

# ALL ARE WELCOME AT DOMINICAN





It's simple: Dominican students don't fall through the cracks. Faculty, staff, and peer mentors form a watertight network of support, so you need never confront challenges alone. Bring your whole self to college, dive into your studies and campus life. We'll help you develop your strengths and cultivate resilience for today, tomorrow, and a lifetime. It's all here—we're here—for you.

Nicola Pitchford, PhD - President

#### **A Minority Serving Institution (MSI)**

73% of our undergraduate students identify as ethnically diverse. Dominican is both a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

#### **First-Gen Students and Dreamers Thrive**

A third of Dominican undergraduate students are of the first generation in their families to attend college. Our dedicated professors, staff, integrative coaches and peer mentors will support you with your questions and life challenges. Your counselor will guide you through the process of applying to Dominican as well as receiving scholarships and financial aid.

#### La Vida Dominican

This program increases educational access and connects students to support services that foster degree completion and post-degree success.

#### Información en Español

Tanto si desea venir a visitarnos como si necesita ayuda con el proceso de solicitud, la ayuda financiera o la elección de una especialidad: estamos aquí para ayudarle. Póngase en contacto con un consejero que hable español. Para más información visite **dominican.edu/you-got-this-espanol.** 



Kat Chavez '26
Political Science,
History and
Pre-Law, BA
School of Liberal Arts
and Education

#### "My dream

is to be a successful first-gen Latino who will make my parents proud."

#### No Testing Requirements (No SAT/ACT)

Dominican does not require SAT or ACT scores to be considered for admission.

#### **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

More than 99% of Dominican undergraduate students receive financial aid, making a Dominican education and its tangible results a reality for students and their families. Dominican awards more than \$30 million in scholarships every year.

#### **Dominican Welcomes Military-Affiliated Students**

Through the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, Yellow Ribbon Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, or ROTC, military veterans and military-connected students can attend Dominican at little-to-no out-of-pocket expense. Some students with VA benefits may also be eligible for additional financial aid by submitting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

#### Free Access to Health & Wellness Services

At Dominican, we understand how important health is to your wellbeing and success. That's why we offer:

- Access to healthcare advice and scheduled appointments through the TimelyCare network of medical providers, including virtual mental health and counseling support
- Talk Now sessions available 24/7 for urgent support
- University Counseling Services appointments available in-person or virtually





# 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.



#### **Economic Opportunity**

The Bay Area is an economic hub, 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**

Fourth 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.



Isaiah Carter '25
Business
Administration, BA
Barowsky School
of Business

"My dream is to work in marketing."



Whatever your goals, it's our privilege to help you achieve them.

THE DOMINICAN EXPERIENCE

Factors that contribute most to student success include: feeling 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.





#### **PERSONAL GROWTH**

At Dominican, there's an entire crew dedicated to your wellbeing and growth. You'll be paired with your personal integrative coach; and faculty, staff and peer mentors are there to help, encourage and challenge you in all the right ways. You'll love all the resources from free counseling services to job interview prep and "adulting" classes.



#### **CONNECTEDNESS**

Learning at Dominican is—by design—connected to real-world, hands-on experiences. Service learning, field research, clinicals, internships or global learning programs allow you to directly engage with diverse groups of people and apply your knowledge and skills. Often, these connected experiences give students a sense of belonging and spark future careers.



#### **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

You will make your mark with a culminating project that is uniquely yours. This can be a research study or a creative project. Student research is published on Dominican Scholar, a database shared with millions of researchers around the world. Our NCAA Division II athletes regularly win titles and academic awards. The sense of accomplishment you feel will be immensely satisfying and prepare you for mastering future challenges.



#### **READINESS**

When you are ready to land your dream job or apply to your top grad school, everything you have accomplished here will serve you well. Showcase your readiness with a stand-out resume, digital portfolio, LinkedIn profile and well-practiced personal interviews. Your close, life-long network of alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be there for you at every step.



