

# Duncan Hall Freshman Orientation Handbook 2013



*From the desk of the Rector of Duncan Hall:*

On behalf of the Duncan Hall Classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016, and on behalf of our staff, I want to welcome you, our newest Highlanders. My name is Terry Fitzgibbons, and I am the Rector of Duncan Hall. Last year—my second year as Rector—was a great one. As Duncan only opened in 2008, I was especially privileged to watch our second class of four-year Highlanders graduate this past May. I am very much looking forward to doing it all over again this upcoming year but now with you.

“Brotherhood, Community, Respect.” That is our motto and foundation here at Duncan. It is a great privilege and responsibility to be your Rector and to continue to build on those three ideals with you. You will be an integral part of the character and mystique of Duncan Hall. Your presence will help define the hall, and I know that you’ll be up for that challenge. Most importantly, you will soon call Duncan Hall “home,” and our job on hall staff is to make you feel that way.

Originally from Chalfont, Pennsylvania (a northern suburb of Philadelphia), I graduated from Notre Dame in 2004, having studied political science and Arabic studies and having spent a semester in Egypt. From 2004 to 2008, I was an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving on ships out of Bahrain, Texas, and Japan. I left active duty in 2008 and returned to school at the University of Toronto, where I obtained a master’s in Middle Eastern studies. Following that, I was a volunteer teacher with the Congregation of Holy Cross’s Overseas Lay Mission program in Jinja, Uganda, for sixteen months. Finally, I headed back to Notre Dame to become the Rector of Duncan Hall, and I just completed my first year, as mentioned.

Our Hall Orientation Commissioner, Peter McGinley, will soon contact you. The Hall Orientation Committee is tweaking the Freshmen Orientation Handbook and updating other items on our website ( [www.nd.edu/~duncan/](http://www.nd.edu/~duncan/) ). Be sure to read it. It has a variety of information that you and your family will find very useful as you prepare for the move to Notre Dame. When you arrive, you’ll be met by our Frosh-O team who will help you unload your car, move into your room, and acclimate to life under the Dome. You will also be welcomed by our hall staff comprised of six senior-year Resident Assistants (RAs), two graduate student Assistant Rectors (ARs), and me, who will assist you with any questions you and your family might have.

Please send me a photo and a couple things you would like us to know about you. I will have plenty of time to get to know you in the next four years, but this will give us a head start. The photos will be posted on our “Welcome Freshmen” board, but any other information will only be shared among hall staff. If you feel uncomfortable doing so or have privacy concerns, that is certainly understandable.

Additionally, when you check in, we will be collecting a “hall tax” of \$80 (cash or checks made payable to “Duncan Hall”), which goes to support our hall programs, events, teams, and community life. If you or your family is unable to pay the hall tax at check-in, please just see me privately on arrival day. We will see most of you on Friday, August 23. For current move-in dates and specific times, please consult the Office of Housing’s website: <http://housing.nd.edu/resources1/students/move-in-information/>.

If you have any questions as you pack and prepare for your trip, feel free to contact any member of the Duncan Hall staff or me. (You may be hearing from your individual RA as well). We are here to make your transition to life at Notre Dame a smooth one. I look forward to your arrival. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer. GO IRISH! GO HIGHLANDERS!

Sincerely,  
Terry Fitzgibbons  
Rector, Duncan Hall  
574-631-6457  
tfitzgib@nd.edu

To the newest members of Duncan Hall,

Congratulations on being admitted into the ND Class of 2017. But more importantly, congratulations on being selected to live in the best damn dorm on campus. As the newest men of Duncan Hall, you are entering a community that is constantly growing, improving, and staking its claim atop men's dorms at Notre Dame. As this year's Freshman Orientation Coordinator, it is my great pleasure to be the first Highlander (besides Terry, of course) to welcome you into this great brotherhood. As Terry's already told you, life in Duncan centers around our motto of "Brotherhood, Community, Respect," and, accordingly, so does the Duncan Freshman Orientation.

The "Frosh-O" weekend is one of new experiences, new faces, and new brothers. For some of you, this transition into life in Duncan will take a little longer than others, but know that none of you are going into this alone. You have incredible resources within Duncan that extend far beyond Terry and me. Each of you will have an RA assigned to your section within the dorm, and there are two Assistant Rectors in the dorm as well. Besides them, we have a Frosh-O team that will be working with me all weekend and a great group of upperclassmen in the dorm. By the end of the Frosh-O weekend, our goal as your Frosh-O coordinators is to have you beginning to recognize Duncan Hall as your new home, and to view your fellow Highlanders as brothers.

Despite only opening in 2008, Duncan Hall has quickly established itself as a respected dorm on campus. We were awarded "Men's Hall of the Year" for the 2009-2010 school year, and have made some noise on campus in many ways. These include interhall sports, our signature events (the Duncan Classic golf tournament and our annual dance on the 99th floor of the Willis Tower in Chicago), and other sweet events like acoustic cafe and different clubs and organizations on campus. You will be exposed to all of Duncan's events, as well as different campus-wide clubs soon after arriving on campus. Don't hesitate to get involved early. I have personally participated in Duncan Hall's interhall football and baseball teams, as well as the annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament, and an International Summer Service Learning Program, so I would be more than happy to act as a resource for anyone interested in those things or any other groups on campus. Our other Frosh-O staff members are also involved in a variety of organizations on campus and would serve as great resources for you as well.

Duncan Hall Council, headed by our fearless leader/hall president, Michael Wajda, is a great way to get involved in the dorm right away. We meet briefly in the Duncan lounge once every week to discuss events occurring within Duncan and all over campus, and it is a great forum for any new ideas that you may have. Having only opened in 2008, Duncan is unique in that it is not steeped in decades of

tradition like many other dorms on campus. This provides each of you with the unique ability to help create new traditions, build on those that have been recently established, and ultimately leave your mark on Duncan Hall. Over the past two years in Duncan, I have come to love the potential that we all have to leave our mark, and I hope that you will come into Duncan with the desire to continue building tradition within Duncan.

