



UNIVERSIDAD DE MANILA

# sustainability report 2024



# UDM SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2024

In an era where global challenges demand innovative and sustainable solutions, Universidad De Manila (UDM) proudly presents its Sustainability Report, a testament to our commitment to fostering a resilient, inclusive, and responsible academic community. This report outlines our efforts across the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting our achievements, partnerships, and enduring dedication to positively impacting society.

As a leading institution situated in the heart of Manila, UDM is uniquely positioned to drive transformative change. Our dedication to sustainability is not only reflected in our curriculum but also in our commitment to community engagement, responsible governance, and partnerships with government, industry, and global institutions. This report details our contributions to key goals such as quality education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17), among others.

The pages that follow showcase our structured approach to integrating sustainable practices into the core of UDM's operations and culture. From local initiatives that empower underserved communities to international collaborations that foster global solutions, we aim to inspire progress, promote transparency, and exemplify how higher education institutions can be at the forefront of sustainable development.

This Sustainability Report serves as both a reflection on our past achievements and a roadmap for future endeavors. It is our hope that it will inspire continued collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment to a sustainable future. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, faculty, students, and staff for their tireless dedication to these efforts, as we look forward to advancing our mission of sustainability for generations to come.





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I share Universidad De Manila's Sustainability Report 2024. This document reflects our commitment not only to academic excellence but also to creating a lasting positive impact on society. In these pages, you will find evidence of UDM's dedication to fostering a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient community, one that upholds the values enshrined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and brings them to life through concrete actions.

As an institution, we are uniquely poised to address critical challenges through education, research, and community engagement. Our efforts toward goals such as quality education, gender equality, decent work, and partnerships for global progress underscore our resolve to create pathways to a better future. This report highlights our initiatives that expand access to education, promote equitable economic opportunities, protect academic freedoms, and encourage collaboration across sectors. Each initiative is a step toward a sustainable future, where both local and global communities can thrive.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and our many partners who have contributed tirelessly to these efforts. Our accomplishments are a testament to their commitment, passion, and ingenuity. As we continue to grow as a university and as a driver of social change, we are motivated by our shared vision of a sustainable future for all.

Let this report inspire us to remain steadfast in our mission. Together, we will continue to forge pathways toward sustainable development, empowering future generations with the tools and values they need to build a just, equitable, and sustainable world. Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in this journey.

DR. MA. FELMA CARLOS-TRIA  
President  
Universidad De Manila





# UDM

# history

On April 17, 1995, the City Ordinance 7885 was enacted establishing the Dalubhasaan ng Lungsod Ng Maynila known as the City College of Manila (CCM) headed by Hon. Mayor Alfredo S. Lim, the father and founder of CCM with the support of Hon. Vice Mayor Jose L. Atienza Jr., and the City Council with Hon. Nestor C. Ponce Jr., Hon. Humberto Basco and Hon. Bernardito C. Ang as Principal Sponsors.

On April 26 of the same year, City Ordinance No. 7885 was passed into law and became operational with the main objective of providing quality education to the less privileged but intellectually deserving graduates from the Public Schools of Manila.

On June 6, 2006, the Manila City Council, at its regular session enacted City Ordinance No. 8120 elevating the Dalubhasaan ng Maynila or the City College of Manila (CCM) into a university and renaming it Universidad De Manila (UDM) to attune it with its present campus site at 24,000 square meters Mehan Gardens at Arroceros (now Cecilia Munoz-Palma) cor. Hospital Street (Antonio Villegas) Streets, Ermita, Manila. The new University was inaugurated by Hon. Mayor Jose L. Atienza Jr., and Hon. Juan Miguel T. Cuna on June 19, 2006.

On June 28, 2006, of the same year, City Ordinance No. 8120 was approved by his Hon. Mayor Jose L. Atienza Jr., and as such shall continue to operate in accordance with law and within the powers and limitations specified and organized as a corporation under the same name.

In 2015, the University's College Programs were recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in compliance with the CMO 30, S. 2006 - Policies and Standards in Operating Colleges and Universities.