#### **School of Health and Natural Sciences**

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



#### **BA/BS 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.



#### **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.



#### **BS IN NURSING**

Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is highly regarded, and Dominican nursing graduates are 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.



Priscilla Sitorus '24 Nursing, BS School of Health and Natural Sciences

"My dream
is to make
a difference
in community
clinics."



Chase Pacenta '28 Graphic Design, BA School of Liberal Arts and Education

# "My dream is to start my own clothing line."

#### 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 ART AND DESIGN**

If being creative is your natural form of expression, and you are looking to turn your passion into a viable career, the BA in Art and Design is a great place to start. This program helps you build your artistic skills, work collaboratively with others, and bring new ideas to life. You'll explore different ways to visually express key concepts and important messages and learn how to use art and design to solve real-world problems. Because it's part of a liberal arts education, you'll also get to study a variety of subjects that help you shift perspectives and see the world in new ways. You can opt into a graphic design concentration for more focused study and career preparation specifically in this area. Whether you want to start working in a creative field right away or continue on to graduate education, this degree helps you build a strong foundation for whatever comes next.



## 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 local TV stations, write for the school newspaper and work with local community businesses on PR and marketing projects.





#### **BA IN CRIMINOLOGY**

Do you want to become a law enforcement officer, work in juvenile justice, the court system, corrections, or counseling and victim services? In the criminology major, you will explore the relationship between crime, law and society, and examine the criminal justice system. During your internships (we help you secure those), you can explore opportunities at law enforcement and probation offices, juvenile justice and victimology organizations or in legal settings. Throughout your four years at Dominican, you'll study with experts who provide real-life insights into these impactful jobs. You will be well prepared to enter related graduate programs or start your career.



## BA IN ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING

This 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 leaders, lawyers, screenwriters, curators, journalists, novelists or poets.



Catherine
Woodward '28
English, BA
School of Liberal
Arts and Education

"My dream
is to become
an author and
illustrator
and to inspire
people."



Lily Zavala '26
History and
Political Science, BA
School of Liberal Arts
and Education

# "My dream is to be an immigration attorney. And maybe President."

#### School of Liberal Arts and Education



#### **BA IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Unlock your peak intellectual potential with the History and Political Science major. Declare our **Pre-Law** minor, and take advantage of this program's impressive track record in law school placement.

Additionally, there are five concentration options:

- 1. War. Peace and Conflict
- 2. Identity, Culture & Politics
- 3. History/Social Science Teaching Preparation
- 4. American Political Institutions
- **5.** Public History

No matter what field you want to pursue—or even if you are not sure what you ultimately want to do you—we will equip you with career-relevant skills and knowledge for a lifetime.



#### **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/BS 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. Ask your counselor about Dominican's accelerated pathway into graduate training in occupational therapy.



### **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, communication 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**

Join the next generation of makers, thinkers and leaders as you learn the cutting-edge computer science skills essential to compete in a digital world. Attend in-person or online. With a bachelor's degree in Applied Computer Science (ACS) from Dominican, you will be equipped to take on the tech world by storm. This three-year program with a focus on hands-on, practical learning empowers students to succeed professionally and financially in their chosen careers and deliver solutions to real-world problems in areas such as front- and backend web development, software engineering and agile product development.



See what our students are saying.
Check us out on YouTube.
dominican.edu/videos



Natalie Gomez '26 Business, BA Barowsky School of Business

"My dream
is to work
in Formula 1
as a team
manager."