Remember, Frosh-O is about you. Be yourself, meet people, and know that there's nothing to worry about. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and can't wait to welcome you into your new home in Duncan. Feel free to contact me anytime with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have. You will be receiving a phone call from one of the members of the Frosh-O team within the next few weeks, so they will also be able to answer any questions that you may have.

In brotherhood,

Pete McGinley  
HOC Duncan Hall

Email: [pmcginle@nd.edu](mailto:pmcginle@nd.edu) Phone: 610-22304156

## Frosh-O Weekend Schedule

### Friday August 23rd:

**9:00am:** Freshman move in begins

**4:30pm-7:00pm:** Picnic in North and South Dining Halls for students and parents

**8:00pm:** All freshman report to Duncan Hall Chapel

**8:00pm – Midnight:** Planned events with Frosh-O Staff (More detailed schedule of evening will be provided at move in)\*\*

### Saturday, August 24th:

**10:15am-11:45am:** Introduction to Hall Staff in Duncan Hall Chapel  
(Parents and Students)

**7:00pm-9:00pm:** Freshman Parent Cookout in Duncan Courtyard. Families are welcome and encouraged.

**9:00pm-1:00am:** Planned events with Frosh-O Staff \*\*

Sunday, August 25th:

**2:30pm-5:00pm:** Planned Events with Frosh-O staff.

**6:00pm-7:00pm:** Optional dinner with Frosh-O staff.

**7:00-11:45pm:** Planned events with Frosh-O staff \*\*

\*\*All Frosh-O activities are mandatory for freshman, barring an excused absence. The level of participation for individuals at each event will be determined on site, but everyone must be in attendance.

## Staff Information

**RECTOR:** Rectors have a special interest in the growth and development of college students. Each rector is responsible for coordinating and supervising staff members and for developing and implementing religious, community-service, and educational programs that support the total institutional goals of the University. Notre Dame is known for its unique and unparalleled approach and dedication to its residential mission, continuing the vision of its Holy Cross founders to educate the mind and the heart. Rectors are essential to the fulfillment of this mission.



### **Terry Fitzgibbons (Room 100)**

Serving as Rector of Duncan Hall is Terry Fitzgibbons. Originally from Chalfont, Pennsylvania, Terry graduated from Notre Dame in 2004. From 2004 to 2008, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving on various ships out of Bahrain, South Texas, and Japan. He returned to school in 2008 at the University of Toronto, where he obtained a master's in Middle Eastern Studies. Most recently, Terry spent sixteen months in Uganda as an Overseas Lay Mission volunteer with the Congregation of Holy Cross, teaching at an undergraduate seminary and a primary

school.

**ASSISTANT RECTORS:** The assistant rector (AR) is also a member of the head staff of each residence hall. Generally, assistant rectors are Notre Dame graduate students. The assistant rector aids the rector in the administration of the residence hall and its programs as well as living and working closely with the residents.



**Jonathan Welch (Room 222)**

Serving as an Assistant Rector for Duncan Hall is Jonathan Welch. Jonathan currently attends the Notre Dame MBA Program. Prior to business school, Jonathan worked in his hometown of Virginia Beach, Virginia for Towne Bank in a variety of roles, most recently as a commercial lending administrative officer. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 2011, earning a Bachelor of Arts with majors in both Economics and Government and a minor in Psychology. While at UVA, he was involved in student council, the university judiciary committee, the club basketball team and a fraternity. In his free time he enjoys playing, watching and coaching sports, exercising and spending time with his family and friends.



**Sukesh Shekar (Room 300)**

Sukesh is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Chemistry, with special interests in catalysis for sustainable energy supply. The unique culture, people and resources of Notre Dame brought him here after completing a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at Florida Tech. Sukesh is always open to new experiences like playing squash, swing dancing, feeding ducks, and listening to punny jokes. Sukesh comes from a multicultural background; he grew up in India and likes to immerse himself in a culture to learn about it. He is an ardent purveyor of food and will eat anything that looks appetizing. He frequently heckles Chipotle burrito makers to add more chicken to his burrito. Sukesh likes to cook Indian food and has made some inroads into American and French cuisine. He has tried and been unsuccessful in playing musical instruments but loves jazz, blues and healthy dose of classic rock. Sukesh has interests in philosophy, personal finance, happiness, psychology and fashion. He finds time for his interests by not having a television; however Sukesh enjoys watching cricket and football at sport bars. He has requested Buffalo Wild Wings to stream live cricket feeds, they have been unaccommodating thus far, but Sukesh is still trying.

**RESIDENT ASSISTANTS:** The resident assistant (RA) is a senior in the hall who also is a member of the Hall Staff. RAs are involved in helping students live together productively in the residence halls. The Duncan Hall RA's are an elite group selected to assist in the important work of building community and the foundation of the traditions of Duncan Hall.

**Will Holmes**  
**Room 117**  
**Section 1A**



Will Holmes is from Centennial, Colorado and is studying Chemical Engineering. Will enjoys being involved in a number of diverse Duncan activities. He plays section football and interhall lacrosse, has been a dorm commissioner for the past three years (academic commissioner, liturgical commissioner/sacristan, historian), and is very excited to be the 1A RA next year. In his free time, Will enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, watching movies, fishing, and hiking. Will is

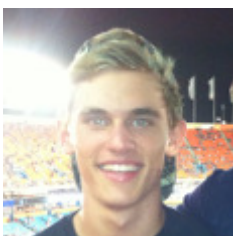
looking forward to bringing his section together by engaging in a wide variety of activities to get everyone involved. Will is amazed by how fast his past three years at Notre Dame have seemed to go by, but he is ready to enjoy his senior year and prepare a great environment for the freshmen through seniors in 1A this next year!

