



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

College of Applied Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies or Human Services Age Waiver Request

Dominican University's Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies and Human Services programs typically require that applicants be at least 25 years old with several years of work experience before enrolling in either program. Our goal is to provide an enriched educational experience to all students as well as to ensure that the program suits the student's abilities and academic goals. Historically, our students have reported that they receive the maximum benefit when they and their peers share a similar level of real-world understanding and experience that can then be shared in the online classroom, thereby creating a dynamic adult learning experience.

After consideration of the program's objectives and a deep reflection on your own strengths, you may feel as though the BLS or the BHS program suits your academic needs, works with your schedule in a way that a traditional program would not, *and* you can contribute at the expected level. Should this be the case, you may ask to be considered for an age waiver. If you are an applicant who does not meet the age requirement, you can submit a response to the following essay prompt (along with the rest of your required materials) to be considered for the program.

In a brief statement (including your name), explain why you are interested in pursuing the BLS/BHS degree. Share with us the unique ways in which you will make a mature, positive contribution to classroom discussions in the distance learning and/or classroom environment. Additionally, please elaborate on your preference and/or need for the online format of the program. Responses will be assessed carefully based on reasoning, clarity of perspective, and writing ability.

When completed, email your word document to bhsbls@dom.edu. Thank you for your desire to be a part of our learning community at Dominican University.

