



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



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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.





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

PRIORITY GOAL AND TARGETS 1

1 NO POVERTY



"To end poverty in all its forms everywhere."

Universidad De Manila (UDM) is committed to Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1), “No Poverty,” through comprehensive financial aid, targeted support programs, and community-based poverty alleviation initiatives. UDM’s approach to addressing poverty encompasses support for economically disadvantaged students, engagement with broader community needs, and participation in policy-making initiatives aimed at reducing poverty at local, national, and global levels.





PRIORITY GOAL AND TARGETS 1



01. FINANCIAL AID FOR LOW INCOME STUDENTS

UDM actively supports students from low-income families through a robust financial aid program designed to reduce financial barriers to education. In the 2023-2024 academic year, UDM provided financial aid to 9,597 students, an increase from 9,194 in the previous year. This aid is essential in covering basic needs such as food, internet access, and other essential educational expenses, ensuring students can focus on their academic success. UDM’s commitment to expanding financial aid demonstrates its dedication to improving access to education for low-income students, aligning with SDG 1’s goals of reducing poverty and promoting social mobility.

02. FREE MATRICULATION AND SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY

In addition to direct financial aid, UDM offers free matriculation to economically disadvantaged students, significantly reducing the cost of higher education. By removing tuition fees, UDM enables students to pursue their academic and career goals without the financial burden typically associated with higher education. This initiative extends to various colleges within the university, such as the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, and College of Engineering and Technology, which collectively support students across diverse fields. These programs empower students to achieve economic stability through education, contributing to breaking the cycle of poverty and advancing UDM’s mission of promoting equity and social inclusion.



03. COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR STUDENT WELFARE

UDM's financial support extends beyond tuition assistance. The UDM Cares initiative, which includes a Soup Kitchen Program, provides nutritious meals to alleviate food insecurity among students. In partnership with the City Government of Manila and private sector organizations, this program aims to ensure that students from low-income backgrounds have consistent access to essential nutrition. Additionally, UDM provides PHP 4,000 in financial assistance per student to help cover internet and other basic needs, further easing the financial burden on students. UDM also offers access to city-facilitated Notary Services, enabling students to receive necessary legal assistance. By providing holistic support, UDM addresses various aspects of student welfare, helping students complete their education successfully and reinforcing its commitment to SDG 1.

04. SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

The Social Amelioration Program (SAP) at UDM exemplifies the university's commitment to alleviating poverty for its students. This program provides financial aid to over 10,000 students from low-income backgrounds, enabling them to focus on their studies without financial distractions. Through SAP, UDM addresses both immediate needs and long-term goals of financial stability, helping students build a foundation for economic success. By supporting students' basic needs and fostering an environment conducive to academic success, UDM takes concrete steps to reduce poverty and promote upward mobility.



05. CASH-FOR-WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

UDM’s partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) offers low-income students the chance to participate in the Cash-for-Work Program. This initiative provides temporary financial support to students through short-term employment opportunities, allowing them to gain valuable work experience while earning income. This approach supports poverty alleviation by empowering students financially and professionally, contributing to their ability to complete their studies and prepare for stable employment post-graduation. Such programs demonstrate UDM’s commitment to reducing poverty by combining education with practical workforce preparation, aligning with SDG 1.



06. COMMUNITY ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM

Beyond its student-focused initiatives, UDM also contributes to poverty reduction through community engagement and development programs. The Community Engagement and Upskill Workshop, for example, equips local residents with skills in entrepreneurship, technology, and social advocacy. These workshops foster collaboration among UDM faculty, students, and local residents, empowering communities to develop practical skills for financial independence and sustainability. UDM’s community outreach efforts demonstrate its commitment to social responsibility, extending its resources to improve economic prospects within Manila.

07. TONDOMINIUM PUBLIC HOUSING INITIATIVE

UDM’s involvement in the Tondominium 1 public housing project further supports its anti-poverty efforts. Developed by the City of Manila, this initiative provides affordable housing to low-income residents, including UDM students. In addition to housing, the project includes livelihood centers that create opportunities for economic empowerment. By providing secure, affordable housing and economic support, this initiative contributes to poverty alleviation for students and their families, underscoring UDM’s role in supporting broader socio-economic stability in its community.



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**BARANGAY GOVERNANCE
EXTENSION PROGRAM**

UDM’s Barangay Governance Extension Program exemplifies its commitment to community development by improving access to basic services for local residents. Through this program, UDM students manage community pantries that distribute essential goods like food to vulnerable families, directly supporting poverty alleviation efforts. By actively involving students in governance and social responsibility, UDM provides hands-on learning experiences while contributing to the welfare of local communities. This program highlights UDM’s commitment to SDG 1 by promoting community engagement and equipping students with skills in leadership and public service.

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**POLICY PARTICIPATION
AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

UDM also participates in poverty eradication policy-making at local, national, and international levels. In 2024, UDM’s President, Dr. Ma. Felma Carlos-Tria, represented the university at the Global Sustainable Development Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, where she contributed to discussions on key poverty reduction strategies. Through active engagement in international forums, UDM aligns its anti-poverty efforts with global best practices and supports policy initiatives that address poverty’s root causes. UDM’s participation in these initiatives reflects its dedication to SDG 1, reinforcing its commitment to developing impactful, sustainable solutions for poverty reduction on a global scale.

Universidad De Manila’s commitment to SDG 1, “No Poverty,” is evident in its comprehensive support systems, community-focused programs, and active participation in policy initiatives aimed at poverty eradication. Through financial aid, holistic student support, community engagement, and international collaboration, UDM provides low-income students and community members with the tools and resources needed to break free from poverty’s cycle. These efforts underscore UDM’s dedication to promoting social mobility, economic stability, and a more equitable society, setting a foundation for sustainable development both locally and globally.

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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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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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