

Academic Pledge to Our Students

At the University of San Diego, we are dedicated to educating confident, original thinkers who are prepared to face humanity's most urgent challenges — and we have been since our founding, long before this pandemic. Our core mission remains steadfast. We are a strong liberal arts university committed to fostering the mind, body and spirit — whether that is with digital tools or in person. We know that developing meaningful connections on and off campus will help you reach your full potential. We are dedicated to preparing you with the skills necessary to succeed. As a contemporary Catholic university, we guarantee that your academic experience at USD will be rich and engaging.

We pledge to help you develop meaningful connections.

- We reconnect you to campus with new activities being planned with friends, faculty and the USD community.
- We commit to ensuring faculty are even more accessible by providing a faculty mentor and one-on-one sessions with the faculty members teaching your classes.
- We continue our vibrant campus life, whether in-person or remote, including our popular Alcalá Bazaar, the Majors and Minors Fair, All Faith Service, and student clubs and groups.
- We welcome students of all faith traditions to participate in University Ministry's immersion experiences, local service and engagement opportunities, retreats, and faith-sharing communities, remote or in-person.

We pledge to deliver a rigorous academic experience.

- We continue to set the highest academic standards at USD, grounded in the liberal arts and Catholic intellectual tradition by asking you to draw upon all fields of study to challenge preconceived ideas, and to discern significant truths about reality, faith and human existence.
- We encourage you to develop into innovative and ethical citizens by collaborating with community partners.
- We commit to providing you with exceptional and rich experiential learning engagements.
- We offer opportunities to conduct and present research, collaborate with faculty members, hear distinguished guest speakers, and participate in courses that examine our role as positive agents of change.
- We engage you with small class sizes, open discussions, hands-on experiences and creative problem solving.
- We look to new interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning.

We pledge to invest in your future.

- We prepare you for your professional journey with unprecedented career-readiness programs.
- We support you and your future goals with career advisors, industry partners and an extensive alumni network.
- We provide enriching experiences and networking to ensure you are positioned to succeed in the world.
- We offer you a highly individualized educational experience and a strong Torero community where relationships among students, faculty and alumni last a lifetime.

We make this pledge in solidarity as Toreros together and for each other.

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