#### **DOMINICAN IN NUMBERS**

Total undergraduates

including 286

**Grad students** 

39 Doctorates)

(747 Masters and

More than

financial aid

of incoming first-year students received

33% 💥

of undergraduates are of first generation in their families to attend college

**73%** 

transfer students

of students identify as ethnically diverse

Species of trees on and around campus

**Athletic** teams

Studentfaculty ratio

**Athletic** cumulative **GPA** 

> Students. average class size

**173** 8

Student-athletes placed on the 2023-2024 PacWest All-Academic Team

Acres Mile to downtown campus San Rafael



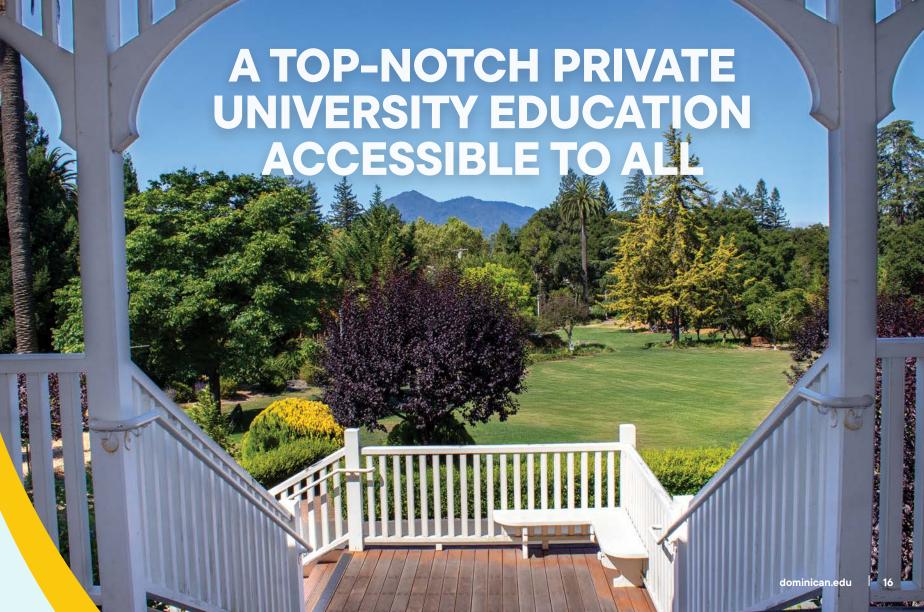
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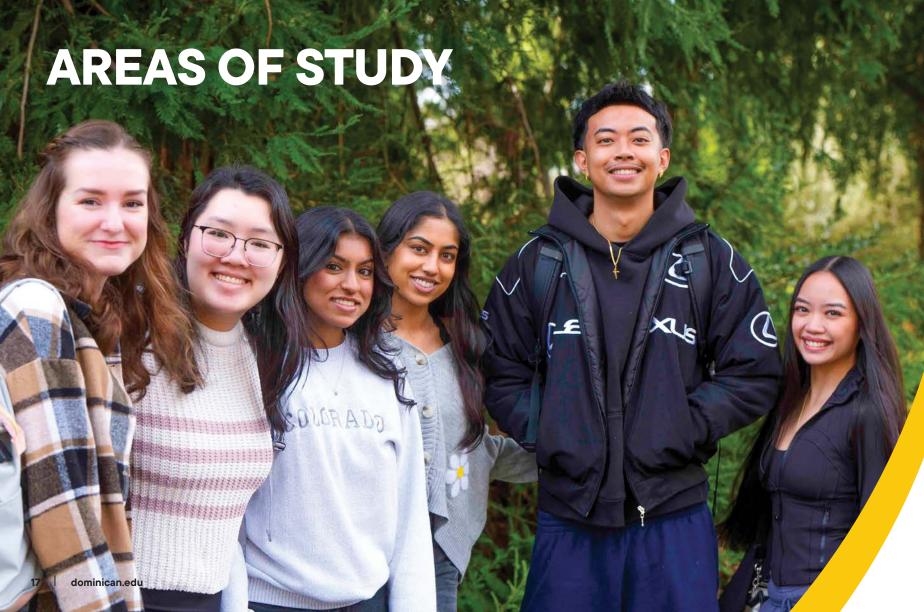


Dominican students have won the PacWest Academic Achievement Award 11 of the last 14 years



