

# University of Notre Dame

## Admissions Quick Reference Guide



### Why Notre Dame?

The University of Notre Dame is the nation's preeminent Catholic research institution, [guided in our Mission](#) by the vision of our founder, Rev. Edward Sorin, of the Congregation of Holy Cross. We encourage you to discover your answer to the question "[Why Notre Dame?](#)"

Notre Dame is [Test Optional](#) for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Application Cycles!

### Resources

- [Sign up](#) for a campus tour and information session
- Discover our Admissions Fact Sheet and other digital [print materials](#)
- [Join our mailing list](#) to receive more information about the University
- Attend a [virtual information session](#). These presentations, hosted by an admissions staff member and two current Notre Dame students, include the opportunity to ask questions about Notre Dame and our admissions process. You can also register for a virtual tour, led by current students
- Review [on-demand sessions](#) to assist during the college discernment and application process
- Download [College Bound](#), the Notre Dame Admissions podcast

### Student Life at Notre Dame

Notre Dame supports more than [500 student clubs and organizations](#), fosters spiritual growth for those of all faith backgrounds through [Campus Ministry](#), and treasures the [inclusive communities in our residence halls](#). You can join the 75% of Notre Dame students who [Study Abroad](#) and the 80% of students who engage in service opportunities through the [Center for Social Concerns](#). Explore career paths and research experiences through the nation's largest [Center for Career Development](#) and [over \\$222 million in research funding](#) awarded to students and faculty in 2020-2021.

### Promoting a Supportive and Inclusive Community

- Support services and additional resources provided by [Multicultural Student Programming and Services \(MSPS\)](#) and the [Office of Student Enrichment](#)
- Student clubs, such as: [Diversity Council](#), [1stG ND](#), [Shades of Ebony](#), and [PrismND](#)
- Institutes and centers, such as: [Institute for Latino Studies](#), [Native American Initiatives](#), [Department of Africana Studies](#), [Department of East Asian Language and Cultures](#)
- Guidance on courses and major discernment for all first-year students from [First Year Advising](#)

### Applying to the University of Notre Dame

Learn more about the application process to the University, including our [supplemental essay prompts](#), [application deadlines](#), and [evaluation criteria](#).

### Placement Credit

Learn more about [opportunities for credit by exam](#), such as AP, IB, or placement exams.

### Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships

Notre Dame is one of fewer than 60 schools around the country that meets 100% of a [family's demonstrated financial need](#) while remaining need-blind in our admissions process U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented students. We encourage families to explore our [Office of Financial Aid's website](#) and use our [Net Price Calculator](#) and/or [MyinTuition](#) to estimate a need-based financial aid package from the University. We also invite you to learn more about [merit scholarships](#) at Notre Dame. While we have a ["need aware" evaluation process for international students](#), we are still committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated need for those students we admit.

### Want to learn more?

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