

# DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

## **The University**

Dominican University of California is an independent, international, learner-centered university of Catholic heritage. It offers a beautiful setting, a close-knit community of approximately 2,000 students, and an intimate social environment that is an important context for academic goals and personal development.

The Office of Student Development coordinates many services that support the University's educational programs. It provides tutoring, life-planning, career, and personal counseling without charge to Dominican students; offers housing, health, and job placement services; and helps students make the most of their college experience by its readiness to assist them in resolving problems.

The University and the Associated Students of Dominican University sponsor a number of campus activities each year for both resident and nonresident students. Dominican supports ten intercollegiate teams that compete in the NAIA California Pacific Conference: men's lacrosse; men's and women's basketball, golf, and soccer; and women's softball, tennis, and volleyball. Students can participate in the chorus, drama group, literary magazine, newspaper, campus ministry activities, special interest clubs, dances, and other social events.

Campus Ministry responds to the spiritual needs of Catholic and non-Catholic members of the University community. Catholic liturgies, ecumenical activities for students of all faiths, and community service projects are scheduled throughout the year.

Graduate degrees (M.A., M.S., M.S.N., M.S.O.T., M.F.T., and M.B.A.) and credentials are granted in counseling psychology, education, humanities, global strategic management, nursing, occupational therapy, and strategic leadership.

Four residence halls of varied architecture accommodate more than 400 students; there is a dining hall for resident students and others who wish to purchase meals on campus. Forest Meadows, which comprises approximately 25 acres, is the site of the Conlan Recreation Center, a soccer field, and an outdoor amphitheater where commencement exercises are held. The Recreation Center features regulation basketball and volleyball courts, two cross-courts for volleyball and basketball, and 1,285 spectator seats. It also features a weight-training and fitness room, a multipurpose room, lockers, athletic department offices, and conference rooms. Outside is a six-lane, recreational swimming pool and grassy patio area.

## **Location**

The University is located on 80 wooded acres in scenic Marin County, which is 11 miles north of San Francisco and within a half hour's drive of Pacific Ocean beaches.

## **Majors and Degrees**

A broad range of degrees and certificate and credential programs are offered in letters, the arts and sciences, and professional and preprofessional disciplines.

Undergraduate degrees (B.A., B.S., B.S.N., and B.F.A.) are awarded in the academic areas of art, art history, biological sciences (with concentrations in ecology, environmental science, general biology, molecular cell biology, and premedical studies), business administration (with a concentration in e-business/management information systems, finance/accounting, international business, management, and marketing), communications (with a concentration in journalism), digital art, English, English with a

writing emphasis, history, humanities, interdisciplinary studies, international studies, liberal studies, music, music with a performance concentration, nursing, occupational therapy, politics, psychology, and religion.

Minors are offered in chemistry, Latin American studies, philosophy, prelaw, sports management, and women and gender studies.

## **Academic Programs**

The General Education Program offers more than a brief exposure to the major areas of knowledge in the humanities, arts, and natural and social sciences. It is designed to provide a sequence of courses with a thematic focus that integrates the wisdom and perspectives of several disciplines. The focus assists students in discovering relationships between areas of knowledge, beliefs, cultures, and peoples that differ globally and historically, as well as in acquiring an awareness of tradition, a love of discovery, a respect for the diversity of the human condition, and a realization of human interdependence. Courses within the General Education Program also expose students to a variety of learning experiences that include discussion, lectures, seminars, simulations, practicums, and quiet reflection.

A strong internship program offers students job experience in areas of their choice.

An evening degree-completion program (Pathways) for adult learners is also available.

The ELS Language Centers program provides intensive, high-quality English instruction to prepare international students to enter American colleges and universities. Completion of the ELS Language Centers program Level 112 satisfies Dominican's English requirement for admission.

## **Off-Campus Programs**

Dominican offers exchange programs with Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Barry University, Miami, Florida; the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York; and St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, New York. These programs enable students matriculated at any one of the five colleges to spend a semester on a campus in a different part of the country, taking advantage of its location and programs. Students pay tuition on their home campus and room and board on the host campus. Further information about the program, recommended for students in the sophomore or junior year, is available in the campus Service Center.

Individualized programs for study in other countries may be planned in consultation with the Academic Advising Center, the student's academic adviser, and the transcript evaluator. Dominican grants credit for international study only after a student who obtained prior approval of the program of study has returned to the campus and enrolled for the following year.

Arrangements are available whereby Dominican students can participate in Army ROTC at the University of San Francisco, Air Force ROTC at San Francisco State University, or Naval ROTC at the University of California at Berkeley. Students interested in the ROTC programs should request further information from the appropriate ROTC recruiting officer.

## **Academic Facilities**

Archbishop Alemany Library houses more than 100,000 volumes in open stacks; 3,000 reels of microfilm; 500 videocassettes, au-

diocassettes, and compact discs; and subscriptions to 500 periodicals in print, in addition to another 1,200 in full-text online. The library also houses the Fletcher Jones Computer Laboratory, an art gallery, a listening room, and a fireplace corner.

