



Pathway Program for International Students

Your Fast Track to USD



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USD Graduation



Step 1

Academic Assessment and Conditional Acceptance to USD

The USD Pathway Program offers academically prepared international students with the opportunity to become full-time degree-seeking USD students through completion of an English language and college readiness curriculum. If the Office of Undergraduate Admission determines that you may be in need of strengthening select skills prior to beginning your undergraduate studies at USD, you may be admitted conditionally by way of the Pathway Program. The program begins with individualized assessment in several areas, including: academic aptitude, English language proficiency and college readiness. A personalized pathway will then be developed based on these assessments, and your progress will be closely monitored throughout the program to ensure success.

Assessment

- Application, essay, letter of recommendation and interview
- Academic review of high school and/or college transcripts
- Preliminary English language review of TOEFL/IELTS score
- Preliminary college readiness review

Milestone

- Conditional acceptance is granted to qualified candidates. The conditions will include participation in the USD Pathway Program in order to satisfy:
 - English proficiency
 - Successful completion of USD Pathway Program courses

Step 2

English Language Assessments and Personalized Curriculum Developed

Upon entrance to the program, you will receive a personalized course schedule based on your English language proficiency level, as determined by a six-level scale of English comprehension and competency. The program will be scheduled in 14-week semesters, with at least 20 hours of instruction each week. All courses will be located on the beautiful USD campus in San Diego, California. You'll learn to...

- Improve language skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Fulfill USD English admission requirements

Assessment

- Accuplacer testing
- Review of new TOEFL/IELTS (if needed)
- Review completed coursework, if applicable

Milestone

- A passing grade of C or better in all level 5 - preferably level 6-core classes, including: grammar, writing, reading, listening and speaking
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the English Language Academy (ELA) academic team

Step 3

Bachelor's Degree Program Readiness Assessments and Determination of Courses Needed

Making a smooth transition to college can be challenging for even the most gifted student, as college requires new skills that must be adopted quickly in order to be successful. You will learn the latest strategies on how to succeed in college while improving your English speaking and communication skills. To do this, you'll learn how to:

- Acquire the tools to handle the academic demands of college
- Become more confident, focused and prepared for college
- Gain an edge for future academic success

Assessment

- Determination of college readiness performance and if Pathway courses are required (college writing, English for math and/or study skills)
- Determination of whether or not other USD courses through Open Campus are required and can be taken simultaneously while still being enrolled at the English Language Academy (calculus or fine arts)
- Letter of recommendation from English Language Academy academic team and/or Pathway instructor

Milestone

- Successful completion of designated Pathway and ELA courses, with a passing grade of C or better in all courses required
- Successful completion of designated Open Campus courses, with a passing grade of C or better in all courses required

Step 4

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By completing the college readiness milestones above, you will become a full-time degree-seeking student at USD, prepared with the requisite language skills as well as the confidence to know you can handle college-level coursework. You will also have made important connections to USD resources and will be on your way to becoming a successful member of the Torero Alumni Network.

Have questions?

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