San Domenico Upper School Profile
2018-2019

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The San Domenico Difference
San Domenico School was founded by the Dominican Sisters in 1850, the same year California gained statehood. As California’s oldest independent school, the Dominican values of Study, Reflection, Community, and Service, are guiding principles that inform our educational philosophy as we prepare the next generation of global leaders. At San Domenico, we encourage students to strive for academic excellence, reflect on their learning, find their purpose, and celebrate community.

School Community
Our day and boarding campus is situated on a bucolic 515-acre campus in San Anselmo, just 30 minutes north of San Francisco.

San Domenico prioritizes access to an independent school education for all students. The 2018-19 school year marks our first year as a fully co-ed school with a total of 312 enrolled students. Within our domestic population from across the Bay Area and beyond, 50% identify as students of color. We welcome international students from 12 different countries to our campus this year, who make up 71% of our boarding population. Additionally, 49% of San Domenico students receive financial aid. These combining factors create a unique, diverse, and global community of students that promote respect and understanding in and out of the classroom.

Academics
We encourage students to think critically, question meaningfully, and listen openly and thoughtfully. To facilitate these goals we have a block schedule with 80-minute classes that meet five times over two weeks. The block schedule allows the opportunity for deep discussion, complex lab work, and full artistic engagement. Grades are calculated each semester on a 4.0 scale and both weighted and unweighted GPA is calculated. All courses are taught at a rigorous college preparatory level. We also offer 15 Advanced Placement courses and 3 honors courses, which are calculated into our weighted GPA. We believe in a balanced academic schedule and recommend that students limit honors/AP enrollment to 3 courses per year. Students may petition for an exception which is considered after thorough discussion and planning for an appropriately challenging course schedule for the interested student.

Honor Code
Our Honor Code represents a school-wide commitment to fostering an environment rooted in personal integrity in a culture of respect and trust. As such, our community (students, faculty, and staff) gather at the start of each school year to read, discuss and sign our honor code in acknowledgment of our collective responsibility to abide by the outlined commitments.
Notable Programs

The Music Conservatory
Our Virtuoso Program is for advanced string musicians who wish to engage in the rigorous pursuit of pre-professional music training while in high school. As members of both an orchestra and a string quartet, our musicians have approximately 18 hours of musical instruction each week in addition to regular practice and performances which add another 10+ hours to their schedules. Participation is by audition only upon entrance to the Upper School.

ROSE Project (Real Opportunities for Service in Education)
The ROSE project begins with a challenge: to understand the social, political, ecological and economic aspects of striving for equitable justice in our modern world. Through this lens, students are tasked to identify a cause and take action by engaging in a substantial service learning project through junior and senior years at SD. Recent projects include teaching children about health and reproductive services in Ethiopia, working for a mobile spaying and neutering clinic in Thailand, and collecting data on water pollution to promote more sustainable laundry practices. All students are eligible to apply and interview for up to $3,000 in scholarship funding for their ROSE project through our Julie Davis Butler ’59 program. Now in its 3rd decade, this award is presented annually to juniors whose ROSE Project is identified as alleviating a significant social injustice.

Spring Discovery
Students engage in a week of experiential learning through a program known as Spring Discovery. Starting with the ‘Freshman Experience’, in which students engage in a week of local field trips and volunteer opportunities, our faculty provide experiences for entering students to look beyond the classroom. Sophomores embark on a learning experience to Catalina Island led by Naturalists at Large, and Juniors and Seniors choose from an ever-changing range of offerings provided by our faculty and staff that encourage exploration and personal curiosity.

Statistics: Class of 2018

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<td>Biology - Ecology: 520-610</td>
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<td>Math: 610-770</td>
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<td>Composite: 1230-1430</td>
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<td>*Middle-50% includes Class of 2016-2018 for a representative sample of 5+ testers per test</td>
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## Curriculum At-A-Glance

