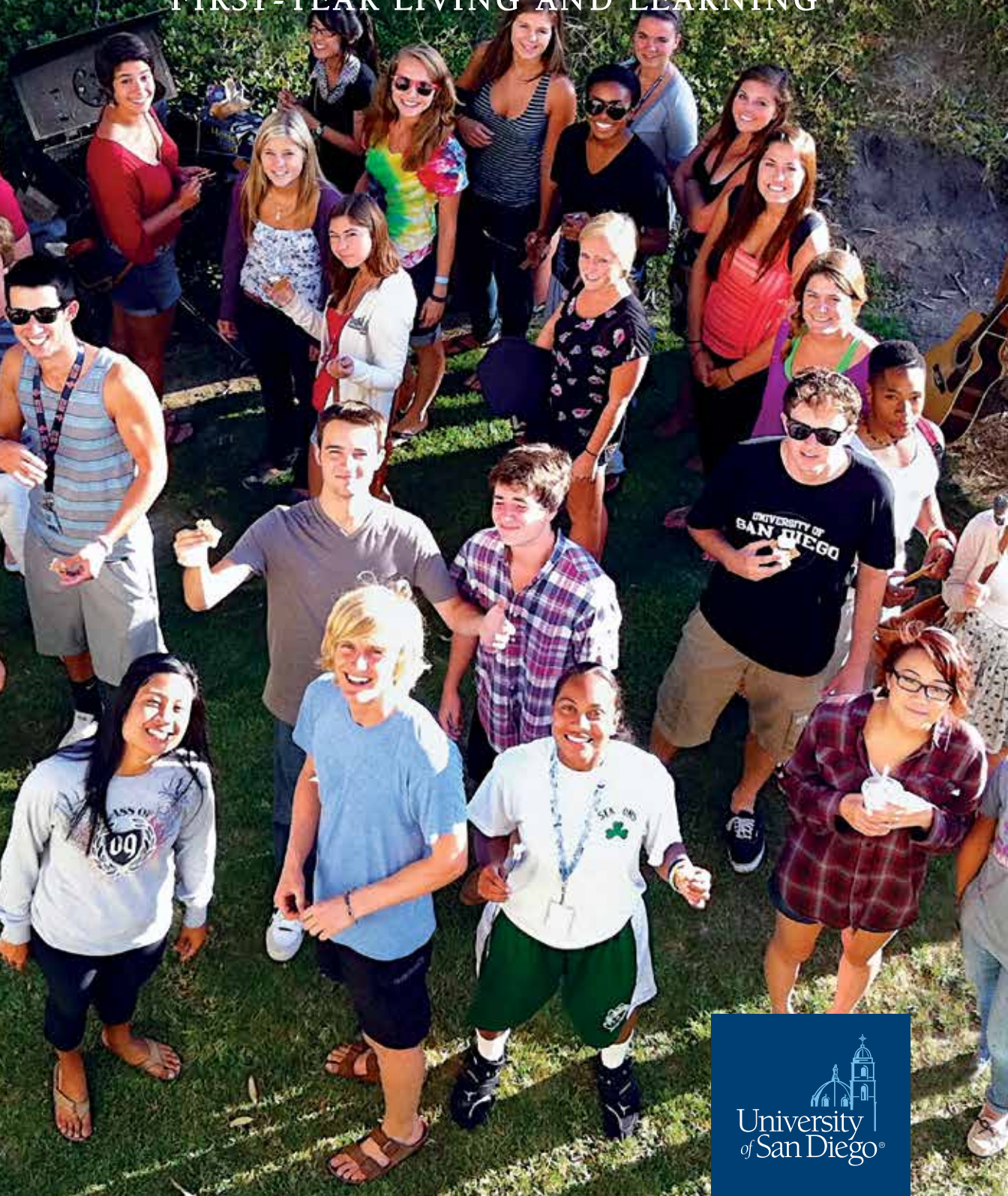


# YOU are USD

FIRST-YEAR LIVING AND LEARNING



## Be the Change

In 2011, University of San Diego was named an Ashoka Changemaker Campus, and designated a hub of social innovation among a select group of the nation's colleges and universities. One of the key qualities of a Changemaker campus is the development of socially minded programs across disciplines that explore and address your community's — and the world's — intractable problems.

