

TEACHING + LEARNING COMMONS

THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS

Our students have all the right ingredients for success – talent, aptitude and a proven commitment to learning. Yet they can experience frustration and feelings of insecurity as they struggle with a new topic, or encounter expectations to write or calculate at a level higher than their high school preparation.

The **Teaching + Learning Commons (the Commons)** recognizes that all UC San Diego students are capable of high academic achievement. It is our task as a university to meet them where they're at – and together, remove obstacles to their learning. We also recognize the power of ambition and want to be sure our Tritons can readily access the comprehensive range of learning experiences available to them on campus and off.

Meeting students where they're at means, for example, engaging peer mentors for one-on-one partnership and small group discussions. We emphasize experiential learning for personal and academic growth, so the Commons takes an active role building the co-curricular transcript, which certifies experiential learning. And to really get at the root of learning, the Commons engages academic instructors to improve their versatility as educators and familiarity with a range of methods.

In early 2026 the Commons will move to its new home in the Student Success Building in Triton Center – UC San Diego's true home address, a place where students can find the services they need and our alumni and visiting friends can join in our thriving campus culture.

10,000+

Student visits in the 2021-22 academic year, more than double the count from two years ago

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Students used the Commons last year, roughly one-third of the undergraduate student body

TIME TO GRADUATION

Increase of four-year degree attainment from 57% to 72% since 2013

HEIGHTENED IMPACT

For first-generation and underrepresented minority student groups, with a sharp reduction in low grades and withdrawal rates

At UC San Diego, we believe that what we don't know today will forever change our tomorrows. Empowered by generosity and fueled by curiosity, we are unafraid to chase the unknown – to ask the questions no one has asked before and to push the boundaries of possibility. Together, we unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.



TRITON CENTER – HOME TO LEARNING

Join us with a gift to support the Teaching + Learning Commons and its new home in Triton Center. Together with contributions from like-minded alumni, students, parents and friends, we'll leverage and empower our audacious campus community to transform our world.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

In Triton Center's Student Success Building, students will easily find the Commons and other important programs by first approaching the new **Triton Center One Stop**, a semi-circular station where up to six student liaisons will greet students and address each unique need. Students may not know beforehand what the right resource is, so well-trained liaisons will guide them where they need to go.

Joining the **Teaching + Learning Commons** in the Student Success Building will be **Global Initiatives** and the **Triton Transfer Hub**, each focused on large, unique cohorts with different profiles than those entering the university through conventional four-year channels. Co-location with these programs is valuable to both the international and transfer student cohorts, where the pressure to stay on track is acute. Building a spirit of community into the hard work of learning inspires all.

In addition to offices for Commons administration will be plentiful resources for students to study alone, collaborate with peers, or bring a group into one of several discussion rooms. A larger meeting room and a reconfigurable classroom will accommodate structured sessions for skill-specific workshops.

OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

UC San Diego seeks contributions in support of the **Teaching + Learning Commons** from Triton alumni and all those committed to the success of our driven and determined students.

Significant donations to construction of the Commons' new home for learning in Triton Center may be recognized with a naming of space within the facility. The location of the naming will be contingent on the size of gift and visibility of the named space.

Together with your philanthropic support for the Teaching + Learning Commons, we will unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.

Learn more at tritoncenter.ucsd.edu.

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