



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY *of* CALIFORNIA





"Becoming a student at Dominican means joining a community that is fully committed to your welfare and success. We treasure your unique talents, your diverse identities, and your desire to grow.

You will enjoy an equitable, evidence-based, balanced education that draws out your distinctive strengths and prepares you for a fulfilling career and life. This is the spirit of the Dominican Experience, our promise to engage you in learning with a committed network of advisors and coaches. Our faculty, staff, and student leaders are here for you."

Nicola Pitchford, PhD - President

ALL ARE WELCOME AT DOMINICAN

Dominican offers a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all students. Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives as well as accessibility and disability services are central to the Dominican Experience.

Minority Serving Institution (MSI) - Dominican is a designated Minority Serving Institution, specifically both a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). 71% of our undergraduate students identify as ethnically diverse.

First Gen Students and Dreamers - 23% of Dominican undergraduate students are the first in their families to attend college. Our dedicated professors, integrative coaches and other staff will support you with your questions, life challenges and even the process of applying to Dominican as well as receiving scholarships and financial aid.

No Testing Requirements (No SAT/ACT) - To level the playing field, Dominican does not require SAT or ACT scores with an application.

Scholarships and Financial Aid - Nearly 99% of Dominican undergraduate students receive financial aid, making the Dominican Experience and its tangible results a reality for students and their families. Dominican awards more than \$23 million in scholarships each year to ensure equitable access to a top quality education.



Economic Opportunity - The Bay Area is home to 38 Fortune 500 companies and more than 29,000 non-profits employing more than 766,000 people. In total, there are more than 4 million jobs here.

Stunning Nature: Pacific Beaches to Redwood Groves - Get ready for awe-inspiring views, hiking and mountain biking trails among Redwoods and sparkling reservoirs. Watch migrating whales in Pt. Reyes National Seashore, visit The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito or bike the backroads.

Bay Area Arts, Culture & Sports - 4th Street in San Rafael is just a mile down the road. With lots of cool and affordable options to eat and shop, it's a favorite hangout spot. World class museums, theaters, comedy clubs, music festivals such as Outside Lands or BottleRock, farmers markets, county fairs and street fests provide plenty of choices to fill your free time. If you're a sports fan, you'll love the proximity to the Golden State Warriors, SF Giants, Oakland A's, 49ers or San Jose Sharks. Or run the iconic Bay-to-Breakers and Dipsea races if you're inclined.

Adele "Addie" Partington '24 - History, BA
School of Liberal Arts and Education

"I think about it all the time. There is nowhere else I would rather be than at Dominican. I think this school is perfect for me."

An aerial photograph of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Golden Gate Bridge is visible in the distance, spanning the water. The foreground shows a densely populated hillside with numerous houses and buildings, interspersed with green trees. The water of the bay is a deep blue, and the sky is clear and bright. The overall scene is a vibrant and scenic representation of the region.

WE'RE IN THE HEART OF THE BAY AREA

The San Francisco Bay Area offers enormous economic opportunity and stunning natural beauty along with a vibrant and diverse arts and cultural scene.

One-on-One Attention and Coaching - Far beyond having a standard academic advisor, you will engage one-on-one with a dedicated integrative coach and a network of mentors across campus. This means professors and coaches will know you and your goals and support you in achieving them.

Engaging the Surrounding World - You will participate in internships, service-learning, clinicals or global learning programs, creating meaningful real-world experiences. This kind of community engagement advances both your personal growth as well as competitiveness in the job market. Why is this important? Because 98% of employers state that they prefer hiring graduates who have completed internships.

Signature Work Project - Take the concept of a traditional thesis and elevate it to the next level: Signature work could be an academic research study, an art project, a choreographed dance, a scientific analysis to be published in a journal... you decide how to cap off degree completion. You can present your work at the annual Dominican Scholarly and Creative Works Conference and at regional and national conferences.

Job and Interview Readiness - You will receive coaching on writing resumes, building your LinkedIn profile, and interviewing to further cement career readiness. Your digital portfolio captures the totality of your learning, in and out of the classroom. Use it as a tool to reflect on what you've achieved and where you want to go next.

Dominic Supple '18 - History, BA
School of Liberal Arts and Education

"Shortly after starting law school, I realized how valuable the writing skills I had developed while at DUC truly were.

Dominican helped give me the skills and work ethic I needed to be a straight A student in law school."





