

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.

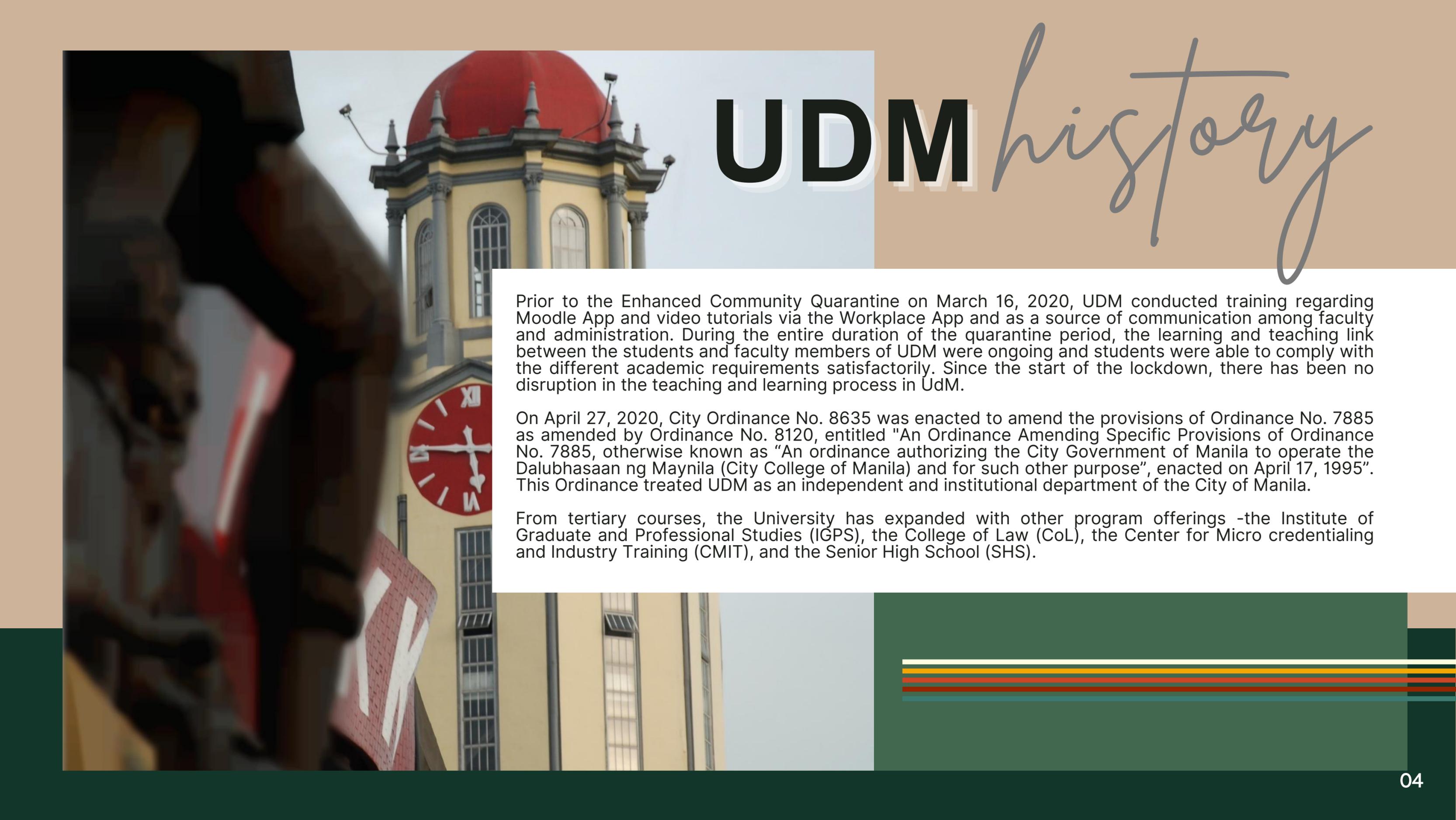
On April 26 of the same year, City Ordinance No. 7885 was passed into law and became operational with the main objective of providing quality education to the less privileged but intellectually deserving graduates from the Public Schools of Manila.