In January 2020 UDM institutionalized the Learning Management System (LMS) that formed the basis of a remote blended learning platform or enriched virtual. In February 2020, Moodle App was adopted as a learning platform to provide students, faculty members, and administrators to create a new kind of learning environment where students and teachers need not to each other daily. It was operational during the pandemic.



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Prior to the Enhanced Community Quarantine on March 16, 2020, UDM conducted training regarding Moodle App and video tutorials via the Workplace App and as a source of communication among faculty and administration. During the entire duration of the quarantine period, the learning and teaching link between the students and faculty members of UDM were ongoing and students were able to comply with the different academic requirements satisfactorily. Since the start of the lockdown, there has been no disruption in the teaching and learning process in UDM.

On April 27, 2020, City Ordinance No. 8635 was enacted to amend the provisions of Ordinance No. 7885 as amended by Ordinance No. 8120, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Specific Provisions of Ordinance No. 7885, otherwise known as "An ordinance authorizing the City Government of Manila to operate the Dalubhasaan ng Maynila (City College of Manila) and for such other purpose", enacted on April 17, 1995". This Ordinance treated UDM as an independent and institutional department of the City of Manila.

From tertiary courses, the University has expanded with other program offerings -the Institute of Graduate and Professional Studies (IGPS), the College of Law (CoL), the Center for Micro credentialing and Industry Training (CMIT), and the Senior High School (SHS).



# UNIVERSITY VISION, MISSION & CORE VALUES



## VISION

A leading Higher Education Institution that prepares visionary and ethical leaders who shall create a positive impact to society.

## MISSION

Universidad de Manila is committed to provide equal opportunities by developing the learners' knowledge, skills, and values, through quality education and dynamic technology-driven systems, in a diverse yet inclusive environment for learning, research, and community engagement.

## CORE VALUES

- E - ETHICS AND INTEGRITY
- Q - QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE
- U - UNITY AND COLLABORATIONS
- A - ACHIEVEMENT AND PASSION
- L - LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

## INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

- S - System, Academic Support, Services Improvement
- C - Center for Micro-credentialing and Industry Training Promotion
- A - Academic Excellence
- L - Leveling up Linkages and Community Extension
- E - Engagement in Research



## STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- Q** Quality Systems and Performance
- S** Stakeholders and Satisfaction
- S** Sustainable and Accountability

## QUALITY POLICY

Universidad de Manila is committed to implement quality assurance standards and procedures, to improve the University's performance at all levels.







<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 	<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 
<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 	<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 
<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	<b>UDM'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b>			





# *"Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."*

Universidad De Manila (UDM) is dedicated to advancing SDG 17, "Partnerships for the Goals," through collaboration with governmental, non-governmental, and international entities. UDM's multi-faceted approach promotes sustainable development across education, governance, and community outreach, fostering a comprehensive framework for addressing global and local challenges collaboratively.

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## 01. RELATIONSHIP TO SUPPORT GOALS

UDM has established robust relationships with regional NGOs and government agencies to support sustainable development and SDG policy implementation. As a member of the Multistakeholder Advisory Council (MSAC), UDM collaborates with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), local universities, and stakeholders to address community issues. Formalized through a ceremonial agreement on June 25, 2024, MSAC enables UDM to work closely with other institutions to gather data on community needs, devise responsive strategies, and evaluate the impact of these interventions. This council highlights UDM's role in supporting SDGs through cross-sectoral partnerships that prioritize community welfare.

UDM also actively engages in cross-sectoral dialogue around SDGs through events like the MSAC partnership ceremony, which fosters collaboration among stakeholders from the DILG-NCR, local universities, and governance institutions. This engagement aligns with SDG 17's goals by promoting dialogue to develop sustainable solutions, supporting UDM's role as a key contributor to regional sustainable development.