THE DOMINICAN EXPERIENCE

Factors that contribute most to student success: Students need to feel directed, focused, engaged, nurtured, connected and valued. The Dominican Experience encompasses all these elements. Additionally, both in- and out-of-classroom experiences center on career competencies.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Dominican's programs offer everything you need for success in a career in health and sciences. In addition to excellent instruction, you will experience field work, research opportunities, clinical practice and internships, and coaching on how to apply for your dream job or medical, pharmacy or veterinary school.

BS/BA in Biology & Chemistry - Whether you are curious about the natural world in general or considering medical, pharmacy or veterinary school, Dominican's natural sciences programs offer an in-depth research focus and plenty of options to explore different interests such as ecology, geology or specific climate-related issues.

BS in Global Public Health - How is climate change affecting life and health in different regions of the world? What are the origins of a pandemic? Using a multidisciplinary approach, you'll learn to assess and improve health outcomes in communities at home and across the world with a focus on health equity. You will be equipped with job-ready skills, whether you work in community, health or environmental organizations, government agencies or dive deeper in grad school.

BS in Nursing - Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is highly sought-after. Most nursing programs require that you complete prerequisite courses before applying to the program, without a guarantee of being accepted. At Dominican, you're a nursing student from day one. The first year focuses on prerequisites, and students begin hands-on nursing education with lab simulations in the second year. You will have a chance to participate in a preceptorship during your last semester, experiencing real-life clinical work in certain specialties, something usually reserved for grad students.

BA/BS in Kinesiology - If you're interested in the applied science behind human movement, sports, health and wellness, coaching, fitness leadership and sports medicine or are pursuing a career in health care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training or the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) exercise specialist certification, you've come to the right place. The kinesiology program at Dominican will also give you plenty of opportunities for internships and hands-on experience in your areas of interest. Ask your counselor about Dominican's accelerated pathway into graduate training in occupational therapy.

The Healthcare Job Market - Employment in healthcare occupations is projected to grow 16% from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations, adding about 2.6 million new jobs. Healthcare occupations are projected to add more jobs than any of the other groups.
(source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

California has the highest demand for healthcare workers in the country.
(source: comphealth.com)

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

The liberal arts and education programs combine passion and engaged learning with career preparation. The Dominican Experience ensures that no matter what you study, you'll get plenty of real-world experience and transferable skills alongside your academic expertise, making you a desirable candidate in your chosen career field or grad school.

BA in Communication and Media Studies - If careers in business and media such as PR, marketing or even video producer and news anchor excite you, consider Dominican's Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Studies. You will get to produce your own weekly radio shows and podcasts, broadcast Dominican events on the radio (sports and other campus events), produce videos for play on a local TV station, write for the school newspaper and work with local community businesses on PR and marketing projects.

BA in Criminology - Explore the relationship between crime and society, examine the criminal justice system, and study the connections between law and social justice. You can explore internship opportunities at law enforcement and probation offices, juvenile justice and victimology organizations or in legal settings. Local activists and experts provide real-life insights into careers spanning law enforcement, juvenile justice, the court system, corrections, counseling and victim services. With a Dominican degree, you will also be well prepared to enter related graduate programs.

BA in Education Studies and Teaching Credential - Being an elementary school teacher is as much a calling as it is a profession. That's why we are looking for that special spark in applicants for our education programs. You will learn all the critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed to teach every kid. Our lesson study program puts you in a real classroom setting right away with a mentor teacher.

BA in English Literature or Creative Writing - The Dominican English major takes a diverse and wide-ranging approach to studying many different forms of literary and artistic expression from all over the world. Whether through analyzing or creating your own poetry, fiction, film, theater, screenplays or podcasts, you will receive a strong foundation in understanding how language makes and remakes culture and society. Our majors are well-equipped to become editors, educators, marketing executives, non-profit workers, lawyers, screenwriters, curators, journalists, novelists or poets.

BA in Graphic Design - Content creation is the name of the game. With Dominican's Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design, you are getting a "creative plus" education. You will explore design principles and learn to apply them to everything you do. While competency in the standard applications is of course a major component of your studies, being able to have an in-depth conversation about meaning and message gives you an edge when interviewing for your dream job.

BA in History and Politics - Unlock your highest intellectual potential with the History and Politics major. Partner with experts to design and share your research in meaningful ways. Expand your network with internships and project-based learning, and launch your career or prepare for graduate school. This major has a consistent and successful track record in law school placement as faculty offers you all the guidance needed. Whether you are interested in world or U.S. history, international relations, domestic politics, law or policy, we offer classes and internships to help you pursue your goals and discover new passions. Our classes are small and you will be closely collaborating with faculty right from the start, making us partners in the pursuit of your goals. At Dominican, the study of history and politics is an active process. This major will equip you with career-ready skills that will not become obsolete in a few years. If you see yourself teaching social studies at a junior high or high school, take our History/Social Science Teaching Concentration specifically designed for future teachers.



SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

BA in Humanities and Cultural Studies - Are you interested in art, literature, history, philosophy or religion and spirituality but cannot decide which to major in? If so, this is your major! It allows students to freely explore what makes us human across different disciplines while providing rigorous mentorship for self-directed, interdisciplinary projects. The major is also a good fit for transfer or returning students who have already taken courses in these areas. We will work with you to put together a meaningful degree plan.

BS/BA in Psychology - Why do people think and act the way they do? If you have ever asked yourself this question, you're a natural psychologist. Both Bachelor's degrees in Psychology use scientific methods to explore the depths of human nature. Whether you're interested in clinical psychology or research, you can enjoy a series of "mini-courses" on topics like social influence or persuasion and complete hands-on projects.

BA in Social Justice - Are you interested in understanding the root causes of poverty and environmental destruction? If you are excited to work with communities to change structural forms of oppression, the Dominican Social Justice major may just be what you are looking for. You'll acquire skills and make connections that are important for many career options, from community organizer to lawyer to policy analyst.

BA in Sociology - Do you want to make a difference? By studying sociology, you will learn to understand social issues and structures on both a local and global scale. You will examine how social forces influence individuals, families and nations. You will also gain valuable insight into the impact that social factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, age and social class can have on people's lives and public policy. This degree will prepare you for a wide range of transformative careers including social work, education, and work in local, state, or federal government, business and non-profit sectors.



BAROWSKY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Barowsky School of Business joins the select 6% of business schools in the world that are AACSB accredited. Maintaining this high standard means it's all about quality education that prepares you to be absolutely job-ready when you start interviewing.

BA in Business Administration - With a Dominican BA in Business Administration, you'll have a solid background in business, communications skills, a global perspective, leadership capabilities, and knowledge of sustainability, corporate social responsibility as well as ethical decision-making. The dynamic curriculum is updated regularly to address market demands and includes minor choices such as global innovation and entrepreneurship or sports management. You will build your personal brand and engage with industry professionals during your time at Dominican.

BS in Applied Computer Science (fully online) - The Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science (ACS) from Dominican equips you to take the tech world by storm. No prior coding skills are required. This three-year program with a focus on hands-on, practical learning will empower you to succeed in areas such as front- and back-end web development, software engineering and agile product development. All ACS classes are taught 100% online. ACS faculty teach live via Zoom and facilitate the Silicon Valley professional connections you'd expect.

Malia Barker '23 - *Applied Computer Science, BS
Barowsky School of Business*

The ACS program gave Malia the ability to be fully immersed in applied computer science and quickly move onto the next steps in her career.

"Overall, I would like to continue contributing to the scientific community with my own unique skills in computer science and astrophysics."

DOMINICAN IN NUMBERS

1155	Undergraduates including 288 transfer students
23%	First person in their family to attend college
71%	Students who identify as ethnically diverse
99%	Incoming first-year students received financial aid
Top 1/3	<i>Wall Street Journal</i> ranked for delivering valuable outcomes and quality education
Top 10	for post-graduate salaries <small>(source: GradReports Best Colleges 2021)</small>
Top 25	Best Regional University in the West by <i>U.S. News and World Report</i>
5	Colleges of Distinction Awards
11:1	Student-Faculty Ratio
11 of 578	Surveyed private colleges for upward social mobility <small>(source: 2017 Stanford University Study)</small>
23	Average Class Size
732	Grad students including Masters and Doctorate
1	Mile to Downtown San Rafael
80	Acres campus size
100	Species of trees on and around campus
20	Countries our undergraduates call home
12	Miles to San Francisco





A TOP-NOTCH PRIVATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL



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UNDERGRADUATE AREAS OF STUDY



American Studies
Applied Computer Science
Art
Arts Management
Biological Sciences
Business Administration
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Clinical and Counseling
Science
Coding and Software Design
Cognitive and Experimental
Science
Communication and Media
Studies
Community Action and Social
Change
Creative Writing
Criminology
Dance/LINES Ballet
Ecology and Environmental
Sciences
Education Studies
English Literature
Gender Studies
Global Innovation and
Entrepreneurship
Global Public Health
Graphic Design
Health Humanities
History and Politics
Humanities and Cultural
Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies

Kinesiology
Latin American and Latino
Studies
Leadership Studies
Musical Arts
Nursing
Performing Arts and Social
Change
Philosophy and/or Religion
Planetary Health
Pre-Law
Pre-Med
Psychology
Social Justice
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Management
Sustainability Studies
Visual Studies

TRACKS/CERTIFICATIONS

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical
Pre-Medicine



ACCELERATED PATHWAYS TO GRADUATE DEGREES (4+1 and 4+2)

Dominican offers 3 programs with an accelerated track to a graduate degree. Students apply to the Master's program during their junior year and complete a Master's degree in just one additional year or Doctorate degree in two additional years.

