



Notre Dame Academy

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Notre Dame Academy, founded in 1949 by the Sisters of Notre Dame, is a Catholic, college preparatory, four-year private high school accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and Western Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The school is located in a residential community of West Los Angeles. The enrollment is currently 289 students with 65 seniors graduating in June 2021.

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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

United States Department of Education

School Community

Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory private high school for young women founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1949. Students commute, coming from approximately 78 zip codes in the Los Angeles area. The Notre Dame Academy student body is enhanced and enriched by its ethnic, cultural and socio-economic diversity: 8% African American, 10% Asian, 28% Hispanic, 36% white, and 17% multiethnic. Seventy percent of the students identify themselves as Catholic.

Explanation of Transcript

The school year is divided into two semesters. Five credits are awarded for the completion of a semester's work in each subject. Grade point averages are weighted on all subjects carrying Advanced Placement notations and those Honors courses approved by the University of California. Notre Dame Academy does not rank its students. Notre Dame Academy is a highly competitive school. The typical NDA student is service-oriented on and off campus, committed to responsible leadership, diligent in academic pursuits, involved in a variety of activities including service, athletics and fine arts. Because leadership is an important component of the Notre Dame Academy educational experience and because NDA wants as many students as are able to access meaningful leadership, students are not allowed to hold primary leadership positions in more than one on-campus club at a time.

Graduation Requirements

	Semesters	Credits
Religion	8	40
English	8	40
Social Studies	6	30
Mathematics	6	30
Foreign Language	4	20
Laboratory Science	4	20
–Life Science	2	10
–Physical Science	2	10
Physical Education/Health	1	5
Visual and Performing Arts– (Art, Dance, Drama or Music)	2	10
Communications	1	5

One hundred hours of Christian Service is the minimum graduation requirement, though the vast majority of students exceed this requirement.

Explanation of Grading System

Because of Notre Dame Academy's holistic approach to education and its commitment to standards of excellence, a student may take a combination of no more than three AP courses and one honors course per semester without administrative approval.

Grade	%	Grade Points	
		Regular	Honors/AP
A	93-100	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7	0.7
F	Below 60	0.0	0.0
I	Incomplete	0.0	0.0
P	Pass	0.0	0.0

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

ART:

Advanced Placement Art History
 Advanced Placement Drawing
 Advanced Placement 2-D & 3-D Art and Design

ENGLISH:

Honors Introduction to Composition and Literature
 Honors Multi-Cultural Literature and Composition
 Advanced Placement English Language and Composition
 Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Honors Spanish 3
 Honors Spanish 4
 Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture
 Honors French 3
 Advanced Placement French Language and Culture

MATHEMATICS:

Honors Geometry
 Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
 Honors Pre-Calculus
 Advanced Placement Calculus AB

SCIENCE:

Honors Chemistry
 Advanced Placement Environmental Science
 Advanced Placement Biology
 Advanced Placement Chemistry
 Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles

SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Advanced Placement World History: Modern
 Advanced Placement United States History
 Advanced Placement Psychology
 Advanced Placement United States Government & Politics

Offers of Admission

Notre Dame Academy graduates of the past four years have been offered admission to the following colleges and universities:

American University*	Northwestern University*	University of Portland
Arizona State University	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Puget Sound*
Bates College	Occidental College	University of San Diego
Belmont University	Oregon State University*	University of San Francisco
Biola University*	Pennsylvania State University*	University of Southern California*
Boston College*	Pepperdine University*	University of Texas, Austin*
Boston University	Princeton University	University of the Pacific
Brown University	Providence College	University of Tulsa
Bryant University*	Purdue University	University of Washington*
California Baptist University*	Regis University	University of Wisconsin, Madison*
California Lutheran University*	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Villanova University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Sacred Heart University	Washington State University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*	Saint Joseph's University*	Washington University in St. Louis*
California State University, Channel Islands	Saint Mary's College	Wellesley College
California State University, Chico	Saint Louis University*	Westmont College*
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Salve Regina University*	Whittier College
California State University, Fullerton	San Diego State University*	Xavier University
California State University, Long Beach*	San Francisco State University	Yale University
California State University, Los Angeles	San Jose State University	
California State University, Northridge	Santa Clara University*	
Carleton College*	Santa Monica College*	
Carnegie Mellon University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	
Case Western Reserve University	School of Visual Arts	
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Scripps College	
Chapman University*	Seattle University	
Clark Atlanta University	Southern Methodist University	
Claremont McKenna College	Spelman College	
College of the Holy Cross	St. John's University	
Colorado State University	St. Olaf College	
Columbia University	Stanford University	
Cornell University	Syracuse University*	
Creighton University*	Texas Christian University	
Dartmouth College	The Catholic University of America	
DePaul University	The George Washington University	
Duke University	The New School-Parsons School of Design*	
El Camino College	The Ohio State University	
Emerson College	The University of Alabama	
Fairfield University	The University of Arizona*	
Fordham University	Thomas Aquinas College*	
Georgetown University	Tulane University*	
George Washington University	University of Alabama	
Gonzaga University*	University of British Columbia	
Grand Canyon University*	University of California, Berkeley*	
Harvard University	University of California, Davis*	
Hawaii Pacific University	University of California, Irvine*	
Hofstra University	University of California, Los Angeles*	
Howard University*	University of California, Merced	
Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Riverside	
Lehigh University	University of California, San Diego*	
Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Santa Barbara*	
Loyola Marymount University*	University of California, Santa Cruz*	
Loyola University Chicago	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Hawaii Manoa	
Marquette University	University of Kansas	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of La Verne*	
McGill University*	University of Maryland	
Met Film School (London)	University of Massachusetts	
Michigan State University	University of Miami	
Mount Saint Mary's University*	University of Michigan	
New York University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Northeastern University	University of Nebraska	
Northern Arizona University	University of Notre Dame	
	University of Oregon*	
	University of Pennsylvania	

*College/university admission offers
accepted by the class of 2020