## 02. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

Internationally, UDM pursues partnerships that facilitate knowledge exchange and SDG-focused best practices. For instance, UDM's collaboration with Burapha University, as demonstrated at the A-GRASS 2024 conference, exemplifies a commitment to international collaboration for sustainable development. Through a Memorandum of Understanding and acknowledgment of mutual goals, UDM and Burapha University strengthen their dedication to scientific excellence and collaborative sustainability efforts, broadening UDM's global impact.

Another significant international collaboration involves UDM's visit to St. Petersburg State University, where the institutions signed an MOU to advance research collaboration, academic exchange, and the integration of artificial intelligence in education. This partnership emphasizes UDM's focus on emerging technologies and innovation (SDG 9), as well as quality education (SDG 4), demonstrating how UDM's international relationships support sustainable development by fostering academic and technological advancement.





### 03. EDUCATION FOR SDGS

UDM integrates SDG education into its curriculum, preparing students to actively engage with sustainability issues. The university's collaboration with the Global Peace Foundation Philippines has strengthened its National Service Training Program (NSTP), which now includes modules on peace education, sustainability, and community development. This curriculum is designed to empower students with the skills necessary to address socio-economic and environmental challenges, aligning UDM's educational offerings with the objectives of SDG 17.

Additionally, UDM's Associate in Barangay Governance program supports educational outreach by training local community leaders. Through collaboration with the DILG and Manila Barangay Bureau, the program focuses on governance, leadership, and community development. This outreach initiative benefits barangay leaders and aligns with UDM's commitment to extending SDG education beyond its campus, helping local communities adopt sustainable practices and governance principles.



### 04. SUSTAINABILITY LITERACY ASSESSMENT

As part of its commitment to SDG 17, UDM conducts an annual Sustainability Literacy Assessment to gauge students' understanding of sustainability across environmental, social, and economic domains. This assessment, developed in collaboration with sustainability experts, is administered by the University Testing Office and academic departments to ensure students are equipped with knowledge about sustainability's role in global progress. The assessment aligns with SDG 17 by promoting informed citizenship and preparing students to make responsible decisions in their careers and communities, supporting collective efforts toward sustainability.

Through this initiative, UDM aims to empower students to become advocates for change, with UDM President Dr. Ma. Felma Carlos-Tria emphasizing that "sustainability is an essential part of global citizenship." By identifying areas of strength and improvement in students' sustainability knowledge, UDM continuously adapts its educational programs to address real-world challenges, contributing to SDG 17's goals for partnership-driven progress.





Universidad De Manila (UDM) advances SDG 17 through a strategic blend of local and international partnerships, SDG-focused education, and sustainability literacy efforts. From local governance initiatives and collaborations with international universities to comprehensive sustainability education for students, UDM exemplifies its commitment to fostering partnerships for sustainable development. These efforts reinforce UDM's role as a catalyst for social impact, strengthening both local and global networks to support sustainable and inclusive progress. Through its emphasis on partnership and education, UDM prepares its students and community to contribute meaningfully to global sustainable development goals, fostering a well-informed, resilient, and responsible society.





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Universidad de Manila is a public university in Ermita, Manila, that offers excellent quality education from undergraduate to graduate studies, primarily for the City of Manila residents. Aside from giving experience and quality education to their students, the institution's primary goal is to guide them to succeed in the paths they want to pursue. If you're from Manila and have plans on taking a Criminology or Nursing course, you may wish to add Universidad de Manila to your list of options.



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# UDM HYMN

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mula sa dilim nagkaroon ng liwanag  
ang aking mga pangarap  
yakap ng dunong mo at kalinga  
kinabukasan ko'y makakamit ko na

universidad de manila  
ikaw ang nagbigay pag-asa  
sa tulad naming salat  
tinupad mo ang mga pangarap

alma mater naming mahal  
natatangi ang iyong kadakilaan  
biyaya ka ng maykapal  
ina't amang aming gabay  
tungo sa kaunlaran

universidad de manila  
sa iyo'y lubos ang pasasalamat  
saan man mapunta, ngalan mo'y nakaukit na  
di malilimutan kailanman





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through **QUALITY**  
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