Dominican is highly regarded for its academic rigor, intentional affordability and values-based, relationship-centered learning environment.

U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

# 1 IN SOCIAL MOBILITY

In its latest Category, U.S. News & World Report recognized Dominican’s success in enrolling and graduating large proportions of economically disadvantaged students, placing the school first out of more than 160 regional universities in the Midwest.

# 11 IN MIDWEST

Dominican ranked 11th overall among 152 master’s-level universities in the Midwest.

# 1 BEST VALUE

Dominican is #1 on the prestigious publication’s list of “Best Value Schools.” In Illinois. In the Midwest, we’re #3. This study looks closely at each school’s academic quality and average cost of attendance.

# 14 IN BEST UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

This designation recognizes the Dominican faculty’s unusually strong commitment to high-quality teaching, not just research and publishing, at the undergraduate level.

ACCREDITATIONS

Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org)
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association
Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and Illinois State Board of Education Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant

FAST FACTS 2019

Reputation

Domestic University
WHERE LEARNING DEMANDS MORE

A RELATIONSHIP-CENTERED ACADEMIC MODEL

- Full-time faculty: 158
- Faculty with terminal degree: 85%
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 11:1
- Average class size: 16

DISTINCTLY DOMINICAN

- The Liberal Arts and Science Seminars form the heart of a demanding undergraduate curriculum. The classes are focused, intimate, and centered around a consideration of life’s biggest questions.
- Study abroad opportunities have been part of the Dominican experience since 1925. Today, students can choose from 16 programs on four continents.
- URSCI—the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Investigations Program—awards funds to undergraduates on a competitive basis to support independent research projects with faculty mentors.
- The Office of Civic Learning and Engagement enables students to combine academic learning with opportunities to provide compassionate service to people in need.
- Recognized since 2011 as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, Dominican is committed to expanding and enhancing educational opportunities for our Hispanic students, who made up more than 70% of the 2019-2020 freshman class.
- The Caritas Veritas Symposium is an annual, full-day program that examines themes relevant to Dominican’s motto of love and truth. The event draws hundreds of faculty, staff, students, trustees and alumni.

STUDENT PROFILE

In fall 2019, 71% of Dominican students are undergraduates; 29% are graduate students.

Undergraduates: 2,151
Graduate Students: 878
Total Enrollment: 3,029

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

419 TOTAL NEW FRESHMEN
3.82 AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA
22.8 AVERAGE ACT
1115 AVERAGE SAT
76% STUDENTS OF COLOR
50% FIRST GENERATION

THE YEAR IN FRESHMAN ADMISSION

APPLICATIONS: 5,206
ADMITTED STUDENTS: 3,331
ACCEPTANCE RATE: 77%
EMBARGO: 419
YIELD: 13%

FRESHMAN SELECTIVITY

58% GRADUATED IN TOP 25% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
19-25 ACT COMPOSITE (25TH-75TH PERCENTILE)
29% RANKED AMONG TOP 10 OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

The Freshman Class

This year’s entering class is one of the most academically prepared of the last decade. About 15% of entering freshmen were accepted into the highly selective Mazzuchelli Scholars Honors Program.

FRESHMAN CLASS BY GENDER

35% MALE
65% FEMALE

TOP 10 INTENDED MAJORS OF ENTERING FRESHMEN

1. PRE-NURSING
2. PSYCHOLOGY
3. PRE-MEDICAL
4. CRIMINOLOGY
5. BIOLOGY
6. ACCOUNTING
7. COMPUTER SCIENCE
8. MARKETING
9. MANAGEMENT
10. FASHION MERCHANDISING

NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication
- Bachelor of Professional Studies
- Certificate in Executive Library Leadership

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

77% FRESHMAN-TO-SOPHOMORE RETENTION
64% SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

STUDENT OUTCOMES ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

- Employed: 86%
- Attending graduate school: 16%

ENDOWMENT

$40,444,491

U.S. News & World Report - 2019
Title V funding has allowed Dominican to explore more deeply its identity as a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution, providing space and support for Latinx students, building the cultural competency of faculty and staff, and investing in language access initiatives.

Dominican's outstanding faculty includes Fulbright Scholars, nationally recognized researchers and genuine pioneers in their fields. Eighty-five percent hold a doctorate or another terminal degree in their field.

Dominican has developed a STEM gateway program, with funding from the National Science Foundation, that embeds tutors in entry-level science courses to help underrepresented students overcome barriers to degrees and careers in STEM fields.

**STUDENT PROFILE**

Since it assumed university status in 1997, Dominican’s total enrollment has increased by 68%. Undergraduate enrollment has grown by 135%.

**Transfer Students**
- In fall 2019, Dominican welcomed 197 transfer students from both two-year and four-year institutions—the largest transfer cohort in the institution’s history, and the most qualified academically.
- 10% of the incoming transfer class directly entered the highly selective Mazzuchelli Scholars Honors Program.
- 48% of new transfer students are first-generation college students.
- 54% are Pell Grant recipients.
- 10% chose to live on campus.

**Graduate Students**
Dominican’s expanding portfolio includes more than 18 master’s programs and one doctoral degree.

**BRENNAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 99
- FULL-TIME: 46%
- AVERAGE AGE: 30
- STUDENTS OF COLOR: 31%

**BORRA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 93
- FULL-TIME: 85%
- AVERAGE AGE: 28
- STUDENTS OF COLOR: 29%

**COLLEGE OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES**
**School of Education**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 239
- FULL-TIME: 3%
- AVERAGE AGE: 35
- STUDENTS OF COLOR: 33%

**School of Information Studies**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 226
- FULL-TIME: 25%
- AVERAGE AGE: 34
- STUDENTS OF COLOR: 27%

**School of Social Work**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 183
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- STUDENTS OF COLOR: 64%

**Conflict Resolution Program**
- TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 33
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**Inclusive Excellence**
Dominican is a community defined by inclusivity and mutual respect. We see our differences as sources of strength.

14 nations are represented in the student body.

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**Total Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity**
- WHITE: 33%
- HISPANIC: 48%
- AFRICAN AMERICAN: 7%
- ASIAN: 3%
- OTHER/UNREPORTED: 9%

**Student Financial Profile**
- Percentage of students receiving financial aid: 97%
- Pell Award recipients: 46%
- Average family income (undergraduates): $68,824
- Average total debt of graduates compared with national average: 23% LESS
- Student loan default rate (national average: 10.1%): 4.9%

**Student Athletes**
- During the 2019-2020 academic year, Dominican University launched its 14th varsity athletic program, women’s bowling.
- Last year, Dominican’s men’s and women’s soccer teams competed in their NCAA Division III national tournaments. It was the men’s team’s 15th national tournament appearance in 17 years and the second for the women.
- For the spring 2019 semester, nearly 48% of Dominican University’s student-athletes landed on either the Dean’s List (GPA 3.75+) or the Honor’s List (GPA 3.50+).