

More UCSD students to live on campus this fall than at any other UC campus

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The University of California, San Diego will begin the academic year this fall with more students living on campus than any of the other eight campuses that make up the UC system.

This year, according to UCSD's Director of Housing and Dining Services Larry Barrett, about 6,000 students -- including 2,235 in the entering freshman class -- will reside on campus. This represents a majority of the freshman class, which totals 2,650 this year. Total student enrollment has increased slightly from last year, with approximately 14,800 undergraduates and about 2,200 graduate students.

"There is a clear trend on college campuses across the country of more and more students wanting to live off campus," said Barrett. "At UCSD, however this is definitely not happening. We are certainly defying the trend, but we should be very pleased that we are."

According to Barrett, studies show that college students who live on campus tend to get better grades and are more likely to graduate.

There is a strong demand among students for housing on campus, Barrett said, as evidenced by the fact that UCSD anticipates full occupancy and a waiting list this fall. In comparison, most campuses typically average between 300 to 500 vacancies. An increase of 600 units of campus housing will come on line next year with the completion of the new Warren College housing complex. This, he explained, will ensure an adequate housing stock to meet anticipated student demand over the next few years.

A recent change in campus housing policy that now allows students from different colleges to live together, will make campus housing a more popular option among some students, predicted Barrett. The majority of campus housing is grouped into UCSD's five-college system, modeled after Oxford University. All undergraduates belong to one of the five colleges, and students residing on campus previously were required to live in their college's housing with other students of that college.

In addition to campus housing, about 340 UCSD students, staff and faculty members live in a university-owned complex near campus called La Jolla Del Sol.

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