Changemaking at USD means cultivating awareness, empathy and the ability to identify social problems, and the systemic variables that create and/or perpetuate them, in order to develop and implement creative and viable solutions. As a member of the USD community, you have endless opportunities to explore social change through purposeful, cross-disciplinary initiatives in teaching, research and community action.

Exploring social change can begin right here, in your first year. Tap into the region's ecology and be part of a sustainability dinner. Learn about local struggles for justice as you get to know San Diego. Listen to the world around you. Fortify yourself with knowledge and find your passion in positive change.

From your first day, you will see that at USD, living and learning are one and the same. Where the classroom and the residence hall serve as a community, sounding board and intellectual testing ground. Where your studies and collegiate conversations are intertwined, breaking down borders between disciplines and kicking up fresh ideas. All made even better with a little late-night pizza and new lifelong friends.



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## Living and Learning

First-year students are required to live on campus, but really, you wouldn't want it any other way. Living among your peers just a few steps from your classes is a natural start to college life. And at USD, residential life is not just a bunk and a meal ticket. You are welcomed into an inclusive living community where you will find the support of other students and a staff of advisors, countless natural connections to campus life, and activities and events to help you kick back and make new friends.

## Community Living

Sharing a bedroom, bathroom and study space with your peers is an enlightening experience. From learning what you have in common with someone from a different part of the country or world to considering how your music volume affects your neighbor, discover yourself by living with your peers. Since part of the college experience is exploring who you are, living in a community is the perfect setting to nurture that process.

## Living Learning Communities

Your first year is like no other. You are likely to learn more about yourself and your capabilities than at any other time in your life. You will make connections that last decades. Every moment will be charged with possibility. What better way to nurture yourself than through a living learning community (LLC)?

In LLCs, students who share a common interest live and study together. Not only do LLCs ease your academic and social transition to USD, they expand your intellectual curiosity beyond the classroom, and establish an immediate sense of community with your faculty and fellow residents.

In an LLC, students take classes together and live near one another, sharing a supercharged college experience where academics meld with exciting cocurricular activities and community engagement, unfurling new understandings in the process. Built around themes such as social justice or sustainability, each LLC provides a ripe environment for you and your peers to ponder differing perspectives and galvanize into action.

## Live and Learn

National studies have shown that students in living learning communities demonstrate stronger academic achievement, and are more invested in and connected to the campus community. By taking part in activities, using campus resources and interacting with faculty, students who choose LLCs overall experience a more seamless transition to college.

As a living learning participant at USD, you are an active member of the community from the day you arrive on campus. You are surrounded by students with similar interests and mentors who want to help you succeed. Your small-classroom experiences and LLC-themed events are interrelated, and since your hall mates are also your classmates, your field of shared experiences is vast. Friendships develop and deepen. Study groups are a natural. You are inspired by others, and in turn, you inspire. Before you know it, you are not just attending USD, you are USD.





### The USD Advantage

While learning communities are becoming increasingly popular among colleges and universities across the nation, LLCs at USD stand out as part of a comprehensive first-year experience. Each LLC theme is linked to related preceptorials, first-year core curriculum courses that are limited to 18 first-year students and taught by a full-time faculty member who also serves as your academic advisor until you choose your major. As your primary mentor, your preceptor opens the door to a higher level of intellectual inquiry, and guides you through such practicalities as registration and careful course planning. Our award-winning faculty preceptors are engaging, sought after as student advisors, and dedicated to their students and to their LLC.

Every living learning community at USD comprises up to eight preceptorial classes that are linked to the theme so you benefit from both small-group and larger-group interactions. In addition to the preceptor, a number of people work together to create a positive experience for you. The faculty director provides overall direction for the LLC theme and related



courses. Each class has a successful continuing student who assists the preceptor, mentors the students and is a resource for campus programs and activities. Community directors, resident assistants and resident ministers round out the support staff in your residence hall, overseeing all aspects of residential life, connecting activities to your LLC theme and connecting you to academic, social and spiritual resources.

