

Dominican University Admission Policy

Dominican University does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, marital status, political orientation, sexual orientation or diverse lifestyle in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships, loan programs or any other program administered by the university.

Enrollment Management Statement of Ethics

The employees and those who represent Dominican University (DU) follow the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) [guide to ethical practices](#). All who represent Dominican University are trained to be a resource for students and will not mislead or pressure prospective students. Aligned with the Sinsinawa Dominican history and mission, DU staff and those who represent DU, provide students with guidance and accurate information, including timelines and deadlines, so students can make informed and educated decisions about whether Dominican University is the right school for them.

Applications

- Only completed application files will be reviewed by the admission committee.
- Providing incomplete or inaccurate information regarding a previous academic record on an admission application is grounds for denial of admission.
- All application materials become the property of Dominican University; no credentials will be returned to the applicant.
- Admitted graduate student files will be kept for one year after the date of admission. Thereafter, they must reapply, as must an applicant who withdraws their application after it has been submitted.
- Students admitted to an undergraduate program of study may defer their enrollment for up to two semesters; students will be required to submit a short form and confirm that they have not attended other colleges or universities since deferring before enrolling at Dominican University. Financial aid, such as scholarships received at the original time of admission acceptance, may be subject to change for students deferring their enrollment.
- Admitted graduate students may defer their enrollment for a maximum of one year. After that, it is necessary to reapply.
- Applicants who have withdrawn their application after it has been submitted must reapply for further consideration.

Undergraduate Programs

First-Year Students (Associate Degree Program)

- A strong candidate for the associate degree program should meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or recent high school graduate
- A cumulative grade-point average of 2.3-2.9 on a 4.0 scale
- Sixteen units of high school coursework, fourteen of which should be in the fields of English, mathematics, foreign language, social science, and laboratory science
- Be affiliated with a community-based organization or one of our partners
 - Examples include OneGoal, Bottomline, College Possible, Chicago Scholars, Cristo Rey Network, Noble Network, etc.
- Live in or near Chicago's South, West side, or nearby communities
- Students who do not meet all of the above criteria are encouraged to contact chicago.admission@dom.edu.
- To apply, candidates complete an admission application available on the university website and submit the following required item:
 - Official High School Transcript

First-Year Students (Bachelor's Degree Program)

- First-year candidates applying for admission to a bachelor's degree program should meet the following criteria:
 - A cumulative grade-point average of 2.70 on a 4.0 scale, with special attention to grades in high school core courses
 - An ACT composite score of 21 or 1060 SAT or above* (**optional**)
 - A rank in the upper half of the high school class, when rank is provided
 - Sixteen units of high school coursework, fourteen of which should be in the fields of English, mathematics, foreign language, social science, and laboratory science

Dominican University admits a limited number of students each year who do not meet all the regular admission requirements but who have demonstrated the potential to complete university coursework successfully. For these students, a condition of admission may be participation in the summer Transitions program or enrollment in the Blue Print for Academic Success. In cases where the Admission Committee believes that it is in the student's best interest it may limit the number of hours a student can take in the first term of enrollment.

- To apply, candidates can complete the [Common App](#) or complete an admission application available on the university website and submit the following required items:
 - Essay
 - Official High School Transcript

Transfer Students (Bachelor Degree Program)

- Minimum entrance requirements for students in good standing from regionally accredited two-year or four-year colleges include:
 - A high school diploma or GED
 - Cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 on 4.0 scale
 - Students transferring with fewer than 12 semester hours must also meet freshman requirements
 - Students with fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit must also submit official high school transcripts
- To apply, candidates can complete the [Common App](#) or complete an admission application available on the university website and submit the following required items:
 - Request official transcripts from every college/university attended. Please make sure to submit AP/IB/CLEP scores as well.
 - If you have fewer than 12 semester hours of credit, request and submit ACT or SAT scores (**optional**).
 - Your scores can only help you. While we will accept scores if submitted to us, we will not use them for admission decisions.
 - If you have fewer than 24 semester hours of credit, request and submit your official high school transcript or GED scores

Degree Completion Programs

Degree completion programs are designed for adults who wish to complete a bachelor's degree. The admission requirements and process for the degree completion programs differ by program. Please visit the webpage of a specific program of interest for additional information by visiting the [Degree Completion Programs](#) page.

Post-Baccalaureate Programs

Post-baccalaureate programs are designed for students who have earned a bachelor's degree and are looking to change careers or are seeking an additional pathway to graduate school. The admission requirements and process for the post-baccalaureate programs differ by program. Please visit the desired program's webpage for additional information by visiting [Post-Baccalaureate Programs](#).

Student-at-Large (Non-Degree)

- Requirements for student-at-large students
 - Must have earned a GED, graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or better, or have a minimum college GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or better.

- To apply, students complete an admission application available on the university website and submit the following required items:
 - Submit official GED scores, official final high school transcript, or official college transcripts

International Students

International student admission is separate from receiving an I-20 form for a visa application. Admission to Dominican University does not guarantee that a student will obtain an I-20 form. Please review the requirements for international student admission and the requirements for obtaining an I-20. The admission process can vary depending on whether students are first-year students seeking a bachelor's degree, transfer students from within the U.S., transfer students from outside of the U.S., or graduate students.

We encourage students to visit the [How to Apply: International Students](#) page for details and admission application instructions.

Graduate Programs

The college and/or school that houses each graduate program is responsible for setting admission requirements based on the standards of our accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and/or any accreditations held by a specific graduate program.

- To apply, candidates can complete an admission application available on the university website and submit the appropriate admission application and materials as requested by the corresponding graduate program. Please visit the [Graduate and PhD Students](#) page for more information on admission requirements and details on the admission process.