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 				

# UDM'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# *"Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies."*

Universidad De Manila (UDM) actively promotes SDG 16, "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions," through governance structures, engagement in government advisory, and support for justice-related academic programs. These efforts underscore UDM's dedication to fostering transparent governance, academic freedom, civic engagement, and a strong foundation for law and public policy education.

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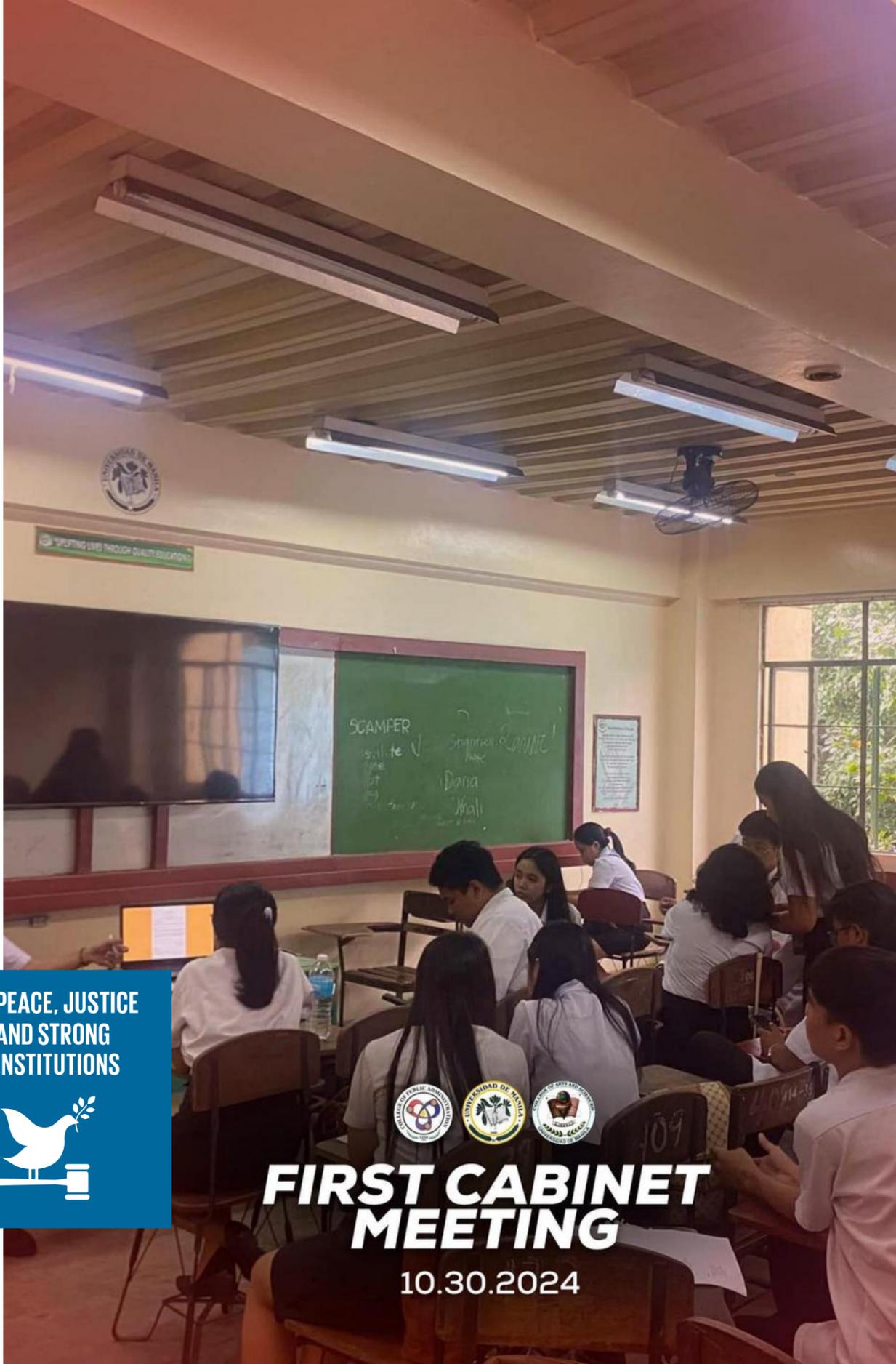
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

## 01. UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE MEASURES

UDM upholds democratic governance and accountability in its organizational structure, as established by Manila City Ordinance 8977. This ordinance restructured UDM's Board of Regents, incorporating elected representation to ensure transparency, accountability, and stakeholder alignment with the university's educational and operational goals. The ordinance has strengthened UDM's governance in anticipation of formal recognition as a higher education institution by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), affirming the university's role as an inclusive and well-governed academic institution.

