



Dominican University Profile Fall 2025

University Type:

Private, not-for-profit; Mixed Undergraduate/Graduate-Master's Small

Religious Affiliation:

Roman Catholic

History:

Founded in 1901 as St. Clara College in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. Moved to River Forest, Illinois in 1922 and renamed Rosary College. Became Dominican University in 1997.

Campus:

The thirty-acre main campus is in River Forest, a residential suburb located ten miles west of downtown Chicago. Classes are also offered at other sites in the Chicago area and on-line.

Fall 2025 Enrollment:

2,642 Undergraduate Students: 96% full-time, 4% part-time

1,161 Graduate Students: 40% full-time, 60% part-time

3,803 Total Students: 79% full-time, 21% part-time

Student Profile by Race/Ethnicity:

Race/Ethnicity	Undergraduate		Graduate		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Asian	69	3%	57	5%	126	3%
Black/African-American	170	6%	123	11%	293	8%
Hispanic of Any Race	1,859	70%	319	28%	2,178	57%
White	449	17%	574	49%	1,023	27%
Non-Resident Alien	12	1%	3	0%	15	0%
Other	83	3%	85	7%	168	5%
Total	2,642	100%	1,161	100%	3,803	100%

Library:

The Rebecca Crown Library provides library services to support the academic, resource, and instructional needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Dominican University. As a member of LIBRAS, CARLI (I-SHARE), and RAILS the library is able to provide access to materials from across the state of Illinois. In addition, the Rebecca Crown Library subscribes to over 100 databases providing access to over 30,000 full text journals. Numerous computers, printer/scanners, and access to the wireless network are available throughout the library. Students also have access to several individual and group study rooms, the Noonan Reading Room for quiet study, a quiet contemplation space for reflection, the WeatherTech Innovation Lab & Media Center to design new projects and learn emerging technologies, and a Learning Commons for tutoring and student support services.

Undergraduate Programs:

An Associate of Arts Program and several baccalaureate degrees including Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Professional Studies, Bachelor of Medical Studies, and Bachelor of Applied Science degrees with over 60 majors, as well as professional and pre-professional programs, including a post baccalaureate pre-medical studies program.

Graduate Programs:

Nineteen Master's degree programs in Business, Education, Library and Information Studies, Social Work, Physician Assistant Studies, Nutrition, Mediation and Conflict Resolution, and other areas. Two doctorate programs in Information Studies and Applied Social Justice.

Faculty:

Full-Time: 156 Instructional, 6 Librarians

Part-Time: 345 (including 52 administrative and other staff who teach part-time)

Overall Student/Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Tuition (2025-2026):

Undergraduate: \$39,958 full-time (\$1,331 per credit hour)

Graduate: \$225 to \$1,040 per credit hour, depending on program

Room and Board: \$12,830 (includes meal plan with flex dollars)

Financial Aid (Fall 2025):

100% of all incoming freshmen received some form of financial aid with an average scholarship/grant award of \$31,233. The average total award, including institutional scholarship/grants, federal grants, state grants, work-study and student loans for freshmen is \$37,921.

Recognition:

Ranked by U.S. News and World Report in the top tier (#25) of all Midwestern Master's Universities. Also cited as a "Top performer on Social Mobility" and a "Best Value" in the Midwest.

Student Outcomes:

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate: 76%

Graduation Rate (4-Yr): 37%

Graduation Rate (6-Yr): 61%

Institutional Accreditation:

Dominican University is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#) as a baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree-granting institution.

**Program Accreditation:**

The Master of Library and Information Science program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of the [American Library Association](#) (ALA).

The Brennan School of Business is accredited by the [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business](#) (AACSB).

The School of Social Work is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE).

The Physician Assistant Studies Program has been granted Accreditation-Continued status by the [Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.](#) (ARC-PA)

The didactic program in nutrition and dietetics and the coordinated programs in nutrition and dietetics are accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics](#) (ACEND).

The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing at Dominican University are accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#) (CCNE).

The university's education programs are approved by the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE)

The university is approved by the [Illinois Department of Registration and Education](#), and the [State Approving Agency for Veterans Affairs](#).

The university's Culinology major/B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics is approved by the [Research Chef's Association](#) (RCA)

Codes:

IPEDS: 148496

FICE: 1750

CEEB: 008510