Education Studies (4 + 1 Semester)

Occupational Therapy BA/BS + Doctorate
in Occupational Therapy (4 + 2 years)

BS Psychology + MS in Occupational Therapy (4 +1.5 years)

Graduate Degree Programs

Accounting (MS)

Applied Sport and Performance
Psychology (MA)

Art Therapy Psychology (MA,
MFT, PhD)

Biological Sciences (MS)

Business Administration (MBA)

Business Analytics (MSBA)

Counseling Psychology (MS,
MFT, PCC)

Creative Writing (MFA)

Cybersecurity (MS)

Education (MS)

Education + Teacher Credential
Programs (MS)

Healthcare Executive Master of
Business Administration (EMBA)

Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)



Sachie Ohara '23 - Nursing, BS
School of Health and Natural Sciences

"It was cool to be a frontline worker for the pandemic before I even got my degree. I was a student helping treat and screen people for COVID. It was a unique experience."



ATHLETICS



Go Penguins! Dominican Is an NCAA Division II School

Dominican competes in the Pacific West Conference with other California and Hawaii schools. Our amazing student athletes have won 11 of the past 14 PacWest Academic Achievement awards. 175 student-athletes placed on the 2021-2022 Pacwest All-Academic Team.

Women's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball

Men's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Track and Field

Maxwell Ward '23 - *Global Public Health, BS
School of Health and Natural Sciences*

"I really liked how the college and San Rafael felt really connected. You can walk to downtown San Rafael, and there are a lot of local businesses there. The college and the town feel like a community."



GLOBAL LEARNING



Tower Bridge in London, UK

Explore the World while Advancing toward Your Degree at no Additional Cost

Study Abroad opportunities are available to every Dominican student at no additional cost. Explore other cultures, master new studying techniques, make new friends and grow as a person in unexpected ways. Our Global Learning programs advance you toward your degree requirements and allow for use of financial aid and scholarships. Of course, we make sure you have access to the same resources and safety nets abroad that you do on campus. There are also lots of other options such as summer study abroad.

What part of the world is calling you?

- Athens, Greece
- Limerick, Ireland
- London, United Kingdom
- Maastricht, The Netherlands
- Mérida, México
- Oxford, United Kingdom
- Tours-Poitiers, France





Jared Wright '23 - *Business Administration, BA
Barowsky School of Business*

"Everyone always says, when you step on a college campus for the first time, you know this is the one for you. And I always thought that was bogus," Jared says. "I thought 'There's no way you just know it's the school for you.' But it ended up being just like that for me."



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Take the stress out of the college application process! Apply early. We're here to help you with all your questions from selecting a major to sorting out financial aid and scholarships. Our mission is to make a top-notch private university education accessible to all; and close to 99% of our students receive financial assistance. Dominican has been a great choice for over 130 years and is independently rated a top 25 School in the West by *U.S. News and World Report*, so you can't go wrong with your application here.

August 1 - Applications open

- Free application available on the Common App or dominican.edu
- No test scores required
- Rolling admissions for all majors other than Nursing (meaning you can apply at any time starting **August 1**)

February 1 - Nursing deadline

Financial Aid

What is a FAFSA?

The application process for financial aid begins with the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA helps Dominican determine your eligibility for grants and loans by asking for income and asset information for you, your parents or spouse (if applicable).

