



ACADEMY of
NOTRE DAME
de NAMUR

2026-2027 School Profile

ENROLLMENT:

- ▶ 2025-2026 Middle and Upper School Enrollment: 560
- ▶ Average class size: 15
- ▶ Student-faculty ratio: 9:1
- ▶ 30% of students receive need-based financial aid

COLLEGE MATRICULATION:

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

FACULTY:

- ▶ 82% of full- and part-time faculty hold advanced degrees

ACCREDITATION:

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

MEMBERSHIPS:

- ▶ National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- ▶ International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS)
- ▶ National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- ▶ Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- ▶ National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admission Counseling
- ▶ American Library Association
- ▶ Association of Technology Leaders at Independent Schools
- ▶ Institute for Global Learning

MISSION:

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, an independent Catholic school dedicated to excellence in academics and to the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, cares for all people as a reflection of the Good God. Our mission is to guide young women as they grow in faith, intellectual curiosity, courage, leadership, and a passion for serving others.

Our mission is aligned with the Hallmarks of a Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community:

- We proclaim by our lives even more than by our words that God is good.
- We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person.
- We educate for and act on behalf of justice, peace and care for all creation.
- We commit ourselves to community service.
- We embrace the gift of diversity.
- We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.
- We develop holistic learning communities that educate for life.



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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, Algebra II, Geometry and Trigonometry)
 - Religious Studies - 4 credits
 - Science - 3 credits (including Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
 - Social Studies - 3 credits (including US History and World History I)
 - World Languages - 3 credits
 - Electives - 4 credits (including 1 credit of Art)
- ▶ Six major subjects must be taken each year. Major subjects are considered English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion and World Language.
- ▶ Physical Education and Health are required courses in ninth and tenth grades.
- ▶ All courses are considered college-preparatory.
- ▶ A minimum of 60 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

Notre Dame offers 23 AP courses in the following subjects:

African American Studies, US Government, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government, English Literature, English Language & Composition, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, and US History. 35 Honors courses are also offered.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN STEM AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Independent Research in STEM and Social Studies are electives designed for students who wish to participate in long-term research. Students who successfully complete all requirements of the program receive a 1/4 credit on their transcripts.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

All seniors participate in an independent capstone project that includes investigation, preparation, and presentation of an 18-25 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. Students are strongly encouraged to disclose any serious disciplinary infractions that may occur before, during, or after the college application process.

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.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The Center for Global Leadership fosters personal growth as a global citizen by connecting students to an international network of seven sister schools and by providing meaningful opportunities to engage with the broader world. Students will develop global competencies through Academic Exchanges, the Global Citizen Scholar Program, hosting opportunities, cross-disciplinary travel programs, leadership conferences, cross-cultural dialogue sessions, environmental stewardship programming, CGL cultural celebrations and leadership events.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

One Schoolhouse online learning programs provide additional educational options for students. One Schoolhouse courses are indicated by including "OS" in the course name on the Notre Dame transcript.

TECHNOLOGY

Notre Dame is a 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 from 2018 through 2027 for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment. More than 75% of ND faculty members are Apple Teachers, demonstrating their knowledge of innovative pedagogical practices with MacBooks.

SEMESTER ENGLISH COURSES

Our half credit semester-based English course offerings have been expanded and are rigorous dives into specific topics. Each half credit English course can now be counted towards our core credit graduation requirements.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHART

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ART		
Dance Dance Company Ensemble Music Visual Art Women's Chorale	Dance Dance Company Ensemble Music Visual Art Women's Chorale	Dance Dance Company Ensemble Music Visual Art Women's Chorale
ENGLISH		
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
HEALTH/PE/COUNSELING		
Physical Education Seminar 6	Health Physical Education Seminar 7	Health Physical Education Seminar 8
MATH		
Math 6 Honors Math 6 Honors PreAlgebra	Pre-Algebra 7 Honors Pre-Algebra 7 Honors Algebra 7	Algebra 8 Algebra 8 part A Honors Algebra 8 Honors Geometry 8
SCIENCE		
Earth and Environmental Science	Life and Its Chemical Foundation	Physical Science
SOCIAL STUDIES		
World Geography	United States History	American History/Civics
RELIGIOUS STUDIES		
Intro to Catholic Tradition and Hebrew Scripture	Intro to New Testament and Sacraments	Church History and Morality
TECHNOLOGY		
Information Skills Technology Integrated into the Curriculum	Information Skills Technology Integrated into the Curriculum	Technology Integrated into the Curriculum
WORLD LANGUAGES		
Intro to World Languages: French, Latin, Mandarin, Spanish	French 1A Latin 1A Mandarin 1A Spanish 1A	French 1B Latin 1B Mandarin 1B Spanish 1B

