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NOTRE DAME
de NAMUR

INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN
SINCE 1856

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2020-2021 PROFILE

ENROLLMENT:

- 2019-2020 Middle School and High School Enrollment: 559
- Class of 2021: 98
- Average class size: 14
- Student-faculty ratio: 9:1
- 28% of students receive need-based financial aid

COLLEGE MATRICULATION:

- 100% of Notre Dame graduates attend a four-year institution

FACULTY:

- 61 full- and part-time faculty, 90% of high school faculty hold advanced degrees

ACCREDITATION:

- Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

MEMBERSHIPS:

- National Coalition of Girls' Schools
- National Catholic Educational Association
- Online School for Girls
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admission Counseling

MISSION STATEMENT

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school, commits itself to the education of young women of grades 6 through 12 for responsible living in a global society. The Academy, rooted in the faith tradition of the Catholic Church, and the charism of Saint Julie Billiart, provides its students with a challenging academic curriculum within a rich spiritual community in order to:

- inspire them to live the prophetic nature of the gospel, with a passion for justice and love for the poor,
- enable them to develop the skills and desire necessary for life-long learning,
- empower them to be honorable, compassionate leaders.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits in order to graduate, including successful completion of the following:
 - English, 4 credits
 - Math, 3 credits (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Trigonometry)
 - Science, 3 credits (including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
 - Social Studies, 3 credits (including World History I and US History)
 - World Languages, 3 credits
 - Religion, 4 credits
 - Electives, 4 credits (including 1 credit of Art)
- Six major subjects must be taken each year. Major subjects are considered English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, and Religion
- Physical Education and Health are required courses in ninth and tenth grades
- All courses are considered College Preparatory
- A minimum of 45 hours of community service is required

GPA/Rank Policy

- The school year is divided into two semesters.
- A cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year beginning in ninth grade.
- Courses are weighted by adding .15 for Honors and .30 for AP to the regular grade. A full grading scale can be found on student transcript.
- Only final grades from Notre Dame or Online School for Girls courses are calculated in the GPA.
- Honors are awarded to students with a combined average of 3.60-3.89. Distinguished Honors are awarded to students whose combined average of all major subjects is 3.90 and above.
- The Academy of Notre Dame does not rank its students.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

There is no limit to the number of AP courses a student may register for, but due to the rigorous nature of our curriculum, it is difficult for students to balance more than three AP courses junior or senior year. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP Exam.

Notre Dame offers 20 AP courses in the following subjects: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Computer Science A, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Latin, Mandarin, Physics, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, US Government, and US History. 22 Honors courses are also offered.

72 members of the Class of 2021 took a total of 137 AP exams by the completion of their junior year. 79% of the scores were three or higher. Due to Covid-19, students were not required to take AP tests in 2020.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARS

Each year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides two Notre Dame seniors who excel academically with the opportunity to take two college-level classes per semester at a nearby college or university at no cost for college credit.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN STEM AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Independent Research in STEM and Social Studies is an elective designed for students who wish to participate in long-term research. Students who successfully complete all requirements of the program receive a ¼ credit on their transcripts.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

All seniors participate in an independent capstone project that includes investigation, preparation, and presentation of an 18 to 25 page research paper at the conclusion of the academic year. The topic of the research paper is selected by each student and can cover any subject area.

HONOR CODE

Notre Dame's Honor Code fosters the development of each student's personal integrity, character and respect for self, others, and school policies. Honor code violations resulting in suspension or expulsion will be reported to colleges. Students are strongly encouraged to disclose any serious disciplinary infractions that may occur before, during, or after the college application process.

SAT TEST SCORES CLASSES OF 2018-2020

SAT Middle 50%

EBRW: 590-690

Math: 550-680

Total: 1135-1360

ACT Middle 50%

Composite: 24-30

English: 25-34

Math: 23-29

Reading: 24-33

Science: 23-29

CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The Academy's Center for Global Leadership connects students to an international learning community through our network of eight sister schools to increase their competencies as global citizens. Various opportunities exist through the Center including the Global Classroom Program, Academic Exchange Program, service trips, cultural and language enrichment travel, hosting program and Global Citizen Scholar Program.

SCHOLAR PROGRAMS

Notre Dame offers students the opportunity to deepen their academic experience by curating a four-year program of study, involving curricular and extracurricular activities, in order to provide intentional focus on one of these areas: Arts, Global Citizenship, or STEM. Student transcripts will reflect successful completion of the program.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

One Schoolhouse (Online School for Girls) online learning programs provide additional educational options for students. Online School for Girls courses are indicated by including "OSG" in the course name on the Notre Dame transcript.