Outside of class, each LLC plans a series of theme-related activities that add another dimension to your studies, integrating your classroom experience with the lessons of life unfolding around you. They provide venues to explore social change through your classes, co-curricular events or discussions with your peers in your residence hall. In 2012 for example, the Sustainability LLC explored Mission Point in kayaks, paddle boards and snorkeling gear at the Aquatic Trifecta where they learned about the three aquatic ecosystems that join in this unique location in San Diego. The Space Place Sound and Honors LLC students enjoyed the play "Inherit the Wind" at the historic Old Globe Theater in Balboa Park. The Natural World LLC



students accompanied archaeologist and co-author of *The Statues That Walked*, Carl Lipo, through Tecolote Canyon and garnered firsthand the expertise of the man who's book served as a common reading for all the preceptorials in the theme. And the students of the Social Justice LLC participated in a border immersion trip highlighting the lived experience of migrant workers throughout the southern region of the San Diego area.

For more information about past LLC events, please visit [www.sandiego.edu/llc](http://www.sandiego.edu/llc).

### Food for Thought

Whether it is a formal Christmas dinner or a casual spring barbecue, a locally sourced meal or an exotic foreign feast, you will relish being part of a close academic community where you can nourish both body and mind. Dining Sessions are a 500-year tradition in Great Britain where students and faculty gathered to dine, sharpen their rhetorical skills and enjoy each other's company. Imagine the dining sessions in Hogwarts and you get the picture. Our own USD Dining Sessions are a real and much newer tradition, but they have quickly become an important part of LLC life.





## 2013-14 Living Learning Community Themes

All first-year students participate in living learning communities. Aligning with USD's core values, there are nine themes to choose from.

### Where do you see yourself?

#### CHANGE

Change is the only constant; it is essential for human existence and in the physical world. No matter how hard we strive to maintain consistency, we change. How do gene changes drive biological evolution? How do market forces influence consumer and producer behavior? How does history mark the passage of human change? How have attitudes about racial and ethnic differences evolved over time? What role do mathematics and computer science concepts play in the notion of change? Discover answers to these questions and develop your own in the Change LLC.

#### FAITH AND REASON

What is the relationship between faith and reason? Science and religion? How is it possible to experience the presence of the sacred in the ordinary experience of everyday life? Sometimes people who take pride in the power of human intellect look down on religion as a crutch for those who rely on the wisdom that comes from a "higher power." Religious communities sometimes assume that if a scientific theory contradicts their faith, it must be an error. This LLC is for students who see faith and reason as complementary ways of human nature, and are curious about the world and our place in it. Everyone is welcome to participate in this dynamic community: Catholic students, students from other Christian denominations and faith traditions, as well as those who are searching for religious identity.

#### HONORS

This LLC is a community of first-year honors students dedicated to academic excellence. It will serve as your connection to a challenging and rewarding liberal arts education as you join the vibrant company of scholars to explore the universe of human knowledge. You will learn to make your own connections among a vast range of classes, disciplines and ideas, and turn old knowledge into new insights. The Honors LLC is no ordinary first-year program; it marks the beginning of a lifelong quest for knowledge, enlightenment, self-improvement and social progress.

#### INTERSECTIONS

This LLC explores the physical and human elements that form community. How do people build and maintain communities? What roles do physical proximity, technology and diversity play in the development of urban communities? What happens when cultures clash, coexist, and come together? How does difference intersect in complex economic and political systems shaped by the contours of power and privilege? San Diego's location on the border with Mexico provides an interesting and international lens through which we can view these questions. Discover firsthand these intersections in the urban classroom that is America's eighth-largest city.

For more information about living learning communities and how to choose the one for you, visit: [www.sandiego.edu/llc](http://www.sandiego.edu/llc).