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<th>Subject Area</th>
<th>Required Courses</th>
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<td><strong>English (4 Years)</strong></td>
<td>● English 9&lt;br&gt;● English 10&lt;br&gt;● English 11&lt;br&gt;● English 12 (semester electives)</td>
<td>● Literature and Composition&lt;br&gt;● Senior Composition&lt;br&gt;● Mystery &amp; Crime&lt;br&gt;● AP English Language &amp; Composition&lt;br&gt;● AP English Literature and Composition</td>
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<td><strong>Social Science (3 Years)</strong></td>
<td>● Global Studies&lt;br&gt;● Europe and the Modern World&lt;br&gt;● US History or AP US History</td>
<td>● Issues in American Democracy&lt;br&gt;● International Relations&lt;br&gt;● AP Psychology&lt;br&gt;● AP Microeconomics&lt;br&gt;● AP Macroeconomics</td>
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<td><strong>Science (3 Years)</strong></td>
<td>● Conceptual Physics&lt;br&gt;● Biology&lt;br&gt;● Chemistry or Chemistry Honors</td>
<td>● AP Chemistry&lt;br&gt;● AP Biology&lt;br&gt;● AP Environmental Science&lt;br&gt;● Environmental Science&lt;br&gt;● AP Physics&lt;br&gt;● Introduction to Engineering&lt;br&gt;● Human Biology&lt;br&gt;● Teacher Assistantship</td>
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<td><strong>Math (3 Years)</strong></td>
<td>● Algebra 1&lt;br&gt;● Geometry&lt;br&gt;● Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 Honors</td>
<td>● Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Honors&lt;br&gt;● AP Calculus AB&lt;br&gt;● AP Calculus BC&lt;br&gt;● AP Statistics&lt;br&gt;● Statistics&lt;br&gt;● Multivariable Calculus</td>
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<td><strong>Philosophy, Ethics, &amp; World Religions (4 Years)</strong></td>
<td>● Global Studies&lt;br&gt;● Sacred Texts&lt;br&gt;● Social Justice&lt;br&gt;Senior Electives: Choose 2 semester courses&lt;br&gt;● Introduction to Philosophy&lt;br&gt;● Wisdom in Chaos&lt;br&gt;● Zen Buddhism&lt;br&gt;● Ethics&lt;br&gt;● Ethics and Theater</td>
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<td>**World Languages (3 Consecutive Years)<em>&lt;br&gt;<em>not required for international students</em></em></td>
<td>● Spanish 1&lt;br&gt;● Spanish 2&lt;br&gt;● Spanish 3&lt;br&gt;● Spanish 4&lt;br&gt;● AP Spanish Language&lt;br&gt;● Mandarin 1&lt;br&gt;● Mandarin 2&lt;br&gt;● Mandarin 3&lt;br&gt;● Mandarin 4</td>
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<td><strong>Visual &amp; Performing Arts (2 Years)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Music Electives</strong>&lt;br&gt;● San Domenico Singers&lt;br&gt;● Piano Ensemble&lt;br&gt;● Flute, Choir, or Classical Guitar Sinfonia&lt;br&gt;● Chamber Orchestra&lt;br&gt;● Vocal Ensemble&lt;br&gt;● Virtuoso Program (see above)&lt;br&gt;○ VP Chamber Music&lt;br&gt;○ VP Orchestra da Camera&lt;br&gt;● AP Music Theory&lt;br&gt;<strong>Theater Electives</strong>&lt;br&gt;● Theater Arts 2-4&lt;br&gt;● Theater Arts Honors&lt;br&gt;● Theater Performance Workshop</td>
<td><strong>Visual Arts Electives</strong>&lt;br&gt;● Ceramics 1 &amp; 2&lt;br&gt;● Ceramics 3 &amp; 4&lt;br&gt;● Visual Arts 2&lt;br&gt;● Photography 1 &amp; 2&lt;br&gt;● AP Studio Art 2D&lt;br&gt;● AP Studio Art 3D&lt;br&gt;● Advanced Art Independent Study&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Film</strong>&lt;br&gt;● Film 1&lt;br&gt;● Film 2&lt;br&gt;● Film 3&lt;br&gt;● Film 4 Independent Study&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Dance Electives</strong>&lt;br&gt;● Beg Pointe&lt;br&gt;● Int/Adv Ballet&lt;br&gt;● Dance 2</td>
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College Matriculations 2014-2018

Bard College
Barnard College
Berkeley City College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University (5)
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo (2)
Pomona
California State University, Chico (2)
Carleton College
Carroll College (Montana)
Chapman University
Cleveland Institute of Music
College of William and Mary (2)
Cornell University (2)
Dominican University of California
Drew University
Duke University
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Emerson College
Emory University (2)
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Irvine
Georgetown University
The George Washington University (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University (3)
Harvey Mudd College
Holy Cross College
Howard University (2)
Indiana University at Bloomington
International Christian University
The Juilliard School
Kenyon College
La Sierra University
Lehigh University (2)
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University (5)
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College (2)
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Mills College
Mount Holyoke College (2)
The New School
New York University (7)
Oberlin College
Occidental College (4)
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pasadena City College
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College (4)
Purdue University (2)
Quest University Canada
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rocky Mountain College
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Saint Mary’s College of California (3)
Salve Regina University
Santa Rosa Junior College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College (2)
Seattle University (2)
Skidmore College (2)
Smith College (2)
Southern Methodist University
St. John’s College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University (2)
Syracuse University
The University of Arizona (3)
The University of Iowa
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley (13)
Davis (4)
Irvine (4)
Los Angeles (4)
San Diego (8)
Santa Barbara (3)
Santa Cruz (6)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder (3)
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign (6)
University of Michigan (2)
University of Notre Dame
University of Portland
University of Redlands (3)
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Southern California (3)
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Washington (2)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Vassar College
Wake Forest University (2)
Washington and Lee University
Westmont College (2)
Whitman College
Willamette University (2)

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