**Andrew Gasparrini**  
**Room 143**  
**Section 1B**



Drew is a senior biochemistry major from Ridgefield, CT. He is the oldest of six, and loves spending time with his family. When he is not in Duncan, Drew can be found working out at the Rock, studying in the library, or working in the chemistry lab. He enjoys reading and is an avid Yankees fan. After graduation, Drew plans to attend graduate school. Drew is really looking forward to being the 1B RA this year, and he can't wait to meet the new class of Duncan freshman!

**Matt Romano**  
**Room 217**  
**Section 2A**



My name is Matthew Romano, and I will be the 2A RA for Duncan Hall this upcoming year. Feel free to stop by anytime to talk or hang out, my door is always open. I am currently a senior at the University of Notre Dame, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Corporate Practice. I am originally from Stuart, FL (about 2 hours from Miami on the east coast) and love



anything to do with water or the outdoors. This past summer, I had my first internship with GE Lighting in Cleveland,. I worked on designing different types of LED replacement light bulbs. I love basically anything Notre Dame related and I'm a die hard ND football fan. I am the Co-president of the Peer Mentors for the College of Engineering on campus, so if you have any questions about anything engineering related, feel free to come talk to me. I chose to come to Notre Dame because I love the tradition, the school spirit, the combination of academics and athletics, and I wanted to experience something other than summer all the time. I look forward to meeting you all and hanging out with everything this upcoming year. Have a great summer, and GO IRISH!

**Max Geraci**  
**Room 243**  
**Section 2B**



Max Geraci will be the 2B RA for the 2013-14 academic year. A mechanical engineering major here at ND, Max likes to take every chance he can get to get away from school life and enjoy the outdoors. This includes fly fishing, kung fu, hiking, camping, and just about anything else under the sun. Born and raised in Colorado, Max has three siblings; two older brothers, and a younger sister. He has a tendency to be a bit of a goof, so if you hear loud noises in the hallways or late night arguments about which food would win if spaghetti and fettuccini were animate beings...odds are that's probably him. He is looking forward to his last year here at ND and confident that it will be the best yet.

**Peter White**  
**Room 317**  
**Section 3A**



Hi my name is Peter White and I'm going to be the RA in 3A for the upcoming year. I'm from Philadelphia, PA and am one of five kids. My brother graduated from ND last year and I have a sister who is going to be a junior in Ryan Hall. I am a Marketing and Television Production double major, if that is at all interesting... I have done a lot of service projects at ND including Appalachia, Teamwork for Tomorrow, volunteering at the Robinson Center and at ECDC, so I'm basically a really good person. I've also been on the Freshman Orientation staff and helped with The Freshman Retreat. I've been abroad in the summer London program, but you can't beat South Bend, especially in the winter. I've previously served as the Vice President of Duncan Hall in my sophomore year and have been heavily involved in student government since I arrived at ND. Other things I love- the Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Flyers, T-Swift music, sleep, and Netflix (I watch a lot of TV). That's about it for now. I can't wait to meet everyone in a few weeks, you'll recognize me as the best looking RA there.

**John O'Brien**  
**Room 343**  
**Section 3B**



Hey guys, I'm John and I'll be the 3B RA next year. Besides being an electrical engineering major, my interests include basketball, hiking, and traveling. My three years so far at the University of Notre Dame have been the best of my life. I have been given opportunities such as a semester abroad in Dublin, Ireland and a service project in Gulu, Uganda. I am excited for and a little jealous of all of you incoming freshman. You have fantastic times ahead of you. To those of you in my section, Frank, Brendan, Michael, Harvey, Benjamin, Henry, Luke, Stephen, Kennedy, and Christopher, I'm excited to take part in those times with you.

**IN-RESIDENCE PRIEST:** The In-Residence Priest serves as a spiritual presence within the hall. He is often in the dorm assisting with hall liturgies, sacraments, etc.



**Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. (Room 200)**

Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. is serving as the first In- Residence Priest for Duncan Hall. Formerly the Rector of Keenan Hall for six years, Fr. Mark has much experience in residential life at Notre Dame. During the day, he will work as Business Manager in the University's Office of Student Affairs. Born in Dayton, Ohio and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Fr. Mark has two brothers, two sisters, and thirteen nieces and nephews. He also sponsors a weekly game of poker in his room after daily Mass.

# Items to Bring

Everyone is different, but here are some general suggestions for items you might want to bring with you or buy once you get here:

First off, a few general tips:

**Don't wait until the last minute.** Its never a bad idea to start packing early and the earlier you start, the less panicked you (or your mother) will be as your travel day approaches. And although Duncan has plenty of space in its rooms, you do not want to bring *everything* you own with you. Remember, you will be sharing your room with other guys, so maybe your lifetime collection of antique glassware can stay at home.

**You don't need to get everything before coming here.**

There are a number of stores in the South Bend-Mishawaka area that have anything and everything you might have missed, do not want to pack, or cannot fit in your car. For example, food, drinks, and even some toiletries can easily be purchased once you arrive. Just know how much space you have and pack accordingly.

**Think of what you'll actually use.**

For example, you might be getting the laundry service, so you wouldn't need your own laundry stuff. They do tend to shrink a shirt or two every now and again though.

**Call your roommate(s).**

You can then try to split up some of the big things, e.g. TV, carpet, futon, etc. It is always nice when you don't have two of everything. And while you're at it, you might as well get to know each other a little bit before arriving on campus.

What to start with:

**Bed:** You are each supplied with bed frame and a mattress.

- The sheets needed for the bed are extra-long twin (80 inches).
- You might want to bring a couple sets of sheets in case you don't do laundry for a while.

**Wardrobe:** You and your roommate each get an open wardrobe with a hanging rod and three drawers. All of your clothes may not fit in here, so most students bring some sort of storage bins or other sort of stackable structure to store extra clothes.

**Desks:** Each of you also gets a desk and a chair in your room

- You may bring a nicer computer chair if you want, but you will need to keep the chair provided in your room.

