



# 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 353 students with 90 seniors graduating in May 2017.

Ms. Lillian Paetzold - President/Head of School  
Mr. Brad Fuller - Interim Principal  
Mrs. Meredith Vogler - Associate Principal/Director of Activities

Ms. Kathy Morgan - Director of Guidance  
Ms. Sara Hulsy - Counselor 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Tanja Sadowski - Counselor 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>

## 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 66 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: 12% African American, 16% Asian, 31% Hispanic, 29% white, and 12% other. Seventy-eight 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

240 credits are required for graduation.

	<u>Semesters</u>	<u>Credits</u>
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	2	10
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.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>	
		<u>Regular</u>	<u>Honors/AP</u>
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 Studio Art: Drawing  
Advanced Placement Studio Art: 2-D & 3-D Design  
Advanced Placement Art History

#### **ENGLISH:**

Honors Introduction to Literature/Composition  
Honors World Literature/Composition  
Advanced Placement English Language/Composition  
Advanced Placement English Literature/Composition

#### **WORLD LANGUAGES:**

Honors Spanish 3  
Advanced Placement French Language & Culture  
Honors French 3  
Advanced Placement Spanish Language & Culture

#### **MATHEMATICS:**

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

#### **SCIENCE:**

Honors Chemistry  
Honors Physics  
Advanced Placement Environmental Science  
Advanced Placement Biology  
Advanced Placement Chemistry  
Advanced Placement Physics 1

#### **SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Advanced Placement World History  
Advanced Placement European History  
Advanced Placement United States History  
Advanced Placement Psychology  
Advanced Placement Government & Politics: U.S.

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE:**

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles

## Mean SAT Scores

	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Math</u>
NDA Class of 2014:	555	532
State	498	510
National	497	513
NDA Class of 2015:	580	563
State	495	506
National	495	511
NDA Class of 2016:	552	536
State	491	500
National	494	508
NDA Class of 2017:	615	564
National	533	527

## Post Secondary Education

Classes of	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Four-year Colleges %	89	90	95	98
Two-year Colleges %	11	10	4	2
Other/Military	0	0	1	0

## Accreditation and Membership

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (six-year term), National Catholic Education Association, The College Board, Western Catholic Educational Association, Notre Dame Educational Association, twice recognized as United States Department of Education Nationally Recognized School of Excellence (Blue Ribbon Award).

## Offers of Admission

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

Arizona State University	Lewis & Clark College	The University of Arizona
Belmont University	Long Beach City College*	The University of Scranton
Berklee College of Music	Louisiana State University	The University of Texas, Austin
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University*	United States Naval Academy
Brown University	Loyola University Chicago*	University of British Columbia*
Bryn Mawr College	Loyola University New Orleans	University of California, Berkeley*
California Baptist University*	Marquette University*	University of California, Davis*
California Lutheran University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, Irvine*
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo*	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	University of California, Los Angeles*
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*	McGill University	University of California, Merced*
California State University, Channel Islands	Michigan State University	University of California, Riverside*
California State University, Chico	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of California, San Diego
California State University, Dominguez Hills	New York University	University of California, Santa Barbara*
California State University, Fullerton	Northeastern University	University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Long Beach	Northern Arizona University	University of Chicago
California State University, Los Angeles*	Northwestern University	University of Colorado at Boulder
California State University, Northridge*	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Dayton*
Carnegie Mellon University	Occidental College	University of Hawaii Manoa*
Case Western Reserve University	Oregon State University	University of Kansas
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Maryland*
Chapman University*	Pennsylvania State University	University of Massachusetts*
Claremont McKenna College	Pepperdine University	University of Miami*
College of the Holy Cross	Point Loma Nazarene University*	University of Nebraska*
Colorado State University	Princeton University	University of Notre Dame
Columbia University*	Providence College	University of Oregon*
Cornell University	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
Creighton University*	Regis University*	University of Portland
Dartmouth College*	Sacred Heart University*	University of Puget Sound
DePaul University	Saint Mary's College	University of San Diego*
Dominican University of California	Saint Mary's College of California	University of San Francisco*
Duke University*	San Diego State University	University of Southern California*
El Camino College*	San Francisco State University*	University of the Pacific
Fairfield University	San Jose State University*	University of Tulsa*
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles	Santa Clara University*	University of Washington
Fordham University	Santa Monica College*	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Georgetown University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago*	Villanova University
Gonzaga University*	Scripps College	Washington State University*
Grand Canyon University	Seattle University*	Wellesley College*
Harvard University	St. John's University*	West Los Angeles College*
Hawaii Pacific University	Stanford University*	Whittier College*
Howard University*	Syracuse University	Xavier University
Johns Hopkins University	Texas Christian University*	Yale University*
Lehigh University*	The George Washington University	
	The Ohio State University	
	The University of Alabama*	

\*College/university admission offers  
accepted by the class of 2017