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## 2019-2020 PROFILE

### ENROLLMENT:

- 2018-2019 Middle School and High School Enrollment: 559
- Class of 2020: 99
- 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:

- 64 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.

79 members of the Class of 2020 took a total of 204 AP exams by the completion of their junior year. 70% of the scores were three or higher.

### 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.

## TEST SCORES CLASSES OF 2017-2019

### SAT Middle 50%

EBRW: 580-680

Math: 540-680

Total: 1120-1350

### ACT Middle 50%

Composite: 23-30

English: 24-34

Math: 22-29

Reading: 24-33

Science: 22-29

## CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The Academy's Center for Global Leadership connects Notre Dame students as global citizens to an international learning community of sister schools around the world. Notre Dame currently has partnerships with seven schools for student collaborations, educational and cultural exchanges, and shared global learning opportunities.

## 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 are an extension of Notre Dame's curriculum and provide educational options that are not limited by time or location. 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.

## CURRICULUM CHART

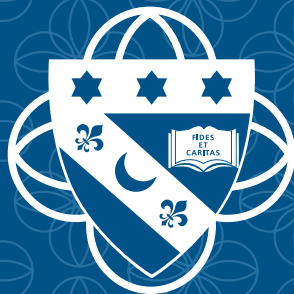
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts	Intro to Visual/Performing Arts Dance Company *** Women's Chorale *** HS Ensemble *** Art I ***	Art I Art II Art Methods * Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Graphic Design * Photography * Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Dance Company Women's Chorale HS Ensemble	AP Art History Art II Art Methods * Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Advanced Ceramic Design * Graphic Design * Photography * Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Dance Company Women's Chorale HS Ensemble	AP Art History AP Studio Art Art II Art Methods * Ceramic Design I * Ceramic Design II * Advanced Ceramic Design * Graphic Design * Photography * Intro to Dance * Dance Appreciation * Dance Company Women's Chorale HS Ensemble
English	Intro to World Literature **	British Literature ** Creative Writing * Modern Literature *	AP English Language American Literature Creative Writing * Modern Literature *	AP English Literature Women and Literature Creative Writing * Modern Literature *
Health/PE Counseling	Seminar 9 * PE9/Health 9 *	Seminar 10 * PE9/Health 10 *	Seminar 11 *	Seminar 12 *
Mathematics	Expanded Algebra I Algebra I Geometry ** H Geometry/AlgII/Trig Algebra II/Trig **	Geometry ** H Geometry/AlgII/Trig Algebra II Algebra II/Trig ** PreCalculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance * Statistics .5 credit or 1 credit AP Statistics	Algebra II Algebra II/Trig ** Advanced Math Concepts PreCalculus ** Calculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance * Trig and Logic * Statistics .5 credit or 1 credit AP Statistics AP Calculus AB	Advanced Math Concepts PreCalculus ** Calculus ** Design Thinking * Entrepreneurship Intro to Finance * Trig and Logic * Statistics .5 credit or 1 credit AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
Science	Physics ** Independent Research	Chemistry ** Environmental Science Independent Research	Biology ** Physics 11/12 ** Neuroscience Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering Environmental Science AP Biology AP Environmental Science Independent Research	STEM Ethics Physics 11/12 ** 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	Senior Seminar
Technology	Integrated into the Curriculum	Computer Programming * Robotics and Coding *	Computer Programming * Robotics and Coding * AP Computer Science (OSG)	Computer Programming * Robotics and Coding * AP Computer Science (OSG)
World Languages	French I      Mandarin I French II **    Mandarin II ** Latin I      Spanish I Latin II **    Spanish II **	French I      Mandarin I French II **    Mandarin II ** French III **    Mandarin III ** Latin I      Spanish I Latin II **    Spanish II ** Latin III **    Spanish III **	French I      Mandarin I French II **    Mandarin II ** French III **    Mandarin III ** French IV **    Mandarin IV ** Latin I      Spanish I Latin II **    Spanish II ** Latin III **    Spanish III ** Latin IV **    Spanish IV ** AP Latin	French I      Mandarin I French II **    Mandarin II ** French III **    Mandarin III ** French IV **    Mandarin IV ** French V      AP Mandarin AP French    Spanish I Latin I      Spanish II ** Latin II **    Spanish III ** Latin III **    Spanish IV ** Latin IV **    Spanish V AP Latin      AP Spanish
*offered as a semester course    **offered at honors level    ***offered to 9 <sup>th</sup> graders if accepted by audition or portfolio				

## 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  
 Hi-Q





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## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2017-2019

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### **American University**

### **Auburn University**

Baldwin Wallace University

Binghamton University

### **Boston College**

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### **Bucknell University**

Champlain College

### **Clemson University**

### **College of Charleston**

### **College of the Holy Cross**

College of William & Mary

Connecticut College

### **Cornell University**

Dartmouth College

Dickinson College

### **Drexel University**

Duke University

Duquesne University

### **Elon University**

### **Fairfield University**

### **Fordham University**

Franklin & Marshall College

### **Georgetown University**

Georgia Institute of Technology

### **Gettysburg College**

Gwynedd Mercy University

Hamilton College - NY

Indiana University at Bloomington

Ithaca College

### **James Madison University**

Jefferson (Philadelphia University

+ Thomas Jefferson University)

### **Lehigh University**

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

### **Loyola University Maryland**

Loyola University New Orleans

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

### **Marist College**

Marymount Manhattan College

Middlebury College

Muhlenberg College

### **New York University**

### **Northeastern University**

### **Northwestern University**

### **Pennsylvania State University**

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Schreyer Honors College

### **Princeton University**

Providence College

Quinnipiac University

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

### **Saint Joseph's 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**

St. Bonaventure University

### **Syracuse University**

Temple University

Texas Christian University

### **The Catholic University of America**

### **The George Washington University**

The New School - All Divisions

### **The University of Alabama**

The University of Arizona

The University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill

The University of Scranton

The University of Texas, Dallas

### **Tufts University**

### **Tulane University**

University of California, Berkeley

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

University of California, Santa Barbara

### **University of Colorado at Boulder**

### **University of Dayton**

### **University of Delaware**

### **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 the Sciences in Philadelphia

### **University of Vermont**

### **University of Virginia**

### **University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Ursinus College

### **Villanova University**

### **Virginia Tech**

Wake Forest University

Washington College

Washington University in St. Louis

### **West Chester University of Pennsylvania**

West Virginia University

Wilkes University

Wittenberg University

Xavier University