home under the dome
ADMINISTRATION/MAIN BUILDING: Often called “the Golden Dome” or just “the Dome,” the administration building is the most recognizable building on campus. The building is located at the center of campus and can be seen from almost anywhere. Current student never walk up the stairs of the Main Building until after graduation.

ARKIE: An architecture major, usually slightly sleep deprived (aren’t we all, though)

BARAKA/BENGAL BOUTS: Student boxing tournament held every year as a fundraiser for Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL: Largest 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the world. With over 500 teams competing every year, this tournament is truly a sight to see.

CSC: The Center for Social Concerns. This is the place to go if you're interested in service projects and volunteer opportunities. It's in Geddes Hall.

D2: Student parking lot behind the library.
D6: Student parking lot behind the Rock.

DOMER: Any Notre Dame student or graduate

DOMER DOLLARS: Money that you put on your ID card, so basically your ID works like a debit card. You can do this in person or online and the Domer dollars can be used anywhere on campus and some locations off campus, including Einstein’s Bagels, Chipotle and Five Guys.

DU LAC: Student handbook outlining the rules and regulations at Notre Dame.

EDDY STREET COMMONS: The shopping center south of campus. Restaurants like Chipotle, Five Guys, and Jimmy Johns attract students when they don’t feel like eating at the Dining Hall. There’s also an Urban Outfitters!

FIELDHOUSE MALL: Open area between LaFortune and Stonehenge fountain. There are usually plenty of events and giveaways here!

FLEX POINTS: The dollars that accompany the Flex 14 meal plan that can be used to buy snacks and meals from on campus eateries. All you do is swipe your ID and they come off of our account. Check your balances online! Beware of Starbucks...you have been warned.

GRAB 'N GO: Convenient to-go snacks and meals offered from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the dining halls.

THE GROTTO: A 1/16th scale replica of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes behind the dome where students go to light a candle and spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer.

THE HUDDLE: Small convenience store in LaFortune where students can purchase food, drinks, toiletries, notebooks and essentials such as the infamous Quarter Dogs.

INSIDEND: Campus Portal that allows you to access Class Registration, Irish Link, etc. This site provides convenient access to Notre Dame web services for students, faculty, and staff.
Legends: The restaurant, pub and programming venue. Be sure to pay attention to their announcements because they bring in awesome bands and comedians on the weekends.

Library Circle: Pick up/drop off spot at the east end of the Hesburgh Library. This is where the bus will pick you up and drop you off.

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

NDSP: Notre Dame Security Police

NDTV: The 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.

Observer: Campus newspaper you'll grow to love. Be sure to read the Viewpoint (student letters to the editor)—you never know what people will write about.

Orgo: Short for Organic Chemistry, it is often referred to with frustration by science majors.

Parietals: du Lac regulation that outlines visitation hours in dorms of the opposite sex. From 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sunday thru Thursday, from 2 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, members are only allowed in the 24-hour space in the dorms.

SAO: Student Activity Office. They organize fun events for the University and also serve as advisors for Student Government and Dorm Government when planning events.

Shirt: Football shirt that all students wear to all the football games.

SMC: St. Mary’s College, an all women’s school located adjacent to Notre Dame.

South Shore Line: The train that can take you to Chicago, it starts at the South Bend Airport and ends at Millennium Station.

SUB: Student Union Board that organizes activities for students, including concerts and carnivals. They also have weekly SUB movies for $3!

TA: Teaching Assistant who is usually a graduate student; most large classes have TAs to assist the professor.
Cavanaugh gets pretty warm in the summer months. Come prepared with fans!

The ID picture you take during the first week of school will be on your student ID for the next four years.

Leave your door open when you're at home- it's the best way to meet new people.

Try to meet the people in your classes! The first classes you take are a great chance to get to know people outside of your major!

Even if you are 100% sure of your major, take the chance to do some core requirements early on. They might spark a lifelong interest.

Get involved with any and every thing that interests you on campus.

Save up some of your flex points for finals week.

Club sports and intramural sports are a blast. Join a team! No experience is necessary.

Go to the inner resource room the sun lamp and massage chairs are worth the walk!

Try to get off campus sometimes and explore South Bend. It’s easy to get trapped in the Notre Dame “bubble”.

If you are ever feeling overwhelmed, try taking a walk to the grotto or visiting McWell.

Never be afraid to ask for help. You go to one of the most challenging institutions in the world! Everyone needs help with something.

If your heart feels right, do it. Follow your gut feelings. (This can be applied to relationships, choosing a major, a large life decision, or even a lecture to attend.)

Before you buy your books, ask an upperclassman if you’re actually going to use them. It can also be significantly cheaper to get them from Amazon, rather than the bookstore.
Don’t stress about what time a class is offered. 8 AM or 5 PM may not be your favorite time to have class, but if the class is interesting and excites you it’s worth it.

If you are struggling with a class as a first year, go to the learning resource center in Como!

Use the University Counseling Center even if you don’t think you need it. It’s nice to have someone to talk to once in awhile.

If you are from the west coast and do not own a rain jacket... Buy one. It actually does serve a purpose.

There is NO shame in looking like a tourist (aka taking copious dome pics even though you see it everyday).

Go to professors’ office hours! Not only are they super helpful, but knowing professors is great for when you need recommendation letters or help finding research.

Don’t refuse to join a club or miss an event because none of your friends wanted to go with you. Meet new people and have your own adventures. You only get four years here.

When scheduling for classes, pay attention to where the classes are. You don’t want to give yourself only ten minutes to walk from one side of campus to the other.

Must Know Lyrics

Finally, we will end with two songs that you will come to know and love dearly. It won’t take long for them to get stuck in your head.

THE ALMA MATER: NOTRE DAME, OUR MOTHER

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

The greatest of all university fight songs: THE NOTRE DAME VICTORY MARCH

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 we’ll 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 overall
While her loyal sons are marching onward to victory