or her active commitment to diversity utilizing the guiding principles stated below:

- All members of the University community are collectively responsible for enabling and institutionalizing diversity throughout the University
- All members of the University community consider diversity constructively in all planning, policy, decision-making, procedural, academic and administrative operations throughout the University
- All members of the University community refuse to accept any behavior or action that is diversity intolerant, insensitive, and or discriminatory
- All members of the University community promote an on-campus environment that values equity and access of opportunity for all of its participants irrespective of background, nationality, culture, religion, class, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, and disability

* "Out of many, one; that all may be one"

FERPA: FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

FOUR-YEAR CAREER PLANNER

Brought to you by the Office of Career and Internship Services

www.dominican.edu/careerservices

Each year in college, you can take steps that will make deciding upon a career and finding a job a little easier and more focused. Our goal is to help you build the skills for lifetime career satisfaction. Remember, wherever you're going, we'll help you get there.

Freshman Year

- Your first priority is to adjust to campus life by learning how to balance academic requirements with campus activities, and connect with advisors and faculty in areas that interest you.
- To familiarize yourself with Career and Internship Services programs, resources, and services, check the Career/Internship Services' website, read our brochure or schedule an appointment with the Career Services staff.
- Explore interesting majors on Career Services website.
- Attend the Majors Fair in fall to learn more about Dominican's majors and minors.

Identify and clarify your interests, skills and values to understand how to find a good career fit. Complete self-assessment exercises and explore occupations. Assess your interests or meet with a career counselor for additional assessments.

- Meet with a career counselor if you would like individual career counseling.
- Become involved in on-campus activities in leadership positions. Consider working in an on-campus or part-time job to gain work experience.
- Talk to friends, family and acquaintances about interesting places to work and jobs they may hold. Ask for an *Informational Interviewing* handout.
- Volunteer for community service.

After Freshman Year

Obtain work experience through a summer job, internship or volunteer position. Or, travel and learn about other cultures and languages.

Sophomore Year

- Continue to explore career and occupational information.
- Take a resume-writing workshop and begin writing your resume. Bring to a career counselor for review.
- Declare a major if you have not yet done so. Reflect on what courses you have really enjoyed and related career opportunities.
- Contact alumni in your field of interest to request an informational interview at <http://alumni.dominican.edu>.
- Attend internship and career fairs to meet with employers and get information.
- Familiarize yourself with a wide range of recommended career information websites. Visit Career/Internship Services for a list of recommended website links and handouts.
- Identify organizations and associations in your area of interest for internship possibilities, informational interviews, and career information.
- Continue to be involved in campus and community activities in leadership positions.
- Consider junior year abroad, an internship or summer job opportunities that are related to your major or area of interest.

After Sophomore Year

Seek a summer job or internship. Build good references and contacts. Develop job-related language and computer skills. Develop workplace maturity and knowledge.

Junior Year

- Register for an internship to get experience in your field.
- Attend Graduate School event to gather information on graduate school entrance and other information.
- Connect with employers at campus Career/Internship Fairs to explore career opportunities.
- Participate in job search and interviewing workshops. Practice mock interviewing.
- Conduct 3 to 5 information interviews with professionals in the field and shadow them in their jobs if possible. Network, network, and network!
- Research potential employers and meet and talk to people who work there.
- Join at least one professional organization to make contacts with people in your field.
- Update your resume, if needed.

After Junior Year

Get a summer job or internship in your chosen field. Continue to develop workplace skills. Inventory your interests, knowledge and skills in your resume to focus on a specific field or job position. Consider graduate school.

Senior Year

- Register for an internship if you have not already done so, or complete an additional internship to further round out your experience.
- Attend “Job Search Seminar” – a must for all seniors!
- Attend career fairs and meet with employers recruiting on campus
- Visit the career services office to have your updated resume critiqued and get some ideas and tips for the job search or graduate school information.
- Develop a potential employer list with contact names and addresses to contact for career and job information.
- Research salaries in your field and in the companies that interest you.
- Read publications about your major and field of interest on a regular basis.
- Continue to network, network, and network!
- Contact alumni in your field of interest for career information/contacts at <http://alumni.dominican.edu>.
- Apply for jobs and/or complete graduate school applications.
- Consider your offers in relation to your career objectives. Discuss with your career and faculty advisors.
- Obtain faculty letters of recommendation, if needed.
- Celebrate!

After Senior Year

Congratulations! You ready to begin work in your chosen field or graduate school. Career and Internship Services are available to help you manage your career.

DOMINICAN'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Preamble

According to a majority of the world's experts, there is overwhelming evidence that the bio-systems on Earth are headed for environmental catastrophe. Leading scientists tell us we have arrived at this crisis point because of the way we have organized our society from a social, cultural, economic and technological perspective that relies on over-harvesting the common bounty of our planet for short-term gain. Historian Thomas Berry states that "The Great Work now, as we move into a new millennium, is to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the Earth to a period of when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner...This is our Great Work and the work of our children...No one is exempt."