#### GLOBALIZATION

Are we headed for a world government? Are our cultural commonalities stronger than our cultural differences? The culture of any particular place is under the profound influence of past and present cultures around the world. Local events in rural Iraq and Afghanistan have dire consequences in Washington, D.C.; factories are evermore mobile, moving from country to country where the production is most profitable; national economies become intensely interconnected with the cross-border movement of capital. The rise of the Internet and increased global communication continue to shape our economic, political, social and cultural identities. Explore the interconnectedness of our ever-shrinking world in the Globalization LLC.

#### THE NATURAL WORLD

Are you interested in all dimensions of scientific thinking? Have you ever wondered about the responsibilities scientists have to the local, national and global community? Is science and discovery displayed in the visions of artists and actors? Can a biologist, philosopher, anthropologist and economist contribute equally to the advancement of science? If you are interested in all aspects of human discovery, this LLC will explore common questions about scientific discovery, ethical and responsible science, and the consequences of scientific knowledge. Throughout your first year you will explore fundamental questions about the sciences through multiple lenses.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Are you interested in analyzing contemporary, economic and historical issues of peace and justice in local, national and global contexts? In the Social Justice LLC, you will live, learn and investigate social activism, social change and the philosophical foundations of justice. What is activism? Is it human nature to value social justice? How can your academic experience be linked to justice issues and the San Diego community?

#### SPACE PLACE SOUND

Have you ever wondered about the variety of spaces humans construct? Have you pondered your place in the universe? How have ideas about space and place changed over time? How can art, performance or music transform a contemporary space into a sacred space or a magnificent space? How does technology shape our relationship to space, place and sound? What turns a space into a place of belonging, a home? Explore these questions through the context of history, art, architecture, music, the cosmos and especially the imagination.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Do you think USD can become a carbon neutral campus? Can environmental awareness be expressed in art or poetry? What is ecological stewardship? How can the sciences, social sciences and humanities collaborate to create an environmentally sustainable world? Explore these questions with your peers in the context of positive environmental change and practice "green living." Whether you are interested in sustainable fisheries, cultures of environmentalism or graphic depictions of environmental living, this LLC invites all who are interested in sustaining our environment.





## Commuter Students

There was a time when commuter students slipped on and off campus quietly, creating hardly a ripple in the university pond. Those days are long gone. As a commuter student today, becoming active in student life at USD is a simple matter. Through the Commuter Student Program, we have a number of resources that are targeted specifically to your academic and personal development here on campus. After all, when we invited you to USD, we welcomed you into our community, not just our classrooms.

### From Commuter Student to Commuter Resident

Just because you are a commuter student doesn't mean residential life is off-limits. First-year commuter students participate in living learning communities (LLCs) and experience the best of both worlds, becoming a part of a tight-knit academic circle on campus while still living at home. Your preceptorial course is linked to the LLC theme you choose and includes students from the same LLC. In the residence hall connected to your LLC theme, you have access to all common areas, and a resident assistant in the building includes you in all theme-related activities.

Just as important, you benefit from getting to know your professors and learning in a small-group setting, making lasting connections with classmates and sharing activities related to your theme outside the classroom.

### Home Base

For traditional commuter students, a sense of belonging begins with having a place to call your own. It's much easier to feel a part of a community when you can put your books down and your feet up, greet friends and grab a bite in between classes. At USD, that is the Commuter Student Commons.

The Commuter Student Commons has everything you would find in a residence hall, except perhaps the loft beds and lava lamps. You can get work done at the study tables or computer stations, make lunch in the kitchenette (complete with a refrigerator, microwave and toaster oven), chat with friends, take a study break around the Wii or the television, and store your goods in the long-term or day-use lockers. You can even invite classmates in for group study sessions.

Perhaps most importantly, in the Commuter Student Commons you can get tips from fellow commuters and the staff about campus life as you transition to USD. Organized events like monthly breakfasts help strengthen the commuter community. For these reasons, and many more, the Commuter Student Commons will quickly become your home base in the heart of campus.

