Are you ready to make YOUR mark?

Become a Changemaker
WHAT’S A CHANGEMAKER?
The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic university committed to intellectual exploration, social innovation and change. It is for this reason that USD has been named a “Changemaker” university, one of only 24 in the world so designated by Ashoka U.
Changemaking is at the core of the Torero spirit. We believe the problems of humankind can be solved through innovation and compassion, and our community of scholars is finding solutions.
We are a nationally ranked university that fosters a collaborative community and prepares future leaders to create genuine change for the benefit of all. We seek students who have a passion for learning and who strive to make their mark in this ever-changing world.

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Sometimes Michelle Camacho’s sociology lessons happen on the streets of San Diego’s Barrio Logan. To learn about contemporary social issues, Camacho sends students into the community to see how real-life situations relate to broader classroom discussions. Students use service-learning projects to hone research skills and collect the data they need to better understand what they’re learning.

“At USD, we try to understand students’ motivations and passions,” Camacho says. “I love to see students break the mold, learn in new ways and really shine. That’s what inspires me.”

AN EDUCATION ROOTED IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

Changemaking and Catholic intellectual tradition intertwine with USD’s liberal arts education to provide a framework for intellectual, cultural and spiritual exploration. USD’s Core Curriculum teaches students how to think critically and innovatively; how to speak and write effectively; how to appreciate a diverse range of cultural and artistic traditions; and how to become an ethical, effective and engaged global citizen. Small classes, personal advising and undergraduate research are incorporated into the greater academic structure, while projects take learning outside the classroom and prepare students for creating change in their local and global communities.
11th
Most Beautiful Campus in the Nation
Princeton Review
"What I’m truly passionate about is inspiring others to go above and beyond, to try to make authentic change and to motivate others to do the same. My junior year, I was invited to be part of an international leadership association competition about cultures and how to change them. It was an amazing experience.

After that, I started the New Beginning Alliance, a movement to create school spirit and unity. I formed a pilot group of 12 very talented people and we found ways to encourage people to be themselves, to let their guard down, to be authentic, to be open. We started a conga line. Every Tuesday, during dead hours, we dance with a boom box from Olin Hall to the Student Life Pavilion and people join us. Little things like that bring out people’s creativity, school spirit and sense of unity. We are the change we seek. We are Toreros.”
TORERO ATHLETICS

In addition to our Division I athletics program, a large selection of sports clubs, intramurals and recreation classes are available year-round. Living in San Diego means that you can enjoy the outdoors 365 days a year, so it’s easy to stay active and have fun.

www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation

TORERO LIFE

We haven’t forgotten that a big part of the college experience is having fun! The USD community is active, with more than 200 student organizations that appeal to an array of interests. If you see something missing, we’ll help you start another one.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE... AND BEYOND

The First-Year Experience is built on two core components: the Preceptorial Program and our residential Living Learning Communities (LLC). Both serve to establish an immediate sense of community among students, faculty and staff while also challenging students to expand their intellectual curiosity beyond the classroom.

Residential life is an essential part of the Torero experience, and we require that students live on campus for their first and second years. Living on campus fosters a sense of community, strengthens the connection amongst peers and faculty and allows for easy access to campus resources. Studies have also shown that students living on campus perform higher academically.

Some transfer students are required to live on campus for at least one year. Details on this requirement can be found on the Undergraduate Admissions website.

90% First- to second-year retention
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A UNIVERSITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Not all lessons are learned in a classroom. The University of San Diego consistently ranks among the top three universities in the nation for undergraduate study abroad participation, 86 percent of undergraduates study abroad at some point in their academic careers.

We currently offer more than 80 programs in more than 30 countries, including our very own USD Madrid Center in Spain.

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I had the opportunity to go to the Ashoka Exchange in 2012, and saw people who had a passion for social entrepreneurship — integrating business with social impact — and that was the moment for me when I realized this was something I wanted to do. The following year USD hosted the Ashoka conference, which was a catalyst for everything I did that year. I created a new position in Associated Students, called Director of Changemaker Initiatives, and formed a committee of 10 students who focused on long- and short-term Changemaker initiatives for USD. We worked on the Changemaker Festival and were among the 100 volunteers who worked at the Ashoka conference where we hung Changemaker banners and helped create a shift in the culture. I’m a business major, but now I can’t really see myself doing an 8-to-5 job. I want to have my own business someday through which I can create social change, give back to the community and be happy."