The Society for College and University Planning states: "There is no better place than on our college campuses to make the changes in policy, action, and learning that can set our entire society on a more sustainable path. Higher education's primary function is to produce the graduates and knowledge that will result in a thriving, secure, and civil society now and in the future. Higher education institutions bear a profound moral responsibility to increase the awareness, knowledge, skills, and values needed to create a just and sustainable future."

Dominican's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability "Green Statement"

Dominican University of California will model and instill the values and theories of reverence, interdependence, sustainability, social justice and stewardship into the entirety of its learning environment. The Dominican learning environment encompasses the education programs as well as maintaining green working and living spaces, and adopting policies and business practices that minimize our environmental footprint. Dominican strives to increase the awareness, knowledge, skills and sense of purpose within our students, faculty, staff and community to best meet the needs of the present, while creating a future that is just and sustainable for all.

Guiding Principles

- Sustainability is a way of thinking about everything that we do.
- Our educational programs speak to our impact on the environment as a university and as individuals.
- Our campus community members take personal responsibility for creating and using sustainable practices and principles in their daily work.
- Our present time decisions and actions consider the effect upon the larger global community and future generations.
- We strive to employ business practices that provide a balance of economic, environmental and social benefits.
- Our university master plan incorporates green building practices.
- We use resources efficiently and effectively (reduce, re-use, recycle).
- We reduce the use and production of hazardous materials in our living, working and educational environments.

Greener Dominican Task Force

The purpose of the task force is to support Dominican University of California becoming an environmentally sustainable campus. Its role is to serve as a resource to the University's governance system by assessing environmental policies, procedures and practices leading to the development of plans of action that will help Dominican to become a model of environmental sustainability. The task force also collaborates with local and international partners making Dominican more known as an educational center for environmental sustainability. It is charged to:

(1) draft and promote a “Green Philosophy Statement” for the university, (2) assess current sustainable practices, (3) communicate Dominican’s existing green practices to our campus and the local community, and (4) draft both short and long term plans related to the following areas;

- environmental awareness and education,
- waste management including recycling,
- purchasing practices that give preference to recycled and fair trade products,
- landscape and grounds,
- use of technology to reduce the use of resources (e.g. energy, paper, etc),
- organic and local buying,
- transportation and parking,
- hazardous waste minimization,
- incorporating sustainability in Dominican’s strategic planning,
- building and remodeling practices.

***Please do your part in helping our environment by NOT littering
and by utilizing campus recycling whenever possible.***

TUITION¹, HOUSING & MEAL REFUND POLICY

NOTE: FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE DEADLINE DATE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE REFUND NOTED.

STANDARD SEMESTER CALENDAR COURSES / HOUSING AND MEAL CHARGES:

Deadline for a 100% tuition and housing (prorated meal refund):

- August 29, 2011 (Fall 2011)
- January 24, 2012 (Spring 2012)

Deadline for an 85% tuition and housing (prorated meal refund):

- September 6, 2011 (Fall 2011)
- January 30, 2012 (Spring 2012)

Deadline for a 70% tuition and housing (prorated meal refund):

- September 12, 2011 (Fall 2011)
- February 6, 2012 (Spring 2012)

NO REFUNDS after September 13, 2010 (FALL) or February 7, 2011 (SPRING)
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COURSES THAT DO NOT FOLLOW A STANDARD SEMESTER CALENDAR²:

Courses that meet once or twice during the semester & summer session #2:

Prior to the first class meeting 100% (less registration fee)
After first class meeting..... NO REFUND

Courses that meet at least three times during the semester:

Prior to the second class meeting..... 100% (less registration fee)
After second class meeting..... NO REFUND

Courses that meet during summer session #1

Prior to the first class meeting 100% (less registration fee)
After first class meeting.....50%
After second class meeting..... NO REFUND

Courses that run on a later calendar:

Prior to the second class meeting..... 100% (less registration fee)
After second class meeting..... NO REFUND

¹ Less registration fee

² Tuition refund only – housing and meals not applicable

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

1. Exit the building quickly and calmly, using the designated stairwells.
2. Move away from the building to allow the fire equipment to reach the scene of the fire.
3. Gather in an area designated by a staff or faculty member.
4. Staff or faculty will notify you when you may safely return to the building.

Residence Hall Students – When an Alarm Sounds:

- Meadowlands: gather on the lawn in front of the mansion.
- Fanjeaux & Pennafort: gather in the Alumni and Heritage House Parking Lot.
- Edgehill Village: gather at Caleruega Plaza (stay away from Shield Room windows).

EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURES

1. Take cover under a desk or strong table –shield yourself from falling objects.
2. Stay away from windows, glass and outside doors.
3. Do not light matches for any reason until gas lines are checked.
4. Do not attempt to leave the building during a severe earthquake due to falling debris and downed power lines.
5. If a fire follows the earthquake, follow established fire safety instructions.
6. Keep away from buildings, trees and utility wires. Watch out for falling glass, electrical wires or other debris.