Conveniently adjacent to the Commuter Student Commons is the Center for Student Success (CSS). CSS staff administer the Commuter Student Program, oversee the Commuter Student Commons and are available to advise you on academic or personal issues, or simply connect you with resources on campus.

Look for the 2013 Commuter Student Newsletter in late spring, which will contain important information about orientation, Summer Send Offs and your first-year experience at USD.

For more information about living learning communities and how to choose the one for you, visit:

[www.sandiego.edu/llc](http://www.sandiego.edu/llc)

For more information about commuter student programs, please phone the Center for Student Success at (619) 260-5995, email [css@sandiego.edu](mailto:css@sandiego.edu), or visit:

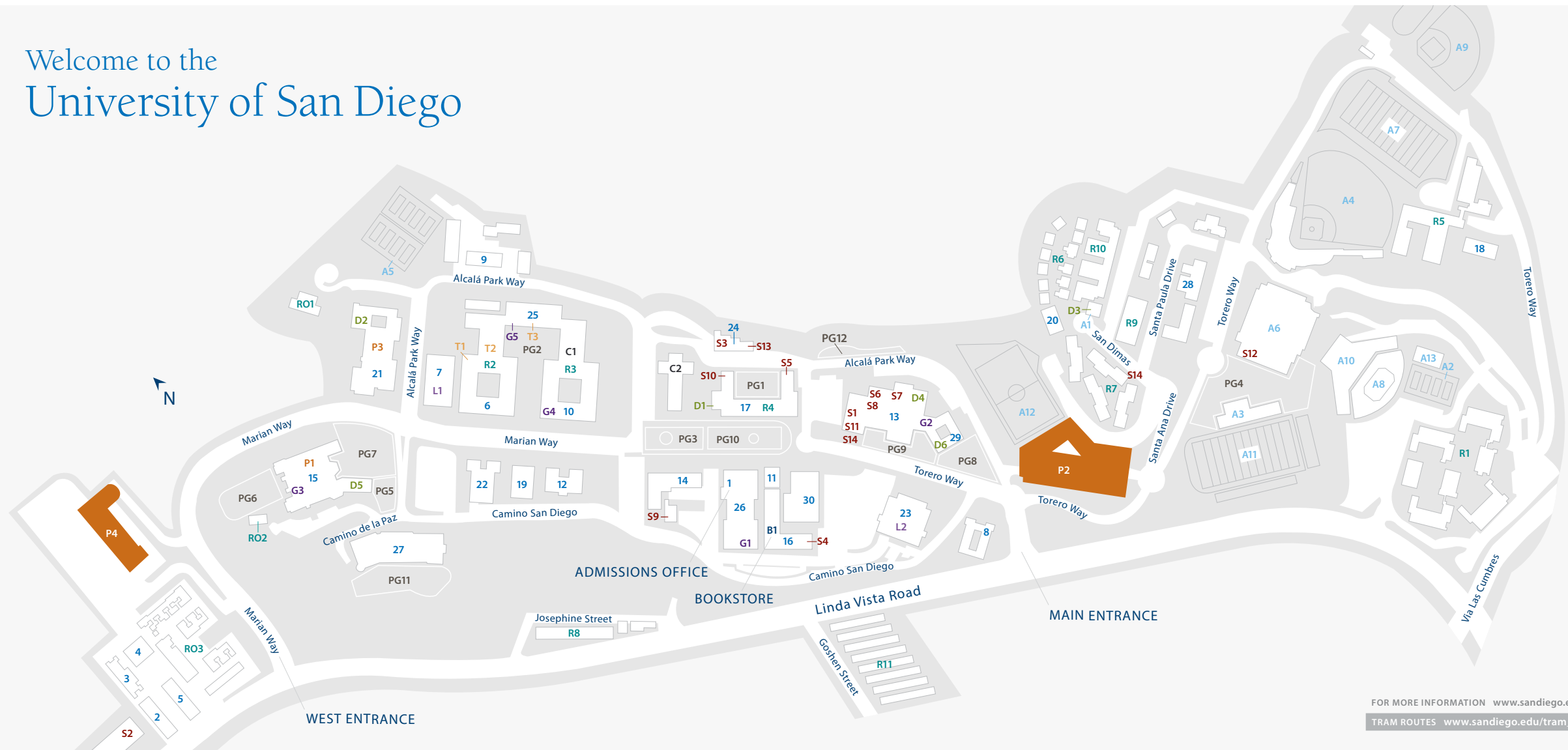
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*"The Commuter Student Commons really helped me stay connected to the school. The advisors at the Center for Student Success helped me with class scheduling and study tips so I could be successful in my classes. You want to feel included and that's what the commons really strives for."*