\* The furniture in Duncan is modular, meaning that there are several ways to configure it. The beds are able to be bunked, or you may place your bed on top of your desk and wardrobe. (Note: because the furniture is modular, Duncan residents will not be allowed to build any elevated structures for reasons of safety.)

What might help you out this year at ND:

**Rug/Carpet:** All student rooms in Duncan have tile floors. Many students prefer to buy some sort of rug or carpeting for their rooms. This would likely be something you would want to wait to buy until you get to school and see what size your room is. There will be rugs available for purchase on campus in the “Fall Mall” during move in week.

**Couch/Futon:** This can be a good place for guests to sit, watch TV, etc. Again, the Duncan rooms are some of the most spacious on campus, so you should have room for this.

**Bicycle:** There is little or no driving on campus, so a bike, scooter, or skateboard can come in handy. However, make sure to purchase a sturdy lock if you bring a bike since they have a tendency to sometimes be “borrowed” or end up in a tree. Bikes may also be registered with Notre Dame Security/Police to prevent theft and aid in recovery.

**Television:** All Notre Dame Dorms have basic cable through Comcast, and there are options for paid upgrades. However, satellite dishes are not allowed.

**DVD Player and/or Game System:** Hopefully, you will not be spending your entire Notre Dame career in the library. For times of recreation and entertainment, movies and video games are popular. That said, hopefully you won’t be spending your entire career watching movies and playing video games.

**Printer:** There are printers in many building around campus (including Duncan), and each student is allotted a printing quota. However, some students still prefer to have their own printers in their rooms.

**Computer:** Desktop or laptop. Either is fine, although many students prefer laptops for portability and desk space. Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) is a great resource.

**Connection Cables:** Be sure to get cables, Ethernet cords, etc. to connect your TV, computer, and/or stereo. The campus is wireless, but since the network is open-access, many students plug into the secure Ethernet network while in their rooms.

**Refrigerator:** The 3.7 cubic foot fridges are the most common, and the 5.0 size is the maximum allowed. It may be easiest to get a fridge once you arrive at ND. There is a place on campus to purchase one during orientation weekend, and there are many stores in the area as well.

**Cell Phones:** If you have not already had a cell phone since third grade, now may be the time to get one.

- Verizon, Sprint, and AT&T (formerly Cingular) have recently upgraded their service on campus, so they work really well even within the building. Other carriers have adequate service on campus, but sometimes students have trouble with connections inside buildings.
- If you prefer not to have a cell phone, there is also a room phone service that can be purchased. Consult OIT if you prefer this option.

**Laundry things**

- Detergent, fabric softener, laundry basket/bag, etc.
- Duncan has laundry facilities in the basement, and quarters or Domer Dollars accepted. Using Domer Dollars gets you a discount.

**Dry-Erase Board:** Great space to have messages left when you are out of the room, or to have by your desk for reminders. All Duncan Hall rooms have a small dry-erase board outside of each resident's room.

**Tape:** Bring a few different kinds. For hanging posters on walls, be sure to use masking tape. It does not peel off the paint, so it will keep you from being charged for damage at the end of the year.

**DressShirt(s) and Tie(s):** There will be a few dances throughout the year that are semi-formal and require shirt and tie, including the Highlander Highrise in the Wells Tower, formerly the Sears Tower in Chicago. Also, Duncan will be continuing our highly sought after Monday Night Mixers with ladies dorms from around campus throughout the year, which allow Highlander to show their unbeatable class and gentlemanly manner on a weekly basis. Essentially, having a solid semi-formal/formal repertoire is a priceless tool in the wardrobe of any Highlander. A sport coat or blazer is also highly recommended.

**Bathing Suit:** There is a swim test, and those assessing prefer that you use a swimsuit. Also, the Rock opens up the pool and diving boards on Wednesday evenings for free swim. This one of the better kept secrets on campus.

**Shower Sandals:** Cheap flip-flops will work, and they will be a necessity when taking showers.

**Shower Caddy:** A small bucket with holes in the bottom for you to carry your shower stuff to and from the bathroom.

**Towels:** Large, and bring extra. Also bring a hand towel and a washcloth for your face.

**First-Aid:** Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Pepto-Bismol, Tums, Vicks, cough drops, and cold medicine are all good to have on hand when you're feeling under the weather.

**Prescription Medication:** If you need this, be sure to bring it with you, and make arrangements to get necessary refills here at Notre Dame. Always keep your medication in the original prescription bottle with your name on it.

**Stamps/Letters:** Better than going to the post office to write letters to people. There is an outgoing mail slot next to the mailboxes in Duncan.

**Tools:** A small tool kit and a good Swiss Army knife are always good to have on hand. Be prepared.

**Sleeping Bag:** Great to have on hand for service trips or friends who come to visit. Plus, there is always that night when you just don't feel like climbing the loft.

What **NOT** to bring to campus:

- Large refrigerator (your fridge cannot exceed 5.0 cubic feet)
- Microwave (every section lounge in Duncan has a microwave)
- Hot Plates, Coffee Pots, Toasters, Toaster Ovens, "George Forman"-type grills, etc.
- Air conditioners or ceiling fans (Duncan Has central air, but a small fan may help drown out your room mates snoring)
- Pets (non-carnivorous fish are OK, but check the Du Lac Student Handbook p. 162 for details)
- Self-stick floor tiles, carpet tape, Nails, Adhesive Squares (any room damage can lead to nasty fines at the end of the year)
- Candles (including any other items with open flames)
- Incense (non-smoking facility disallows incense as well)
- Halogen lamps with bulb higher than 300 watts
- Water Bed
- Cars: Freshman are not allowed to have cars on campus for the first semester (Check Du Lac Student Handbook p. 181 for details)

About Shipping:

Packages/shipments sent to the University must arrive **AFTER** you check into Duncan. Packages that arrive before you will not be accepted. With this in mind, be sure to indicate the shipping date to your shipper. Here is the address format to use:

Your Name  
University of Notre Dame  
Your Room #, Duncan Hall  
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Here's an itemized list of everything we think a person could want to bring. Feel free to tailor this to your needs.