TECHNOLOGY

Notre Dame is a total 1:1 MacBook institution, creating more personalized learning opportunities for our students and faculty to develop student-centered teaching and learning strategies. Notre Dame has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2018-2021 for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment. More than 75% of the Academy's faculty are Apple Teachers.

ONLINE LEARNING

Notre Dame's online teaching and learning protocol, developed through the Academy's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, blends synchronous and asynchronous teaching methods to provide students with an impactful and holistic learning experience.

CURRICULUM CHART

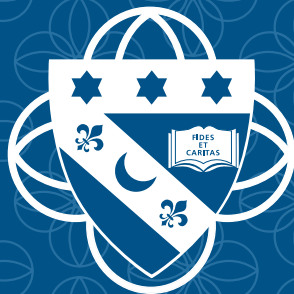
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts	Intro to Visual/ Performing Arts Dance Company*** Women's Chorale*** HS Ensemble *** Art I ***	Art II Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Photography * Graphic Design * Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Dance Company High School Ensemble Nightingale's Chorus Women's Chorale Music Theory *	Art II Art III Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Advanced Ceramic Design** Photography * Graphic Design * AP Art History Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Tap Dance * Dance Company High School Ensemble Nightingale's Chorus Women's Chorale Music Theory	Art II Art III Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Advanced Ceramic Design** Photography * Graphic Design * AP Art History AP Studio Art Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Tap Dance * Senior Dance Project * Dance Company High School Ensemble Nightingale's Chorus Women's Chorale Music Theory
English	Intro to World Literature **	British Literature ** Science Fiction & Fantasy * Journalism *	American Literature AP English Language Science Fiction & Fantasy * Journalism *	Women and Literature AP English Literature Science Fiction & Fantasy * Journalism *
Health/PE Counseling	Seminar 9 PE 9/Health 9*	Seminar 10 * PE/Health 10 *	Seminar 11 *	Seminar 12 *
Math	Expanded Algebra I Algebra I Geometry ** H Geometry/Alg II/Trig Algebra II/Trig **	Geometry ** H Geometry/Alg II/Trig Algebra II/Trig ** PreCalculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance *	Algebra II Algebra II/Trig ** Advanced Math Concepts PreCalculus ** Calculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance * Trig & Logic * Statistics .5 or 1 credit AP Statistics AP Calculus AB	Advanced Math Concepts PreCalculus ** Calculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance * Trig & Logic * Statistics .5 or 1 credit AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
Science	Physics ** Independent Research	Chemistry ** Environmental Science Independent Research	Biology ** College Physics Neuroscience Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering Environmental Science Inorganic Chemistry AP Biology AP Environmental Science AP Physics AP Chemistry Independent Research	STEM Ethics College Physics Neuroscience Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering Environmental Science Inorganic Chemistry AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics Independent Research
Social Studies	World History I Independent Research	World History II American Government AP U.S. Government AP Human Geography Independent Research	World History II U.S. History AP U.S. History AP Human Geography Global Studies Macroeconomics Independent Research	World History II AP Comparative Government AP Human Geography Global Studies Macroeconomics Independent Research
Religion	Intro to Catholicism	Scripture	Catholic Morality	World Religion Social Justice Themes in Film & Contemporary Society
Technology	Integrated into the curriculum	Computer Programming * Robotics & Coding *	Computer Programming * Robotics & Coding * AP Computer Science (OSG)	Computer Programming * Robotics & Coding * AP Computer Science (OSG)
World Languages	French I French II ** Latin I Latin II ** Mandarin I Mandarin II ** Spanish I Spanish II **	French I French II, III ** Mandarin I Mandarin II, III ** Latin I Latin II, III ** Spanish I Spanish II, III **	French I French II, III, IV ** Mandarin I Mandarin II, III, IV ** Latin I Latin II, III, IV ** Spanish I Spanish II, III, IV **	French I French II, III, IV, V ** AP French Mandarin I Mandarin II, III, IV ** AP Mandarin Spanish I Spanish II, III, IV, V ** AP Spanish Latin I Latin II, III, IV ** AP Latin

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Athletics - 16 High School Sports
Performing and Visual Arts
Campus Ministry
Student Council
National Honor Society
Robotics

Literary Publications
Clubs
Service Learning
Mock Trial
Mathletes
Model UN





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COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2018-2020

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American University
Auburn University
Boston College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Catholic University of America
Champlain College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Indiana University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University
Middlebury College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Salem State University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of North Carolina
The University of Scranton
The University of Texas at Dallas
Thomas Jefferson University

Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Villanova University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington College
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Wilkes University
William and Mary
Wittenberg University
Xavier University