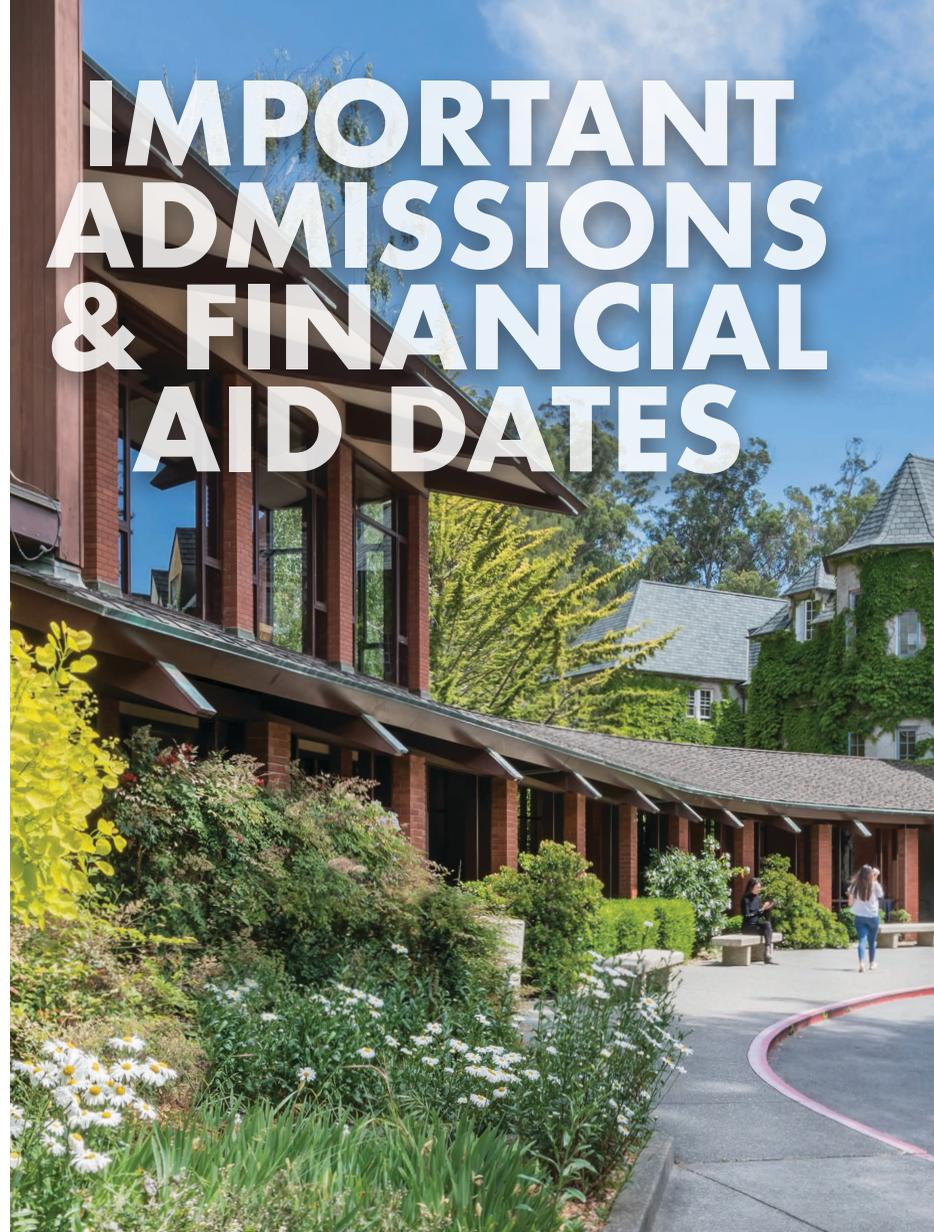
Important Deadlines

October 1 - FAFSA submission for the following academic year begins.

March 2 - Dominican's FAFSA priority deadline. Also Cal-Grant and California Dream Act Application deadline.

June 1 - Priority deadline for all financial aid forms and documents.

IMPORTANT ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID DATES





TRANSFERRING TO DOMINICAN IS EASY AND SEAMLESS

Our counselors are here to help you. We evaluate several factors including academics, leadership both inside and outside the classroom, recommendation from a teacher, counselor or community leader and your personal essay.

For most majors, we accept applications year-round. If an application deadline falls on a weekend and/or holiday, applications will be accepted through the end of the next business day.

Transfer Students (except Nursing Students):

January 5 - Spring Deadline

August 1 - Fall Deadline

Nursing Transfer Students:

September 1 - Spring Deadline

March 1 - Fall Deadline

The Double Major Advantage - At Dominican, majors are structured so that most can be combined for a double major. What does that mean? It means that you get two concurrent degrees for the price of one.

Are you interested in two subject areas? This is your chance to gain relevant skills in both and double your career options or chances of getting into the grad school of your choice.

Perhaps your heart is in the arts but you are not sure about career outcomes? With a double major, you can keep your options open and fully explore and gain experience in both subject areas.

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and apply.*



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