Residence Hall Students – After an earthquake:

- Meadowlands: gather on the lawn in front of the mansion.
- Fanjeaux & Pennafort: gather in the Alumni and Heritage House parking lot (away from Mansion). DO NOT gather on Library Lawn and DO NOT walk under any power lines.
- Edgehill Village: gather at Caleruega Plaza (stay away from Shield Room windows).

Additional Information for Resident Students:

Resident Students should be aware that in the event of an emergency or disaster, residence halls may be used as emergency or temporary shelter. If the semester is in session when an emergency or disaster happens, students may be asked to relocate rooms or to temporarily accommodate individuals in need of housing. Should an emergency or disaster occur when the residence halls are closed or students are away from campus, the University reserves the right to use any residence hall room as temporary emergency shelter. Dominican University of California is not responsible for any damage to, or loss of, students' personal belongings that may result from the University using residence hall rooms as temporary emergency shelter.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

When an emergency situation arises on campus, the Emergency Notification System will be initiated and voice and text messages will be sent immediately to students. For the safety of the community, it is critical that students follow the directions or instructions provided by the system. For example, the system will be used to notify students to lock themselves in their rooms or remain inside classrooms (shelter in place), or to notify students that the campus is closed and to remain at home. When situations arise on campus, University personnel or local civil agencies will initiate procedures to inform students of the nature of the situation and steps to follow.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR STUDENTS

If a major earthquake strikes either Marin County or your home county while you are on campus, students will want to contact their families to determine their safety or let their families know they are safe. Commuter students will want to get back to their families and pets or have a workable plan for their care. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross recommend the following (abbreviated from FEMA L189 and ARC 4463, March 1992):

All students and their families:

- Choose an out-of-state friend as a check-in-contact for everyone to call. Know your contact's phone number.

Commuter students and their families:

- Meet with your family. Discuss the types of disasters that could occur. Explain how to prepare and respond.
- Pick two places to meet:
 1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Discuss what to do if advised to evacuate.

Further recommendations:

1. Before leaving campus, be sure that the route to your destination is passable.
2. Plan for care of your children and pets until you can rejoin them.
3. Resident Students should have a small Emergency Kit readily available in their rooms. This kit should be easily accessible (small backpack or duffel bag) in case the building needs to be evacuated. Please consider the following items for your emergency kit:
 - bottled water
 - power bars (non-perishable snacks)
 - rain repellent jacket/poncho
 - warm sweater and socks
 - 3-day supply of prescription meds
 - spare glasses/contacts if possible
 - card with family/emergency contact numbers (out of state numbers may be easier to dial during emergencies)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: HOSPITAL INFO

If you are in a life-threatening medical situation call 911 for immediate assistance.

Students requiring emergency care should go to the nearest emergency room. The emergency facilities closest to the Dominican campus are:

Marin General Hospital
250 Bon Air Road (Greenbrae)
(415) 925-7200

Novato Community Hospital
180 Rowland Way (Novato)
(415) 209-1300

*Kaiser Permanente Hospital
99 Montecillo Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 444-2400
*(*Kaiser Members Only)*

NON-EMERGENCY CARE (OFF-CAMPUS)

If the Health Center is closed and you need non-emergency care, you may call the following:

*Kaiser Downtown Center Urgent Care
1033 3rd Street
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 444-2940
*(*Kaiser Members Only)*

*Kaiser Permanente Hospital
(by appointment only unless emergency)
99 Montecillo Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 444-2940
*(*Kaiser Members Only)*

Terra Linda Urgent Care
Sutter Terra Linda Health Plaza
4000 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 492-4800

PLEASE NOTE: Students and/or their insurance carriers will be responsible for any and all charges associated with off-campus care facilities.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire or Ambulance.....	911
From a campus extension phone:	9-911
From a mobile/cellular phone:	453-2424
Campus Security (call 911 in an emergency).....	269-6070 (24 hours a day)
Student Health Center (call 911 in an emergency):.....	485-3208 (Ext. 3208)

CAMPUS ADDRESSES FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:

It is important to give emergency personnel the street address of the building. While 50 Acacia Avenue is our mailing address, it is only the street address for Guzman Hall. Precious time may be lost if emergency personnel are not given the correct street address.

Albertus Magnus	90 Acacia
Alumni and Heritage House (Edgehill Mansion).....	75 Magnolia
Angelico	20 Olive
Anne Hathaway.....	80 Acacia
Bertrand	79 Acacia
Brown House	175 Palm
Caleruega	100 Magnolia
Conlan Rec. Center	1475 Grand
Fanjeaux	180 Palm
Guzman	50 Acacia
Library	185 Palm
Magnolia House.....	226 Magnolia
Meadowlands.....	145 Palm
Edgehill Village	50 Magnolia
Pennafort	190 Palm
San Marco.....	165 Palm
Science & Technology Center	155 Palm