



University
of San Diego®



*Lighting the
Way Forward*



The USD Difference

Sitting on a hilltop just minutes away from the best of everything that San Diego has to offer – the Pacific Ocean, Old Town, the Gaslamp Quarter, and the Mission Beach Boardwalk – is the University of San Diego (USD). Consistently ranked as one of the ‘Most Beautiful College Campuses’ by Princeton Review, the combination of Spanish Renaissance architecture, carefully landscaped gardens, plazas, and courtyards, stunning views, and modern meeting facilities makes USD the perfect destination for any type of meeting, special event, conference, workshop, retreat, or symposium. We have experience working with groups from all sectors, including healthcare, corporate, military, government, legal, religious, athletics, and education to create the perfect agenda for your group. Our team of professional event planners works with you at every step to ensure that your experience is one-of-a-kind, offering flexibility, choice, and value. Don’t just take our word for it – contact [Hospitality Services](#) today for a tour, consultation, or quote, and see the difference USD makes in your next meeting or event.

Planning Support
On- and Off-Campus Housing
Dining and Catering Services
Meeting Venues
Event Coordination
Travel Arrangements
Printing
Concierge Services
Program Support





Award-Winning Culinary Services

Your participants will notice right away – our culinary services set us apart from all our competitors. Our academy-certified chefs plan and prepare high-quality, fresh cuisine daily with an emphasis on locally sourced ingredients and options for all dietary needs. Not only is the quality of our dining program ranked annually as one of the Best Campus Food programs in the US, but we also offer participants something they rarely get – choice. Participants are provided with Dining Dollars to enjoy meals, snacks, and coffee at any of our restaurants and retail locations:

Pavilion Dining | Tu Mercado | La Gran Terraza

Pavilion Dining is home to an array of unique dining concepts that fuse distinct ingredients and flavors to create delicious menus in an inviting environment. Menus were developed in partnership with the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone.

Not very hungry for breakfast? Grab a coffee and pastry at Tu Mercado, pay only for what you want, and use more of your Dining Dollars later in the day. Our extensive experience helps you pick the meal budget that is right for your group.

Our outstanding culinary team also provides *world class catering* for everything from box lunches and program breaks to high-end banquets and themed buffets. Let us build a meal plan for your group that is different than anything they have ever encountered.





Exceptional Conference Facilities

Beyond the traditional academic classrooms, lecture halls, and auditoriums of various sizes spread across the campus, USD offers three facilities with combined spaces that are suitable for groups up to 300 people to meet under one roof:

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

The Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice is dedicated to championing evidence-based, justice-centered solutions to end cycles of violence in society. Groups have access to a 288-seat auditorium, a large formal rotunda, and multi-purpose conference rooms capable of seating up to 225 for meals. Two outdoor courtyards, the Garden of the Sky and Garden of the Sea, offer ideal outdoor dining and reception space with panoramic views of Mission Bay.



Hahn University Center

The Ernest and Jean Hahn University Center combines more than 25,000 square feet of versatile, state-of-the-art meeting and event space with the elegance of the campus's signature Spanish Renaissance architecture. Designed to foster discussion, collaboration, and learning, the Center can host everything from private meetings for 10 to receptions and conferences for up to 400 guests. Flexible ballrooms and meeting rooms, inviting lounges, indoor and outdoor event spaces, and premier dining options—including Catering, Pavilion Dining, and La Gran Terraza restaurant with its adjoining Terrace—create an ideal setting for any occasion.



Learning Commons

The Learning Commons at USD is the manifestation of USD's dedication to active learning. The building is centered on the Town Square with stadium seating for up to 180 people, surrounded by nine collaborative study rooms and thirteen classrooms equipped with the latest writing surfaces, cutting-edge technology, and flexible furnishings that promote group interaction and learning. The corresponding outdoor patios and plazas complete the space necessary to provide a full-service environment for groups up to 200.



