President’s Welcome
If there is one single word that describes Notre Dame de Namur, that word is community. Like other universities, we are a community of teachers, scholars, and learners committed to excellence and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the Catholic intellectual tradition. At NDNU, we have a strong commitment to providing high-quality professional education within the context of the Catholic social justice tradition and the Hallmarks of a Notre Dame Learning Community. This means that we are acutely aware of the needs of the larger society that surrounds our campus. Hence, NDNU also seeks to develop in its students a deep commitment to becoming valued, contributing members of their community. Our students and alumni can be found making a difference for community organizations across the Bay Area.

Our engagement with the community goes beyond community service projects; NDNU has always been committed to giving our students the opportunity to learn from, and give back to, the community in which they live. In 2007, we launched the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement to be the focal point for the University’s community engagement activities. Sr. Dorothy was a Sister of Notre Dame who was martyred in Brazil in February of 2005 for her work defending indigent farmers and the environment in the Amazon rain forest. She inspires us to continue the work of social justice. In recent years, we have built an academic plan that embeds community engagement throughout the curriculum. It is our goal to give every student the opportunity to learn from and contribute in a meaningful way to the community.

The Sisters of Notre Dame have their origin in Namur, Belgium, educating young women during the French Revolution. NDNU is the third oldest in California, founded in 1851 by Sisters of Notre Dame who moved from Oregon to establish schools in California at the outset of the Gold Rush. Now in our 170th year, NDNU is transitioning to a primarily graduate institution, focused on programs in education, clinical psychology, business administration, and public administration. We are proud to continue the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame, as we adapt to the needs of the time and place where we serve.

Mission Statement
Founded upon the values of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and rooted in the Catholic tradition, Notre Dame de Namur University serves its students and the community by providing excellent professional and liberal arts programs in which community engagement and the values of social justice and global peace are integral to the learning experience. NDNU is a diverse and inclusive learning community that challenges each member to consciously apply values and ethics in his/her personal, professional, and public life.

Vision Statement
Notre Dame de Namur University will be recognized in the San Francisco Bay Area as a leader in integrating community engagement into high-quality academic programs. NDNU’s programs will be widely known for their innovative synthesis of liberal arts learning, professionally-oriented learning, and core values.

History
For a brief history of NDNU, please visit https://www.ndnu.edu/about/history/.

Academic Freedom Statement
It is fundamental to the health of an academic institution and ultimately to the health of a society at large that individual persons and groups of persons exercise their responsibility and freedom to search for the truth and to speak the truth as it is discovered. In a collegial community, the corporate person of the University and the persons of the faculty, staff, administration, and the student body bear mutual responsibility to exercise professional competence and to extend to one another the trust and respect that foster an environment for the exercise of academic freedom.

Specific information regarding student academic freedoms, code of student conduct, student judicial system, policy on harassment and discrimination and student grievance procedures is contained in the Student Handbook available from the Student Affairs Division. See the section on Student Academic Rights and Responsibilities.
Statement of Nondiscrimination

Notre Dame de Namur University's educational services and employment opportunities are provided without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, marital status and other criteria protected by law except where there is a bona fide occupational or religious qualification. Any otherwise qualified student or applicant with a disability may request reasonable accommodation regarding the application process and services as a prospective or enrolled student. Requests for accommodation of a disability or any complaints by students related to student educational services or their employment opportunities should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Notre Dame de Namur University, (650) 508-3494.

Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation

Notre Dame de Namur University is accredited by the:

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)
1001 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 402
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 748-9001

Accredited and Approved Programs at NDNU

Education credential programs are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The MS Clinical Psychology program with the Marriage and Family Therapy concentration (MSCP/MFT), or with the Marriage and Family Therapy and Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling concentration (MSCP/MFT/LPCC), is in compliance with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences requirements for programs leading to MFT licensure (MSCP/MFT), or to both MFT and LPCC licensure (MSCP/MFT/LPCC).

The following business programs at Notre Dame de Namur University are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP): Bachelor of Science, Business Administration (BS), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Master of Public Administration (MPA).

NDNU is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students.

Higher Education Act Disclosures

Information that the University is required to disclose under the Higher Education Act and its amendments is available on the NDNU website at http://www.ndnu.edu/disclosures/.