**MIGUEL PEREZ**

Sophomore commuter student  
Commuter Student Commons staff member

# Welcome to the University of San Diego



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 TRAM ROUTES [www.sandiego.edu/tram\\_services](http://www.sandiego.edu/tram_services)

## ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES

- 1 Admissions Office and International Center (Serra Hall)
- 2 Alcalá Park West - Ávila
- 3 Alcalá Park West - Barcelona
- 4 Alcalá Park West - Coronado
- 5 Alcalá Park West - Durango
- 6 Camino Hall
- 7 Copley Library
- 8 Degheri Alumni Center
- 9 Facilities Management Complex
- 10 Founders Hall
- 11 Guadalupe Hall
- 12 Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science
- 13 Hahn University Center
- 14 Hughes Administration Center
- 15 Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
- 16 Loma Hall
- 17 Maher Hall
- 18 Manchester Family Child Development Center
- 19 Manchester Executive Conference Center
- 20 Mission Crossroads
- 21 Mother Rosalie Hill Hall
- 22 Olin Hall

- 23 Pardee Legal Research Center
- 24 Procurement Services
- 25 Sacred Heart Hall / NROTC
- 26 Serra Hall
- 27 Shiley Center for Science and Technology
- 28 St. Francis Center for Priestly Formation
- 29 Student Life Pavilion
- 30 Warren Hall

## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- A1 Bosley Mission Café and Fitness Center
- A2 East Tennis Courts
- A3 Field House
- A4 Fowler Park / Cunningham Field
- A5 Hogan West Tennis Courts
- A6 Jenny Craig Pavilion / McNamara Fitness Center
- A7 Manchester Valley Field
- A8 Pool
- A9 Softball Field
- A10 Sports Center
- A11 Torero Stadium
- A12 Valley Field
- A13 Weight Room

## BOOKSTORE

- B1 Torero Store (Loma Hall)

## CHURCHES

- C1 Founders Chapel
- C2 The Immaculata

## DINING AND CAFÉS

- D1 Aromas (Maher Hall)
- D2 Bert's Bistro (Mother Rosalie Hill Hall)
- D3 Bosley Mission Café and Fitness Center
- D4 La Gran Terraza (Hahn University Center)
- D5 La Paloma (Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice)
- D6 Pavilion Dining / Tu Mercado / Frank's Lounge (Student Life Pavilion)

## GALLERIES

- G1 David W. May American Indian Gallery (Serra Hall)
- G2 Exhibit Hall (Student Life Pavilion)
- G3 Fine Art Galleries (Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice)

- G4 Hoehn Family Galleries and Hoehn Print Study Room (Founders Hall)
- G5 Visual Art Center (Sacred Heart Hall)

## LIBRARIES

- L1 Copley Library
- L2 Pardee Legal Research Center

## PARKING STRUCTURES

- P1 Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Parking
- P2 Mission Parking Structure
- P3 Mother Rosalie Hill Hall Parking
- P4 West Parking Structure

## PERFORMING ARTS THEATRES

- T1 Black Box Theatre (Camino Hall)
- T2 Shiley Theatre (Camino Hall)
- T3 Studio Theatre (Sacred Heart Hall)

## PLAZAS AND GARDENS

- PG1 Bishop Leo T. Maher Garden
- PG2 Camino / Founders Patio
- PG3 Colachis Plaza

