

FAST FACTS 2020



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

STUDENT PROFILE

In fall 2020, **68%** of Dominican students are undergraduates; **32%** are graduate students.

Undergraduates

2,166

Graduate Students

1,023

Total Enrollment

3,189

The Freshman Class

About 12% of entering freshmen were accepted into the highly selective Mazzuchelli Scholars Honors Program.

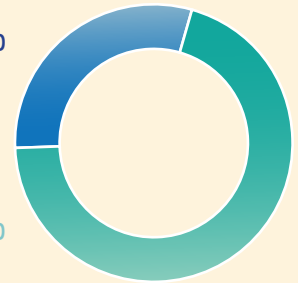
FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

465	TOTAL NEW FRESHMEN
3.72	AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA
22	AVERAGE ACT
1055	AVERAGE SAT
78%	STUDENTS OF COLOR
39%	FIRST GENERATION
59%	RECEIVED PELL

FRESHMAN CLASS BY GENDER

30%
MALE

70%
FEMALE



THE YEAR IN FRESHMAN ADMISSION

APPLICATIONS	4,342
ADMITTED STUDENTS	3,320
ACCEPTANCE RATE	76%
ENROLLED	465
YIELD	14%

FRESHMAN SELECTIVITY

33%	GRADUATED IN TOP 25% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
19-24	ACT COMPOSITE (25TH-75TH PERCENTILE)
970-1130	SAT COMPOSITE (25TH-75TH PERCENTILE) SCHOOL CLASS

TOP 10

INTENDED MAJORS OF ENTERING FRESHMEN

1. NURSING
2. PSYCHOLOGY
3. PRE-MEDICAL
4. BUSINESS
5. BIOLOGY
6. CRIMINOLOGY
7. ACCOUNTING
8. COMPUTER SCIENCE
9. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
10. FASHION DESIGN



STUDENT PROFILE

Since it assumed university status in 1997, Dominican's total enrollment has **increased by 77%**. Undergraduate enrollment has **grown by 137%**.



15%

of graduate students earned their bachelor's degree at Dominican.

Transfer Students

- In fall 2020, Dominican welcomed 176 transfer students from both two-year and four-year institutions.
- 7% of the incoming transfer class directly entered the highly selective Mazzuchelli Scholars Honors Program.
- 38% of new transfer students are first-generation college students.
- 48% are Pell Grant recipients.
- 11% chose to live on campus.

Graduate Students

Dominican's expanding portfolio includes more than 18 master's programs and one doctoral degree.

BORRA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	88
FULL-TIME	76%
AVERAGE AGE	28
DIVERSITY	30%

BRENNAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	104
FULL-TIME	27%
AVERAGE AGE	29
DIVERSITY	38%

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

School of Education

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	279
FULL-TIME	1%
AVERAGE AGE	36
DIVERSITY	30%

School of Information Studies

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	281
FULL-TIME	27%
AVERAGE AGE	34
DIVERSITY	22%

School of Social Work

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	232
FULL-TIME	49%
AVERAGE AGE	31
DIVERSITY	64%

Conflict Resolution Program

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	29
FULL-TIME	72%
AVERAGE AGE	39
DIVERSITY	55%

Inclusive Excellence

Dominican is a community defined by inclusivity and mutual respect. We see our differences as sources of strength.

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nations are represented in the student body.



Average GPA of Student Athletes

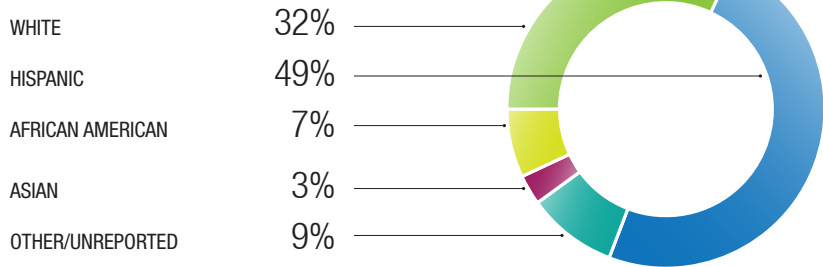
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SELECTED INDICATORS OF QUALITY

- In 2019, 85% of Dominican seniors rated their overall experience as “excellent” or “good,” according to the most recent National Survey of Student Engagement, a key indicator of collegiate quality.
- Dominican’s outstanding faculty includes Fulbright Scholars, nationally recognized researchers and genuine pioneers in their fields. 86% hold a doctorate or another terminal degree in their field.
- Dominican hosted the 2018 El Futuro Is Here! conference, gathering representatives from more than 40 prominent Catholic colleges and institutions to discuss ways to better serve Latinx students.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY RACE AND ETHNICITY



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINANCIAL PROFILE

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID	98%
PELL AWARD RECIPIENTS	48%
AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME (UNDERGRADUATES)	\$75,596
AVERAGE TOTAL DEBT OF GRADUATES, COMPARED WITH NATIONAL AVERAGE	26% Less
STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT RATE <i>(NATIONAL AVERAGE: 9.7%)</i>	5.5%

Student Athletes

- 92 student-athletes were named to the Dean’s list, earning a 3.8 or higher, during the Spring 2020 semester with an additional 49 student-athletes landing on the Honor’s list, posting a 3.5 grade point average or better.
- Basketball player **Timiya Ray** was named 2019-20 Woman of the Year by the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
- Men’s volleyball player **Ethan Klosak** was named 2019–20 Man of the Year by the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.



Reputation

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

U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

#10 IN MIDWEST

"America's Best Colleges," by *U.S. News & World Report*, ranks Dominican 10th among nearly 160 master's-level universities in the Midwest.

#1 BEST VALUE

U.S. News also ranks Dominican first in the Chicago area on its list of "Best Value Schools." This study looks closely at each school's academic quality and average cost of attendance.

#1 IN SOCIAL MOBILITY

among master's-level universities in Illinois.

#11 BEST UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

among master's-level universities in the Midwest.

ACCREDITATIONS



HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION

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

Illinois State Board of Education

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant

A RELATIONSHIP-CENTERED ACADEMIC MODEL

FULL-TIME FACULTY	142
FACULTY WITH TERMINAL DEGREE	86%
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO	10:1
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE	16

NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

School of Education added four specialized

pathways in the masters program—Diverse

Learning; Inclusive Learning; Integrated Instruction; and Instructional Technology

- Borra College of Health Sciences added a degree in Health and Wellness
- Brennan School of Business added a major in Entrepreneurship
- School of Information Studies added a master's degree in Youth Literature

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

83%	FRESHMAN-TO-SOPHOMORE RETENTION
63%	SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

STUDENT OUTCOMES ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

EMPLOYED	78%
ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL	20%

ENDOWMENT

\$40,000,000

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.
- 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** 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 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 alumnae/i.