

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY *of* CALIFORNIA



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). 75% of our undergraduate students identify as ethnically diverse.

First-Gen Students and Dreamers

25% 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.

La Vida Dominican

La Vida Dominican is a program for all students, increasing educational access and connection to support services, enabling degree completion and post-graduation success. Particularly, *La Vida* is centering experiences of students from Latinx and other historically underserved backgrounds.

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 visita dominican.edu/you-got-this-espanol

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 \$30 million in scholarships each year to ensure equitable access to a top quality education.

Dominican Welcomes Military-Affiliated Students

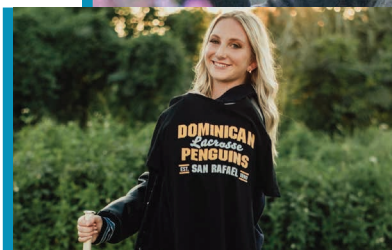
Through the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, Yellow Ribbon Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, or ROTC, military veterans and military-connected students can attend Dominican at little-to-no out-of-pocket expense. These tuition benefits are separate from any other aid for which the student may be eligible through submitting a FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid) application.

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

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

Kendall Weatherford '27 - Business Administration,
BA, Barowsky School of Business

"The diversity of the students was really appealing to me. I grew up in a suburb in Houston where everyone comes from the same place and usually goes to the same college. Dominican provided me with an opportunity to learn about myself and also learn about people from other cultures."





Free, 24/7 Access to Mental Health Services

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

- In-person and virtual services for all students
- Talk Now sessions available 24/7 for urgent support
- No charge for counseling sessions

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

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. If you're a sports fan, you'll love the proximity to the Golden State Warriors, SF Giants, 49ers or San Jose Sharks. Or run the iconic Bay-to-Breakers and Dipsea races if you're inclined.

Sulgi Kim '26 - Political Science and History double major, BA, School of Liberal Arts and Education

"Since I came here, I've been pushing myself to my fullest, my max, because I want to show not only to those people who didn't believe in me but to me, myself, that I'm capable of doing things that I could never imagine."



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.

Experience Personal Growth:

At Dominican, there's an entire crew dedicated to your well-being 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.

Experience 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.

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.



Experience 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.

Experience 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.



Angelica Gonzalez Almanza '23 - Social Justice, BA, School of Liberal Arts and Education

"The work I did at Dominican and the contacts I've made in the community have allowed me to build meaningful connections in areas that I want to pursue later. I have had a great experience both inside and outside Dominican."

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 Political Science - 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.

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.

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.



Alisher Begmatov, Applied Computer Science '22, MBA '23

"The ACS program not only imparted theoretical knowledge but also sharpened my practical skills, preparing me for real-world challenges. This robust education became the cornerstone of my success when I sought opportunities in the tech industry."

DOMINICAN IN NUMBERS

Top 18	Best Regional University in the West by <i>U.S. News and World Report</i>
1276	Undergraduates including 363 transfer students
1314	Grad students including Masters and Doctorate
25%	First person in their family to attend college
75%	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>
5	Colleges of Distinction Awards
10:1	Student-Faculty Ratio
11 of 578	Surveyed private colleges for upward social mobility <small>(source: 2017 Stanford University Study)</small>
25	Average Class Size
1	Mile to Downtown San Rafael
60	Acres campus size
100	Species of trees on and around campus
21	Countries our undergraduates call home
12	Miles to San Francisco



BFA in Dance - LINES Ballet

A TOP-NOTCH PRIVATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL





UNDERGRADUATE AREAS OF STUDY

MAJORS

Applied Computer Science
Art
Biological Sciences
Business Administration
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Communication and Media Studies
Criminology
Dance/LINES Ballet
Education Studies
English and Creative Writing
Global Public Health
Graphic Design
History and Political Science
Humanities and Cultural Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Kinesiology
Literary and Intercultural Studies
Nursing
Psychology
Social Justice
Sociology
Visual Studies

MINORS

American Studies
Arts Management
Clinical and Counseling Science
Coding and Software Design
Cognitive and Experimental
Science
Community Action and Social
Change

Ecology and Environmental
Sciences
Gender Studies
General Psychology
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
Spanish
Sport Management
Sustainability Studies

**Most majors are also
available as minors.**

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)	Creative Writing (MFA)
Applied Sport and Performance Psychology (MA)	Cybersecurity (MS)
Art Therapy Psychology (MA, MFT, PhD)	Education (MS)
Biological Sciences (MS)	Education + Teacher Credential Programs (MS)
Business Administration (MBA)	Healthcare Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
Business Analytics (MSBA)	Occupational Therapy (MS, OTD)
Counseling Psychology (MS, MFT, PCC)	Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)



Azan Yousaf '25 - Biology and Social Justice double major, BS School of Health and Natural Sciences, BA School of Liberal Arts and Education

"I had not been aware of the wide range of research options just down the road from me. One of the first things I learned was that Dominican had a science research program that begins your first year. I liked the fact that I could work in a lab directly with professors instead of just working on one research project with a TA."



What are our recent grads up to? - A survey of the class of 2023 revealed that of the respondents:

- 85%** are either working or interning in a paid full-time position or are attending a graduate or professional school.
- 96%** say that their current job aligns with their career interest.

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 15 PacWest Academic Achievement awards. 175 student-athletes placed on the 2022-2023 Pacwest All-Academic Team.

Women's Sports

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

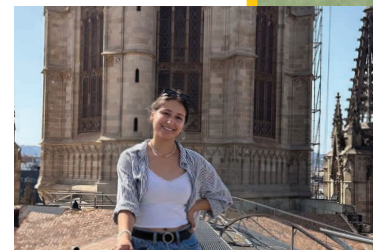
Men's Sports

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Track and Field

Krystal Galdamez '24 - Business Administration,
BA, Barowsky School of Business

"Before I came to Dominican, I didn't realize how much I would love to have small classes so that I would get to know professors. Everyone is here to support you and to see you succeed."

"My professors are amazing, my advisor is always there to work with me, and this past summer was the highlight of my life thanks to Dominican."



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



Naila Saghir '24 - Global Public Health, BS
School of Health and Natural Sciences

"I immediately loved Dominican. The classes are small, and I am able to talk with teachers one on one. They get to know me and I feel comfortable asking them questions and talking about other matters."



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 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 20 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 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 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 application deadline

August 1 - Fall application deadline

Nursing Transfer Students:

September 1 - Spring application deadline

March 1 - Fall application 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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