### **Clothes:**

- Underwear
- Socks
- Swimsuit and Goggles
- Towels
- Shoes (dress, tennis, boots)
- Flip-flops/sandals for public showers
- Pants (jeans and slacks)
- Dress/polo shirts
- T-shirts
- Belts
- Sports/suit coat
- Ties
- Hangers
- Sweaters
- Light jacket

- Sweatshirt
- Heavy Coat (cold winters)
- Umbrella
- Hats
- Gloves
- Iron
- Shoe Polish, etc.

### **Personal Care**

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Shower caddy
- Shampoo/soap
- Washcloth
- Shaver/shaving cream
- Comb & brush
- Deodorant
- Cold medicine
- Other medication
- Vitamins
- Eyeglasses, contacts, solution, and case
- Sunglasses
- Nail Clippers
- Cotton Swabs
- Tissues
- First-aid kit
- Wallet

### **Room Furniture/Décor**

- Storage bins/shelves
- Rugs
- Bedspread
- Refrigerator (5.0 cubic feet maximum)
- Posters
- Futon/couch (there will be enough space)
- Dry erase board and marker

### **Sports/Entertainment**

- Bike
- Bike lock

- Sports equipment (balls, racquets, clubs, etc.)
- Chess set, board games, etc.
- Cards
- Gym bag
- Backpack

**Electronics:**

- Computer/laptop
- Power strips/surge protectors
- Extension cords
- CD's MP3 player
- Radio
- Alarm Clock
- Stereo
- TV/DVD player
- Camera
- Cell phone/charger
- Batteries

**Other Stuff:**

- Musical instruments
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Dust rag
- Can opener
- Bottle opener
- Flashlight
- Small toolbox
- Laundry bags/ supplies
- Mugs/glasses
- Family pictures
- Tape
- Stapler
- Febreze or air freshener
- Keychain
- Money
- Watch
- Checkbook
- Stamps, envelopes



## **Good Eats Nearby**

You may even want to make a reservation for some of these restaurants before coming to South Bend because there'll be tons of people here during move-in weekend

Bonefish Grill - 620 W Edison Rd - Mishawaka  
574-259-2663

Carraba's – 210 W Day Rd (off Grape Rd) – Mishawaka  
574-247-9460

Chili's Bar and Grill - 4810 Grape Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-271-1330

Chipotle – 1251 North Eddy Street (right across from campus)  
574-251-0175  
and 5445 N. Main St. – Mishawaka  
574-271-3353

Cold Stone Creamery - 620 W. Edison Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-257-7884

Famous Dave's – 6402 Grape Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-277-1888

Five Guys (burgers and fries) – 1233 North Eddy Street (right across from campus)  
574-234-1800  
and 6501 Grape Rd. (University Park Mall) – Mishawaka  
574-271-2400

Hacienda (Mexican) – 5836 Grape Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-277-1318

Hot Box Pizza – 1234 North Eddy Street (right across from campus)  
574-246-9445

Le Peep (breakfast and brunch) – 127 S. Michigan St. – Downtown South Bend  
574-288-7337

Max & Erma's – 4340 N. Main St. – Mishawaka  
574-243-5600

Olive Garden - 6410 Grape Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-277-6503

Outback Steakhouse - 4611 Grape Rd. – Mishawaka  
574-271-2333

Panera – 4310 N. Main St. – Mishawaka  
574-243-0001

Papa Vino's -5110 Edison Lakes Pkwy - Mishawaka, IN  
574-271-1692

Ritter's Frozen Custard (half price with a student ID!) – 3921  
N. Main St. - Mishawaka  
574-255-8000

Soho Japanese Bistro – 7225 Heritage Square Drive- Granger  
574-272-2292

#### ND FAVES

• Emporium – 121 S. Niles Ave – Downtown South Bend  
574-234-9000

• Fiddler's Hearth (Irish “pub”) - 127 N. Main St. –  
Downtown South Bend  
574-232-2853

• Rocco's Pizza - 537 N. Saint Louis Blvd - South Bend  
574-233-2464

• Bruno's Pizza -- 2610 Prairie Ave. -- South Bend  
574-288-3320

South Bend Chocolate Company – 122 S. Michigan St. –  
Downtown South Bend  
574-287-0725

**For all the stuff you forgot or couldn't fit**

(All of these are a 5-10 minute drive from campus)

Everyday Dorm Stuff

Bed, Bath, and Beyond - 5802 N. Grape Rd - Mishawaka

574-271-0709

Super Target - 155 University Dr. (Across from University Park Mall.  
You can get there from Grape Road.)

574-243-7442

University Park Mall - 6501 Grape Rd. Mishawaka

574-277-2223

Electronics, Computers etc.

Best Buy - 6502 Grape Rd Mishawaka

574-271-9608

Circuit City - 5944 Grape Rd Mishawaka

574-243-1401

Office Max - 5520 Grape Road Mishawaka

574-273-0328

Loft Supplies, Lights, etc.