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Diversity is a critically important part of who we are. We strive to create an atmosphere where cultural heritage and faith traditions are preserved, while social stigmas are defeated. Our students are not defined solely as honors students, athletes or members of Greek life. Rather, we cultivate a diverse community where students are intertwined socially, culturally and academically.

USD values students, faculty and staff from different backgrounds and faith traditions, and we are committed to creating an atmosphere of trust, safety and respect for all.
In sixth grade, I was 5-foot-11 and was playing sports with eighth graders. The eighth graders didn’t like that and they got physical. It was before school, during school and after school. It was put-me-in-my-place kind of bullying.

At USD, I was one of four students who started an organization that goes to schools and takes action against bullies. Bullying is something that affects everyone — either as a bully, a victim or a witness. The power lies with the witness, the bystander who wants to do something but doesn’t know what to do. We’re teaching these students leadership skills and empowering them to find allies and build relationships in the community so when they see something happen they can stand together.

We’ve reached out to more than 500 students in one semester and are looking to expand nationally. We want to change behaviors, change cultures, change society and change the way people see things. We want to empower everyone to be Changemakers.”

CAREER OUTCOMES

Beaches and palm trees are not all that San Diego has to offer. Our city is a hub for international business and trade, and it houses the third largest concentration of biotechnology companies among the nation’s metropolitan areas. Internship and career opportunities abound, and students graduate from USD with experiences that lead to success.

95% Employed or are in graduate school

90% Received a job offer before graduating or within three months of graduating

USD Career Services 2012-13 compiled data.

SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

Calloway Golf
ClearChannel Communications
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute
La Jolla Playhouse
Qualcomm
Scripps Mercy Hospital

TOP EMPLOYERS OF USD GRADUATES

Apple Inc.
Coca-Cola Company
E! Entertainment Television
E&J Gallo Winery
Ernst & Young
Illumina
Oracle
Peace Corps
San Diego Padres
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE
The University of San Diego is dedicated to bringing the best and brightest students to campus, and we won’t let cost stand between a dedicated, passionate student and a USD degree. In fact, 7 of 10 students here receive some form of financial aid. We’re always working to increase opportunities for those students.

• Tuition: $42,330
• Room and Board average: $11,910
• Merit Scholarships: $10,000 – $25,000
• Over 70 percent of our students receive some form of financial assistance including merit scholarships, need-based financial aid and athletic scholarships.
• $142.1 million was awarded in financial aid for 2013-14.
• FAFSA: March 2 priority deadline
www.sandiego.edu/AffordingUSD
• The majority of our students graduate in four years, receiving an excellent education and personalized advising.

#BecomeATorero
Freshman Deadline
Dec. 15
Transfer Deadline
Spring Term: Oct. 1
Fall Term: March 1

WHAT YOU NEED
• Completed Common Application
• Official transcripts from all high schools or colleges attended
• Official SAT/ACT scores
• One letter of recommendation
• Essay
• Official TOEFL with a minimum score of 80 or IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5 (for international applicants only)
• Midyear Report (for transfer applicants only)
• $55 application fee
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English
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Finance
French
History
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Interdisciplinary
Humanities
International Business
International Relations
Italian Studies
Liberal Studies
Marine Science
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Real Estate
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts and Performance Studies
Theology and Religious Studies
Visual Arts

MINORS
Asian Studies
Catholic Studies
Classical Studies
Education
Gender Studies
German
Information Science
Information Technology Management
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Latin American Studies
Law and Ethics
Leadership Studies
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Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Naval Science
Peace and Justice Studies
Supply Chain Management

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
Pre-Health Advising
Accelerated Nursing
BA/BS to MEPN
Pre-Allied Health
Pre-Dental
Pre-Medical
Pre-Nursing
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Veterinary
Pre-Law Advising

ABOUT USD
5,665
Undergraduates
22
Average class size
100%
Classes taught by our award-winning faculty
16:1
Student-to-faculty ratio
55% 45%
Female Male

ADMISSIONS STATS
46% Fall 2014 acceptance rate
3.97
Average admitted GPA
1890
Average admitted SAT
28
Average admitted ACT

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