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHART

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ART			
Art I*** Dance Company**/*** Ensemble**/*** Intro to Visual/Performing Arts Second Dance Company**/*** Women's Chorales**/***	Art II Ceramic Design I Dance Appreciation* Dance Company** Digital Art + Design* Ensemble** Fundamentals of Guitar* Intro to Dance* Intro to Piano* Music Technology* Photography* Second Dance Company** Women's Chorales**	Art II, III** Advanced Ceramic Design** AP Art History AP Music Theory Ceramic Design I, II* Dance Appreciation* Dance Company** Digital Art + Design* Ensemble** Fundamentals of Guitar Intro to Dance* Intro to Piano* Music Technology* Photography* Second Dance Company** Women's Chorales**	Art II, III** Ceramic Design I*, II* Advanced Ceramic Design** Photography* Digital Art + Design* AP Art History AP Studio Art Fundamentals of Guitar Intro to Dance* Dance Appreciation** Dance Company** Intro to Piano Second Dance Company** Upper School Ensemble** Women's Chorales**
ENGLISH			
Foundations of Literature & Writing**	British Literature** Creative Writing* Mythology and Culture* Satire, Comedy, Cultural Critique* Shakespeare's Sister* The World of J.R.R. Tolkien* True Crime Literature*	American Literature AP English Language Creative Writing* Mythology and Culture* Satire, Comedy, Cultural Critique* Shakespeare's Sister* The World of J.R.R. Tolkien* True Crime Literature*	AP English Literature Creative Writing* Mythology and Culture* Satire, Comedy, Cultural Critique* Shakespeare's Sister* The World of J.R.R. Tolkien* True Crime Literature*
HEALTH/PE/COUNSELING			
Health 9* PE 9 Seminar 9	PE/Health 10* Seminar 10*	Seminar 11*	Seminar 12*
MATH			
Algebra I** Algebra Part B Algebra II/Trig** Geometry** H Geometry/Alg II/Trig	Algebra II Algebra II/Trig** Geometry** H Geometry/Alg II/Trig PreCalculus** <u>BUSINESS & STEM ELECTIVES</u> Design Thinking* Intro to Finance* Marketing for Entrepreneurs*	Algebra II Algebra II/Trig** AP Calculus AB AP Statistics Calculus** Precalculus** Advanced Math Concepts Statistics .5 or 1 credit Trig & Logic* <u>BUSINESS & STEM ELECTIVES</u> Design Thinking* Intro to Finance* Marketing for Entrepreneurs*	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Calculus** PreCalculus** Advanced Math Concepts Statistics .5 or 1 credit Trig & Logic* <u>BUSINESS & STEM ELECTIVES</u> Design Thinking* Intro to Finance* Marketing for Entrepreneurs*
SCIENCE			
Physics** Independent Research	Chemistry** Environmental Science Independent Research	Biology** Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science College Physics** Environmental Science Independent Research Neuroscience	Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics College Physics** Environmental Science Forensics* Independent Research Neuroscience STEM Ethics
SOCIAL STUDIES			
Independent Research World History I	American Government AP African American Studies AP Human Geography AP U.S. Government Independent Research	AP African American Studies AP Human Geography AP U.S. History Global Studies Independent Research Macroeconomics U.S. History	AP African American Studies AP Comparative Government AP Human Geography Global Studies Independent Research Macroeconomics
RELIGIOUS STUDIES			
Intro to Catholicism	Scripture	Catholic Morality	World Religion
TECHNOLOGY			
Integrated into the Curriculum	Computer Programming* Robotics & Coding*	AP Computer Science (OS) Computer Programming* Robotics & Coding*	AP Computer Science (OS) Computer Programming* Robotics & Coding*
WORLD LANGUAGES			
French I, II** Latin I, II** Mandarin I, II** Spanish I, II**	French I, II, III** Latin I, II, III** Mandarin I, II, III** Spanish I, II, III**	French I, II, III, IV**, V Latin I, II, III, IV**, AP Mandarin I, II, III, IV* Spanish I, II, III, IV**	French I, II, III, IV, V**, AP Latin I, II, III, IV**, AP Mandarin I, II, III, IV**, V**, AP Spanish I, II, III, IV, V**, AP

* offered as a semester course ** offered at honors level *** offered to 9th grade if accepted by audition or portfolio

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS Athletics - 13 Varsity Sports, Performing and Visual Arts, Campus Ministry, Student Council, National Honor Society, Robotics, Literary Publications, Clubs, Service Learning, Mock Trial, Mathletes, Model UN.



COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

100% of Notre Dame graduates attend a four-year institution. Graduates from 2024-2026 matriculated to the following colleges and universities. Institutions shown in bold have enrolled multiple Notre Dame students.

Auburn University

Bates College

Boston College

Boston University

Bowdoin College

Brown University

Bucknell University

Carnegie Mellon University

Clemson University

Coastal Carolina University

Colby College

College of Charleston

College of the Holy Cross

Columbia University

Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

Drexel University

Duquesne University

Elon University

Fairfield University

Florida Atlantic University

Florida State University

Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College

Furman University

George Washington University

Georgetown University

High Point University

Holy Cross College

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Chicago

Marist University

McGill University

Merrimack College

Miami University

Morgan State University

New York University

Northwestern University

Otterbein University

Penn State University

Princeton University

Providence College

Purdue University

Rice University

Rutgers University

Saint Joseph's University

San Diego State University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University

Smith College

Southern Methodist University

St. John's University (New York)

Suffolk University

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas Christian University

The Ohio State University

Thomas Jefferson University

Tulane University

Tuskegee University

United States Coast Guard Academy

University of Alabama

University of California (Santa Barbara)

University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado (Boulder)

University of Delaware

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Kentucky

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri

University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of Richmond

University of Scranton

University of South Carolina

University of Southern California

University of St Andrews

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee

University of Texas

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Wisconsin

Ursinus College

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

Virginia Tech

Wake Forest University

Washington and Lee University

William & Mary

Yale University