Home Depot - 317 Indian Ridge (Off Grape Rd.), Mishawaka

574-273-8601

Lowe's Home Improvements - 4660 N. Grape Rd, Mishawaka

574 -272-0900

Groceries/Warehouse Wholesale Stores

Martin's (Grocery Store) - 2081 S. Bend Ave, South Bend

574-272-6922

Meijer (Grocery Store) - 5020 Grape Rd, Mishawaka

574-273-3500

Sam's Club - 120 Indian Ridge (Off Grape Rd.) Mishawaka

574-243-8048

Wal-Mart - 316 Indian Ridge (Off Grape Rd.) Mishawaka

574-243-9188

**For all of your lodging needs:**

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Miles From Campus</b>
Morris Inn	574.631.2020	Notre Dame	On Notre Dame Campus
Inn at St. Mary's	574.232.4000	South Bend	On St. Mary's Campus
Fairfield Inn	574.234.5510	South Bend	0.2 miles
Jamison Inn	574.277.9682	South Bend	0.6 miles
Signature Inn	574.277.3211	South Bend	0.9 miles
Howard Johnson	574.272.7900	South Bend	1.0 mile
Knights Inn	574.277.2960	South Bend	1.2 miles
Residence Inn	574.289.5555	South Bend	1.2 miles
Best Inns of America	574.277.7700	South Bend	1.4 miles
Holiday Inn	574.272.6600	South Bend	1.4 miles
Comfort Suites	574.272.1500	South Bend	1.5 miles
Sleep Inn	574.272.1515	South Bend	1.5 miles
Ramada Inn	574.272.5220	South Bend	1.6 miles
Super 8 Motel	574.272.9000	South Bend	1.6 miles
Days Inn	574.277.0510	South Bend	1.7 miles
Marriott Hotels & Resorts	574.234.2000	South Bend	1.8 miles
Motel 6	574.272.7072	South Bend	1.8 miles
Holiday Inn	574.232.3941	South Bend	1.9 miles
Queen Anne Bed & Breakfast Inn	574.234.5959	South Bend	2.0 miles
Oliver Inn Bed & Breakfast	574.232.4545	South Bend	2.0 miles
Star Hotels	574.936.4555	South Bend	2.5 miles
Holiday Inn	574.271.1700	Granger	2.6 miles
Carlton Lodge	574.258.0008	Mishawaka	2.8 miles
Fairfield Inn	574.273.2202	Mishawaka	2.8 miles
Hampton Inn	574.273.2309	Mishawaka	2.8 miles
Super 8 Motel	574.247.0888	Mishawaka	2.8 miles

# The University of Notre Dame Brief History:

## A Legendary Past

In fact, the early Notre Dame was a university in name only. It encompassed religious novitiates for the Congregation of Holy Cross, preparatory and grade schools and a manual labor school, but its classical collegiate curriculum never attracted more than a dozen students a year in the early decades.

Based on the *ratio studiorum*, this curriculum included four years of humanities, poetry, rhetoric and philosophy, plus offerings in French, German, Spanish and Italian and various forms of music and drawing.

## Founded in 1842 by Rev. Edward Sorin, CSC

The University of Notre Dame was founded in late November 1842 by a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rev. Edward Sorin. His original land grant of several hundred acres was the site of an early mission to Native Americans, but included only three small buildings in need of repair. The land had been purchased by Rev. Stephen Badin, the first Catholic priest ordained in the United States, and left in trust to the Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, for anyone who would found a school on the site. Father Sorin and his companion Brothers of St. Joseph (later the Holy Cross Brothers) called the fledgling school, in their mother tongue, L'Universite de Notre Dame du Lac. The University was officially chartered by special act of the legislature of the State of Indiana on January 15, 1844. It is worthy of ecumenical note that a Methodist state senator, John B. De Frees, was responsible for this action and for the writing of the University's charter as a degree-granting institution.

## Strategic Location

Despite these humble academic beginnings, however, Notre Dame from its founding enjoyed two significant advantages. First, its establishing coincided with the great opening of the Midwest by railroads and canals and with the great antebellum immigration, largely of Catholics, from Europe; "for most of the 1840s," historian Thomas Schlereth has written, "Notre Dame was the only Catholic college of consequence with access to such cities as Toledo, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, and particularly the rapidly growing city of Chicago."

## Strategic Vision

The University's second, and even greater, advantage was the character of its Holy Cross founder, Father Sorin, whose overarching vision of a great American Catholic university in the tradition of the great Medieval universities has inspired Notre Dame's growth over its entire history. Courses in physics and geology were added to the curriculum in 1863, and two years later the College of Science was established. In 1869 the University established the nation's first Catholic law school, and in 1873 the first Catholic College of Engineering. Its architecture program also was the first in the U.S. under Catholic auspices, and its circulating library was the first on any American campus.

Even after a disastrous fire in 1879 destroyed the Main Building, which housed virtually the entire University, Father Sorin willed Notre Dame to rebuild and continue its growth. In 1889 Sorin Hall became Catholic higher education's first student residence with private rooms. From that day to this, residentiality and the traditions that flow from it have remained central to student life at Notre Dame, with about 80 percent of current undergraduates continuing to live on campus.

## **Pioneering Leadership**

Sorin's death in 1893 brought to an end the founding era, but not the tradition of visionary leadership. Father John A. Zahm, C.S.C., a brilliant scholar who later accompanied former President Theodore Roosevelt on a South American expedition, became the builder of the science departments at Notre Dame and inspired the University's first flowerings in research. Zahm's brother, Albert, was among the earliest and most influential pioneers of the aerodynamics of flying machines, and professor Jerome Green achieved the nation's first wireless transmission at Notre Dame.

Later, Father Julius A. Nieuwland, CSC, a beneficiary of the advanced education encouraged by Father Zahm, earned lasting fame as the discoverer of the formulae for synthetic rubber.

Father James A. Burns, CSC, Notre Dame's great theorist of education, revolutionized the University in the 1920s. In eliminating the preparatory school and dramatically upgrading the Law School, in establishing the University's first meager endowment and a board of lay advisors to oversee it, Burns made it clear that Notre Dame was committed to nothing less than preeminence in American Catholic higher education.

Beginning in the 1930s the University was strengthened by an influx of distinguished European scholars fleeing the Nazis, and, drawing on their expertise, Father (later Cardinal) John A. O'Hara, CSC, significantly expanded the graduate school to include programs in biology, physics, philosophy and mathematics.

Notre Dame's dramatic post-World War II flowering began under Father John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, who raised entrance requirements, increased faculty hiring and established the Notre Dame Foundation to expand the University's development capabilities.