- PG4 Eagan Plaza
- PG5 Garden of the Moon
- PG6 Garden of the Sea
- PG7 Garden of the Sky / 9/11 Memorial
- PG8 Plaza Mayor
- PG9 Plaza Minor
- PG10 Plaza de San Diego
- PG11 Strata Plaza
- PG12 Tecolote Memorial Garden

## RESIDENCE HALLS

- R1 Alcalá Vista Apartments
- R2 Camino Hall
- R3 Founders Hall
- R4 Maher Hall
- R5 Manchester Village Apartments
- R6 Missions A
- R7 Missions B
- R8 Presidio Terrace Apartments
- R9 San Antonio de Padua
- R10 San Buenaventura
- R11 University Terrace Apartments

## RESIDENCE - OTHER

- RO1 Casa de Alcalá
- RO2 Casa de la Paz
- RO3 Casa del Pueblo Condos

## SERVICES

- S1 ATM (Hahn University Center)
- S2 E-Recycling Center
- S3 Hospitality Services
- S4 Mail Center (Loma Hall)
- S5 Media Center (Maher Hall)
- S6 One-Stop Student Center Financial Aid, Student Accounts and Registrar (Hahn University Center)
- S7 Outdoor Adventures (Hahn University Center)
- S8 Parking Services (Hahn University Center)
- S9 Public Safety
- S10 Student Health Center (Maher Hall)
- S11 Ticket Office (Hahn University Center)
- S12 Ticket Office (Jenny Craig Pavilion)
- S13 University Copy
- S9 Visitor Information
- S14 Zip Car

## Live and Learn

No matter which living learning community you choose, at USD you have a full complement of mentors to help you successfully navigate this first year on your own.

### PRECEPTORIAL CLASS

A small class for all incoming first-year students led by a faculty member who also serves as your academic advisor. The course fills a core curriculum requirement, and its small size encourages bonding among the group and between students and professor.

### PRECEPTOR

A full-time faculty member who teaches your preceptorial course, mentors you as you adjust to college-level scholarship, and offers resources and guidance as you plan and register for courses. Your preceptor remains your advisor until you declare a major.

### PRECEPTORIAL ASSISTANT

A successful continuing student who mentors preceptorial students, plans community-building events and is a facilitator for faculty preceptors.

### FACULTY DIRECTOR

A full-time faculty member who provides overall direction for an LLC theme and coordinates the preceptorial faculty and the courses connected to that theme.

### RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Peer leaders in your residence hall who are trained to facilitate your transition to USD by providing individual guidance and serving as a resource for university services and activities.

### COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

A live-in professional director for each residential community who oversees all aspects of residential life, including programming, discipline and supervision of the Resident Assistant staff.

### RESIDENT MINISTER

A live-in minister (university minister or graduate student trained in theology and pastoral counseling) who fosters community and spirituality in each residential living community.

### RESIDENT HALL ASSOCIATION

Each residential area has a hall council that sponsors programs and advocates for students.

### CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

A centralized support system for undergraduates, with specific programs for commuter students, transfer students and out-of-state students. Trained peer coaches and professional staff can help you address academic and personal challenges. The goal is for all students to find a home at USD and to have the resources to succeed.

### COMMUTER STUDENT COMMONS

A welcoming space on campus for commuter students, complete with lockers, a full kitchenette, computer stations, study tables, relaxing couches and more. The commons gives commuter students a place to meet other students, work together and become part of the campus community.

### ORIENTATION

Orientation begins with contact over the summer and culminates in an on-campus program prior to the start of classes where you join your fellow students in learning about USD's mission, academic life and campus community. You will meet and get to know your USD classmates; be introduced to your living learning community, connect with your preceptorial class, preceptorial assistant and faculty preceptor, and be provided with important information and resources to help you make a successful transition.



The first-year experience at USD goes far beyond an orientation event and a new class schedule. Whether a resident or a commuter student, you are surrounded by academic, spiritual and personal advisors throughout the year, immersed in classes and complementary events that combine scholarship and friendship, and elevated by residential environments that nourish your individuality and feed your soul.

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