**LET'S GO Penguins!** 





#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

#### **Majors**

Applied Computer Science

Art & Design

**Biological Sciences** 

**Business Administration** 

Chemistry

Communication and Media Studies

Criminology

Dance/LINES Ballet

English and Creative Writing

History and Political Science

Interdisciplinary Studies

International Studies

Kinesiology

Nursing

Psychology

Social Justice



#### **Minors**

Clinical and Counseling Science

Cognitive and Experimental Science

Community Action and Social Change

**Ecology and Environmental Sciences** 

Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Health Humanities

Latin American and Latino Studies

Leadership Studies

Musical Arts

Performing Arts and Social Change

Philosophy and/or Religion

Planetary Health

Political Science

Pre-Law

Public Health

Spanish

Sport Management

Sustainability Studies

Most majors are also available as minors.

#### TRACKS/CERTIFICATIONS

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical

Pre-Medicine

Did you know that at Dominican, you can fast-track your path to a Master's or Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, saving you time and money?

#### **Accelerated Pathways to Graduate Degrees**

Dominican undergraduates can apply to the MSOT program in their **sophomore year** and the OTD program in their **junior year**. These pathways are especially popular among psychology and kinesiology majors, but students from any major may apply if prerequisites are met.

## Occupational Therapy BA/BS + MSOT (4 + 1.5 years)

Begin OT coursework in your junior year and complete the MSOT degree in just 1.5 years after graduation.

## Occupational Therapy BA/BS + OTD (4 + 2 years)

Begin OT coursework in your senior year and complete the doctoral degree in 2 years after graduation

Occupational therapy is a rewarding healthcare career focused on helping people of all ages who face physical, mental, developmental, or emotional challenges. OT practitioners support individuals in performing daily activities—at home, at work and in the community—so they can live meaningful and independent lives.



**Sheryl Torres '25** Kinesiology, BS School of Health and Natural Sciences

"My dream is to become a PT or OT and have a successful career."

#### **GRADUATE**

#### **Degrees**

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)

**CERTIFICATIONS** 

Cybersecurity (MS)

Education (MS)

Education + Teacher Credential Programs (MS)

Healthcare Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)

Occupational Therapy (MS, OTD)

Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)









# GO PENGUINS! DOMINICAN IS AN NCAA DIVISION II SCHOOL

Dominican is a member of the Pacific West Conference and competes with other California and Hawaii schools. Our men's lacrosse team competes in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and women's lacrosse competes in the Mountain East Conference as affiliate members.

Our amazing student athletes have won 11 of the past 14 PacWest Academic Achievement awards. 173 student-athletes placed on the 2023–2024 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



You love exercise but not competition? We've got you covered.

**Recreational Sports** are big at Dominican.

Things you might try include:

Yoga | Basketball | Volleyball | Tennis | Zumba | Golf | Paddle Boarding, etc.



Vianey Valenzuela '26 Business, BA Barowsky School of Business

"My dream

is to make



# EXPLORE THE WORLD WHILE ADVANCING TOWARD YOUR DEGREE AT NO ADDITIONAL TUITION COST

Study abroad opportunities are available to every Dominican student at no additional tuition 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





Andrew Cudden '28
History and
Political Science, BA
School of Liberal Arts
and Education

"My dream
is to make
a better
future for
myself
and my
family."



# 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 objective is to make a top-notch private university education accessible to all; and more than 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**

#### 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**

Nursing application 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 your spouse (if applicable).

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES



october – FAFSA submission for the following academic year begins.



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



**JUNE** – Priority deadline for all financial aid forms and documents.

# 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.

## PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS (EXCEPT NURSING)



JANUARY Spring



AUGUST Fall

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR NURSING TRANSFER STUDENTS



SEPTEMBER Spring



MARCH Fall

# The Double Major Advantage

At Dominican, majors are structured so that most can be combined for a double major, and you can still finish in four years.

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.

# DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

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Your journey starts here!

Scan to find out more and apply.





**English** 

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