The explosive growth of the University - both in size and in stature - gained national prominence during the 35-year tenure of Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who himself became an internationally known figure for his work in education, the Church, human rights and world affairs. The Hesburgh era saw Notre Dame's enrollment, faculty and degrees awarded all double; its library volumes increase five-fold; its endowment rise from less than \$10 million to more than \$400 million; its physical facilities grow from 48 to 88 buildings; its faculty compensation increase ten-fold and its research funding, more than twenty-fold. Two defining moments in Notre Dame's history occurred at Father Hesburgh's direction: the transference of governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay board of trustees and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

Under the leadership of Father Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., from 1987 to 2005, the University continued to grow in stature. Endowed faculty positions now number more than 200, the student body has become one of the 20 most selective in the nation (some 69 percent of entering freshmen rank among the top five percent of students in their high school graduating classes), and the endowment, at approximately \$4 billion, is among the top 20 in American higher education.

Also during the Malloy years, Notre Dame's minority student population more than doubled, the presence of women at all levels in the University - students, faculty, staff and officers - expanded significantly, and a major effort in international outreach is under way. Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., a professor of philosophy, became Notre Dame's 17th president on July 1, 2005.

# Domer Dictionary

*After a few days at Notre Dame, you'll soon become aware that Notre Dame has a unique vocabulary around campus. Just in case you're curious, here's a brief compellation of some of the vocabulary used at ND.*

**Acoustic Café:** Event Thursday nights in LaFortune Student Center or Legends of Notre Dame often frequented by students in need of a study break. The café is a great place for students to display their musical talents (or lack thereof).

**Administration (Main) Building:** Often called the "Golden Dome" or simply "the Dome," the administration building is the most recognizable figure on Notre Dame's campus. Complete with a nineteen foot statue of the Blessed Mother Mary this building is located in the center of campus and can be seen from almost anywhere on/around campus.

**AFS I D:** This is also known as your NETID.

**An Tostal:** Yearly tradition celebrating the final full week of classes. There are plenty of free t-shirts, games and events for all to enjoy.

**Bengal Bouts:** Student boxing tournament held every year as a fundraiser for Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Not only do you get to help out a good cause, but you also get to see your roommate take a few swings at the kid who knows all the answers from your calculus class.

**BookstoreBasketball:** Largest 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the world. With over 500 teams competing every year, this tournament is truly a sight to see and even more an event to be a part of.

**BP:** Breen-Phillips Hall, a female dorm located on North Quad.

**CCE:** The Center for Continuing Education, located behind the old Post Office and DeBartolo Hall, in McKenna Hall.

**COBA:** former name for Mendoza College of Business, located next to DeBartolo Hall.

**COMO:** The Coleman-Morse Center. The building on South Quad that houses First Year of Studies, Campus Ministry, a computer cluster, and 24-hour space that offers free popcorn and soft drinks

**C.S.C.:** The Congregation of Holy Cross (Latin: Congregatio a Sancta Cruce) \_ initials to designate members of the Holy Cross Religious Order, founders of the University of Notre Dame.

**CSC:** The Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is the place to go if interested in service projects and volunteer opportunities.

**D6:** Student parking lot located behind the Rock.

**D2000:** Student name for parking lot across from the Riehle Playing Fields (formerly Stepan Fields). As the name indicates, it's quite a hike from most dorms.

**D.A.R.T.:** Direct Access Registration by Terminal: It allowed students to register for their

next semester's courses. Registration is now done on-line using insideND

**DeBartoloHall:** Classroom building where most freshman classes will be held.

**Detex:** Card that you swipe to get into your dorm, instead of a key.

**DPAC:** Short for DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. May also be called the PAC.

**Dog Book:** The freshmen register with the names and photos of the entire freshman class. Often used to find last minute date for an SYR or....well really that's all its used for.

**Domer:** Any ND student, past or present.

**du Lac:** Student handbook outlining all the rules and regulations at Notre Dame . You'll be responsible for everything in it, so look it over and keep it (or the link to it) handy.

**Fall Break:** While most schools only get a few days off, the administration rewards us for our hard work with a whole week off during October. This is usually the first time you have the opportunity to return home since August, although some students choose to stay on campus or participate in service projects.

**Fieldhouse Mall:** Open area between Cavanaugh Hall and Stonehenge fountain on the Southern end of North Quad. A corner of the old fieldhouse, hence the name, built in the Notre Dame yellow brick can be found just outside of LaFortune memorializing the historic building. Warm weather brings campus bands, barbecues, and other fun things to do instead of studying.

**Flex Points:** The dollars that accompany the Flex-14 meal plan that can be used to buy some tasty snacks and beverages at the Huddle, Burger King, Reckers, Subway, and other campus food locations. All you do is swipe your ID and it comes out of your account.

**Frosh-O:** First-year orientation.

**God Quad:** Home to the Dome, the Basilica, Sorin College, Walsh Hall, and the statues of Jesus and Father Sorin.

**Grab'N Go:** Convenient brown-bag breakfast, lunch, or dinner available from 7am to 7pm inside the dining halls when classes are in session.

**TheGrotto:** Replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, France where students can come to light a candle and spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer.

**HammesBookstoreat theEck Center:** The Bookstore and Bookstore Café.

**Hammes-Mowbray Hall:** New building on campus near Stepan Center. Houses the Notre Dame Post Office and ND Security/Police.

**Hesburgh:** 13-story Library with the mosaic of "Touchdown Jesus" on its façade, also home to the office of University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.

**HuddleMart:** Small convenience store in LaFortune where students can purchase food,



drinks, toiletries, notebooks, and other base essentials such as the infamous Quarter Dogs.

**insideND:** Campus Portal which allows you access to Class Registration, Student Account, etc. This site provides convenient access to Notre Dame Web services for students, faculty, and staff.

**JACC (Joyce Center):** The Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center houses numerous campus events such as basketball, volleyball, ice hockey games, pep rallies, concerts, and lectures.