Guzman Hall, Albertus Magnus Hall, Bertrand Hall, and the San Marco Art Gallery together house faculty offices, science laboratories, lecture halls, a computer center, art galleries and studios, and classrooms. Angelico Hall houses an 850-seat concert auditorium and theater, music studios and practice rooms, and faculty offices.

### **Costs**

Undergraduate full-time tuition (12–17 units per semester) was \$24,254 per year for 2004–05. Fees were \$200; room and board (a nineteen-meal-per-week plan) cost \$9400 for the year.

### **Financial Aid**

Financial aid is awarded on the basis of need and merit. Dominican University of California participates in various federal and state need-based financial aid programs and also has its own financial aid funds, donated by generous alumni and friends, available to help meet University costs.

Need-based financial aid comes in the form of scholarships, grants, part-time employment, and loans. The federal and state financial aid programs are the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study Program, Federal Stafford Student Loan, CLAS/PLUS loan, and Cal Grants A and B. Eligibility for need-based aid is determined after the student, who must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, files the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Dominican Financial Aid Application. The need-based financial aid deadline for first priority consideration is March 2, although late applications are accepted. Student assistantship positions are also available for graduate students.

### **Faculty**

Students find themselves intellectually challenged by the faculty members, who hold degrees from colleges and universities throughout the world and who are committed to individualized teaching and careful supervision of students' development. The majority of the faculty members hold Ph.D.'s. The student-faculty ratio is 12:1.

### **Student Government**

The primary vehicle through which students plan and provide activities, distribute activity funds, and represent themselves to the University's administration and broader community is ASDU—the Associated Students of Dominican University. ASDU is the student association and the student government body. Through elected and appointed representatives to various Dominican committees and governing groups, students may voice their opinions on institutional matters.

### **Admission Requirements**

Dominican University of California welcomes applications from prospective students of all ages, religions, races, and national origins. Although the University prefers that candidates have a grade point average of at least 2.7 (a minimum of 2.0 for non-nursing/occupational therapy transfer students), the University believes that academic potential is measured by more than grades alone. Each candidate for admission is given individual consideration and is evaluated by the Admissions Office on the basis of the student's past scholastic record, present motivation, and potential intellectual development as indicated by all of the admission materials submitted.

Recommended for undergraduate admission are graduation from an accredited high school with a total of at least 15 units in college-preparatory subjects, to include the following: 4 years of English, 2 years of the same foreign language, 2 years of college-preparatory mathematics (algebra, geometry, algebra 2/trigonometry), 2 years of laboratory sciences to be taken in grades 10–12, and 1 year of U.S. history (1 year of world history or Western civilization is an acceptable alternative for international students). The University encourages students to choose additional courses in at least two of the following areas: English, history, foreign language, social science, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, music, art, and computer science.

Dominican University of California admits highly qualified students after the completion of their junior year in high school if they have fulfilled all admission requirements for freshman standing or passed an equivalency exam and arranged a conference with a member of the admission staff prior to acceptance.

High school seniors wishing to take up to two Dominican courses per semester to meet high school graduation requirements may do so with the written permission of their high school principal or counselor. Arrangements must be made through the Office of Admissions.

### **Application and Information**

The Admissions Office makes its decision on each freshman candidate after receiving his or her completed application form with a \$40 nonrefundable fee; an official high school transcript to date; one recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or counselor; scores from either the SAT or the ACT; and a personal essay as described in the application. For information about the SAT, students should write to Educational Testing Service, 1947 Center Street, Berkeley, California 94704 or P.O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey 08541. For information about the ACT, students should write to American College Testing Program, Operations Division, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243.

Transfer students must also submit the application form, a \$40 fee, and their high school transcript if they have fewer than 24 transfer units. In addition, they must send official college transcripts to date, a personal essay as described in the application, and one academic letter of recommendation or one professional letter of reference.

International students should fulfill the admission requirements for native students; however, an SAT or ACT score is not required. A score of at least 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), administered by the Educational Testing Service, or official certification of achieving Level 112 in the ELS program may be submitted in lieu of SAT or ACT scores. All transcripts must be translated into English and evaluated by an accredited evaluation agency. In addition, a notarized declaration of finances in U.S. dollars must be submitted.

An interview with a member of the admission staff is strongly recommended to enable the candidate and the University to become acquainted with one another.

Students may apply online at the Web site listed below, or they may obtain application forms and information by contacting:

Office of Admissions  
Dominican University of California  
50 Acacia Avenue  
San Rafael, California 94901-2298  
Telephone: 415-485-3204  
888-323-6763 (toll-free)  
Fax: 415-485-3214  
E-mail: [enroll@dominican.edu](mailto:enroll@dominican.edu)  
World Wide Web: <http://www.dominican.edu>