Specialty Meeting Spaces

In addition to our exceptional conference facilities, we also offer several other specialty facilities to complement your agenda. These spaces are perfect for keynotes, performances, receptions, and large banquets or gatherings:

Shiley Theatre

The Shiley Theatre is one of USD's legacy buildings and provides seating for up to 560 attendees. The facility includes the multi-purpose theatre, lobby, green rooms, and an adjacent outdoor courtyard for large pre- and post-event needs.

La Gran Terraza

La Gran Terraza is a dedicated year-round restaurant serving a rotating, seasonal menu of culinary specialties. Groups may use the elegant dining room, outdoor terrace with breathtaking views of Mission Bay and Tecolote Canyon, or O'Toole's Gastropub for banquets and receptions for up to 150 people and take advantage of a special *catering menu* exclusively for La Gran Terraza events.

Camino Courtyard

The Camino Courtyard is a picturesque, 14,000 square foot open space in the heart of campus framed by a rose garden and the Spanish Renaissance campus architecture. At night, the natural uplighting and accent lights provide for a magical experience for banquets of up to 500 guests and receptions for up to 1,000.

Palomar Health Student Wellness Center

Opened in 2025, the new *Palomar Health Student Wellness Center* offers planners the opportunity to include concepts of holistic health and fitness in their agenda through custom-tailored program content. Our certified instructors offer everything from low-impact sessions, including yoga, meditation, stretching, sound healing, to high-impact activities, such as energy dance, boot camp and weight training, and spin cycling. Classes accommodate 10-50 people depending on the activity and all occur in the state-of-the-art fitness studios in the Wellness Center. Individuals may also access all of the resources of the general facilities for a daily, weekly, or monthly fee.

All conference facilities and meeting spaces offer access to the latest technology, free Wi-Fi, and on-site support to ensure that your event is executed to the highest standards.





Comfortable Accommodations

During the summer months, USD offers a mix of *housing accommodations* for groups that want to enjoy the convenience of a residential experience and everything that living on campus offers.

Apartment Housing

Three different facilities at USD afford guests the ability to stay in fully furnished, shared apartments with full kitchens and living areas. Two-bedroom/two-bathroom apartments can be used in single or double configurations (one or two guests per bedroom/bathroom) while four-bedroom/two-bathroom apartments offer single bedrooms for each guest. Each facility is built around a series of courtyards and outdoor living rooms and provides interior common spaces for quiet study and reflection, social interactions, and meetings and gatherings, as well as laundry facilities.

Traditional Housing

For larger groups or those on a budget, USD offers several traditional residential facilities where guests are housed in shared occupancy rooms with private baths, large suites with shared bathrooms, or traditional dormitories with community bathrooms. Most facilities offer common area lounges and gathering spaces for guests to enjoy during their stay.





A True “Destination” Venue

San Diego is a popular destination for all types of outdoor enthusiasts. Maybe it’s the average year-round temperature of 72 degrees. Or the miles and miles of public beaches and boardwalks along the Pacific Ocean or hiking trails in the San Diego foothills. Perhaps it’s the farmer’s markets, cultural events, and music festivals that take place all year long. Add to that the variety of historical landmarks, world class museums in *Balboa Park*, a robust dining scene, charming neighborhood districts including *Old Town*, major league sports, and premier theater, shopping, and entertainment options and San Diego has something to offer everyone.

Getting to USD is easy, with *San Diego International Airport* just 10 minutes away. Participants driving to campus can access it from either Interstate 5 or 8, with affordable hourly and daily parking rates available at two campus parking garages. While not situated directly on the *San Diego Trolley*, USD is a short Uber, Lyft, or Taxi ride away from the Old Town station which serves the blue and green lines. If needed, transfers can be arranged to-and-from off-site hotels to USD through several local transportation companies.





Experience the Difference for Yourself

Connect with our team of event professionals today to plan your next conference, meeting, or special event:



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