**JPW:** Junior Parents Weekend.

**LaFortune:** LaFortune Student Center. Sometimes called “LaFun.”

**Legends:** The restaurant, pub, and programming venue. Brings in live entertainment and has a nightclub open late nights on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights.

**Library Circle:** Pick up/drop off spot at the east end of the Hesburgh Library.

**Main Circle:** Pick up/drop off spot near the Law School at the end of Notre Dame Avenue.

**Mendoza:** Mendoza College of Business.

**Michiana:** The name of the region along the border of Michigan and Indiana, including South Bend.

**Mod Quad:** Home to Knott Hall, Siegfried Hall, Pasquerilla East, and Pasquerilla West.

**Monk:** Affectionate nickname of the former University President Fr. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

**NDTV:** The new cable cast student run TV station.

**netID:** A computer ID name that, along with your password, gives you access to the Notre Dame network from almost any computer on campus. This is your school email address without the @nd.edu.

**North (NDH):** North Dining Hall.

**North Quad:** Home to BO, Cavanaugh, Farley, St. Ed’s, Stanford, Keenan, and Zahm.

**Observer:** Campus newspaper you’ll grow to love/hate.

**O’Shag:** O’Shaughnessy Hall, location of many Arts and Letters classes, departmental offices and Waddick’s Café O’Shag is also recognizable by the perpetually slow clock on its façade. This clock was also the center of some controversy when the University decided to remove the hands completely, some say to symbolize the timeless nature of the University; others say they did it just to confuse the students.

**Parietals:** du Lac regulation that outlines visitation hours in dorms of the opposite sex. From 12am to 9am on Sunday through Thursday and from 2am to 9am on Friday and Saturday (i.e. parietals hours) members of the opposite sex are only allowed in the 24-hour space in the dorms.

**PE:** Pasquerilla East, women's dorm located on Mod Quad.

**PW:** Pasquerilla West, women's dorm located on Mod Quad.

**Pop:** Midwestern term for soft drinks.

**Quarter Dogs:** Infamous hot dogs available in LaFortune for a quarter after 12am on weeknights. Although they many only be a quarter, they can be a quick aid in the arrival of the freshman 15.

**RA:** Resident Assistant, a senior and Member of Hall Staff in each section of the dorm who assists the students as well as the Head Staff.

**Reckers:** The only 24-hour restaurant on campus. It has great food and comfortable seats, and is located on the backside of South Dining Hall.

**RecSports:** Intramural sports program at Notre Dame.

**Rector:** The person in charge of each dorm, i.e., the "responsible adult." In most men's halls, the Rector is a Holy Cross Priest, but a few (Duncan included) have a lay person.

**The Rock:** The Rockne Memorial Gymnasium located at the foot of the South Quad.

**Rolfs:** Athletic facility which is open to all students.

**Ryan Hall:** The newest female dorm, and Duncan's sister Dorm, located on west quad, between the Bookstore and Welsh Family Hall.

**TheShirt:** Football shirt that students wear to all the football games. Revealed each spring for the following fall, it is meant to unify our fans and raise money for a student emergency fund.

**SMC:** St. Mary's College – an all women's school located adjacent to Notre Dame, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

**South (SDH):** South Dining Hall.

**South Quad:** The largest quad on campus and home to the Rock, Pangborn Hall, Lyons Hall, Fisher Hall, Morrissey Manor, Howard Hall, Badin Hall, South Dining Hall, Dillon Hall, Alumni Hall, CoMo, Hayes-Healy, O'Shag, Law Shool, and Cushing Hall of Engineering, and the flag pole. It's kind of a big deal.

**Stepan Center:** The round geodesic dome at East Gate. Don't mix it up with Stepan Chemistry Hall.

**Stonehenge:** War Memorial Fountain located at the foot of North Quad.

**SUB:** Student Union Board that organizes activities for students.

**SYR:** the name for dances on campus sponsored by residence halls. The acronym comes from the practice of asking a date for your roommate that he/She would not have chosen

themselves, thus “screw your roommate.”

**TA:** Teaching assistant; most large classes have TAs to assist the professor.

**Tailgate:** Pre-game festivities, usually occurring in the parking lot by the stadium, before all football games.

**Touchdown Jesus:** Nickname of the mosaic on the side of the Hesburgh library facing the Stadium. You’ll see why it was so named when you arrive.

**Tutorial:** Discussion session, usually on Fridays, for large classes to discuss.

**Concourse:** Website that allows students to find out their grades, class updates, and other important information.

**West Quad:** Home to some of the newer dorms on campus, McGlinn, Welsh Family, Keough, O’Neill, Ryan, and Notre Dame’s classiest and smartest, Duncan Hall.

**WSND:** Student-run fine arts radio.

**WVFI:** Student-run progressive station on the second floor of LaFortune

# Important Songs to Know

## **Notre Dame Victory March (Fight Song)**

Rally sons of Notre Dame  
Sing her glory and sound her fame,  
Raise her Gold and Blue, and cheer with voices true:  
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame

We will fight in every game,  
Strong of heart and true to her name  
We will ne'er forget her,  
And will cheer her ever  
Loyal to Notre Dame

Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,  
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,  
Send a volley cheer on high,  
Shake down the thunder from the sky.  
What though the odds be great or small  
Old Notre Dame will win over all,  
While her loyal sons are marching  
Onward to victory.

## **Notre Dame, Our Mother (Alma Mater)**

*As one final unifying act before leaving the stadium after a football game, students both past and present join arms and sway to the Alma Mater. Like the Fight Song, the Alma Mater will serve as an eternal reminder of your time spent at the University of Notre Dame.*

Notre Dame, our Mother,  
Tender, strong, and true  
Proudly in thy heavens,  
Gleams thy gold and blue.  
Glory' mantel cloaks thee,  
Golden is thy fame,  
And our hearts forever,  
Praise thee Notre Dame,  
And our hearts forever,  
Love thee Notre Dame.