**THE COVID PANDEMIC**

**UC SAN DIEGO’S RESPONSE**

The disruption to campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic greatly reduced student participation for many programs throughout the campus. This reduced participation is evident for some of the programs in this year’s profile such as Housing and Dining, Study Abroad, and Career Services. To provide context for the changes in student participation, this brochure provides some information on how UC San Diego responded to the changes in teaching, research, and service delivery brought on by the pandemic.

**RETURN TO LEARN**

UC San Diego’s Return to Learn Plan is comprised of strategies to prevent and detect the spread of COVID-19, provide testing and screening for students and staff, establish classroom safety rules, and adapt housing and dining systems to COVID precautions. [https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu](https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu).

**ACADEMIC QUARTER PLANS**

Promotional campaign on campus health and safety Outdoor classroom instruction

Informational townhall

Testing and screening

Remote teaching

**COVID DASHBOARDS**

Updated daily with critical information. [https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/corona/dashboards/index.html](https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/corona/dashboards/index.html)

**COVID TESTING AND SCREENING**

**FINANCIAL AID**

In 2020-2021, approximately 75% of all undergraduate students are expected to receive some type of financial assistance from a wide variety of programs including Federal, State, UC, and outside sources in the form of loans, grants, work-study and scholarships. This includes need and non-need students.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

For the 2020-2021 academic year, UC San Diego estimates administering approximately $13.6 million in scholarship support for undergraduate students from UC and gift aid enrollment source. This includes $2.2 million in Regents Scholarships, and over $11 million in athletic scholarships.

Notable awards to graduate students in 2019 included 105 National Science Foundation fellowships and 225 UC Public Health Service training grants.

**STUDY ABROAD**

During the 2019-2020 academic year, more than 200 students planned to study abroad but due to the pandemic only 135 were able to complete their programs between fall and summer quarters. Students regularly participate in academic and experiential study abroad programs in over 40 countries through Global Seminars, JDP, OIP and departmentally-hosted programs. UC San Diego students generally receive over $950,000 in scholarships to support their study abroad experiences.

**CAREER CENTER**

The Career Center team of 120 works to directly help all undergraduate and graduate students prepare for student employment, internships, full-time roles, graduate school, and starting entrepreneurial ventures. In 2019-2020, the Career Center partnered with 2,200+ employers, to connect with students and present over 10,000+ student opportunities.

**STUDENT COSTS**

At UC San Diego, annual 2020-2021 undergraduate student tuition and fees are currently $11,479 for California residents, plus an additional $52,070 health insurance fee. Students that are currently covered by a comparable health care insurance plan and have a primary care provider within 40 miles of UC San Diego may qualify for the health fee waiver. Non-California resident undergraduate students currently pay an additional annual amount of $129,754 non-resident supplemental tuition. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

Annual graduate student tuition and fees are $17,385 for California residents. Graduate student health care insurance in the amount of $3,855 is included in the graduate resident fee. Students that are currently covered by a comparable health care insurance plan and have a primary care provider within 40 miles of UC San Diego may qualify for the health fee waiver. Supplemental tuition and fees for non-California residents for graduate students are $15,102. Please note, some graduate programs have different costs and additional professional fees. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

UC San Diego’s estimated total basic budget for undergraduates for the 2020-2021 for three quarters (an academic year) is estimated at approximately $14,305 for California resident undergraduate residents living in University housing (this includes resident tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation and personal expenses).

**Campus Precautions**

Large outdoor tents used for teaching in accordance with public health guidelines. [https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/teach/teaching-tenants-take-place](https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/teach/teaching-tenants-take-place)

Distance requirements and health practices promoted through a variety of communication avenues and platforms.

Restricted number of essential on-campus staff to reduce density.

Virtual classrooms and meetings.
NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT
A total of 9,794 new students enrolled in classes in the Fall 2020 term.

First-Time First-Year Students: 65.8% (6,447)
Transfer Students: 34.2% (3,347)

HONORS COURSES
The average number of honors courses taken in the 10th and 11th grades for the 2020 first-time first-year student cohort was 10.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY (A-G) COURSES
To the 2020 first-time first-year student cohort, the average number of A-G semester courses completed in high school was 53. The minimum A-G course requirement is 30 semester courses - 14 of which must be taken during the last two years of high school.