Further emphasizing its commitment to student engagement, UDM recognizes the Supreme Student Government (SSG) as the primary representative body for students. According to UDM's University Code, the SSG advocates for student rights, organizes events, and facilitates communication between students and administration. This participatory structure encourages active student leadership, supporting inclusivity, governance participation, and alignment with SDG 16's focus on strong institutions.

UDM's policies also prioritize identifying and engaging with local stakeholders. Through Administrative Order No. 6 Series of 2022, UDM formalized procedures to foster collaborations with community organizations, local governments, and industry partners. These partnerships promote community development and social impact while aligning with UDM's broader institutional goals.



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## **FIRST CABINET MEETING**

10.30.2024

## **2 ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY**

To maintain an environment that promotes intellectual freedom and respectful debate, UDM reaffirmed its commitment to academic freedom with Memorandum No. 10 in October 2021. This policy safeguards the rights of faculty, staff, researchers, and students to engage in open research, teaching, and discourse without undue restriction. It fosters intellectual autonomy, supports open inquiry, and contributes to a robust academic environment. UDM's academic freedom policy aligns with SDG 16 by upholding institutional integrity and creating a foundation for peace and justice through the freedom of thought and expression.

## **3 COLLABORATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT**

UDM is actively involved in providing expert guidance and training to various levels of government, demonstrating its commitment to SDG 16 through informed policy advocacy and government collaboration. For instance, at the 15th Annual Asian Criminological Society Conference, Atty. Rodolfo V. Castillo Jr., a senior faculty member, presented expertise on criminology and public safety, underscoring UDM's role in advising on criminology and law enforcement practices.

Further extending its support to local governance, UDM offers capacity-building programs, including a Barangay Governance Training Program led by faculty members, focusing on public administration and policy-making for barangay officials. The program also encompasses an Associate in Barangay Governance degree, designed to strengthen local governance capacities and leadership skills in alignment with SDG 16 objectives. This focus on community-level training fosters governance competency at grassroots levels, supporting both peace and effective institution-building.

UDM's participation in government research highlights its role in policy-focused academic initiatives. Despite recent challenges due to the closure of its University Research Center, UDM continues to pursue collaborative research projects that address policy and governance issues, reaffirming its dedication to contributing to public policy and justice-related research.



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## NEUTRAL PLATFORM FOR POLICY DIALOGUE

In its role as a neutral forum for political dialogue, UDM provides a balanced and unbiased environment for discussing critical national and local issues. For example, the university hosted a roundtable on the Makati-Taguig territorial dispute, inviting legal experts, policymakers, and students to engage in open and respectful discourse. This initiative underscores UDM's dedication to creating safe spaces for civic engagement and dialogue on issues of public importance, aligning with SDG 16's principles of peace, justice, and strong institutions.

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## GRADUATES IN LAW AND CIVIL ENFORCEMENT

As part of its commitment to supporting justice and institutional strengthening, UDM produces graduates trained in criminology and public safety. Through the College of Criminal Justice, UDM graduated 122 students in 2022 and 211 in 2023 with a Bachelor's in Criminology. These graduates are equipped with essential knowledge in law enforcement and civil justice, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to the national justice system. UDM's focus on criminology aligns with SDG 16 by building a well-educated workforce to support peace, justice, and institutional integrity within the Philippines.

## CONCLUSION

Through a combination of governance reforms, academic freedom policies, government collaboration, and law-focused academic programs, Universidad De Manila (UDM) exemplifies its commitment to SDG 16 by fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions. These initiatives not only empower UDM's faculty, students, and staff but also extend support to local governance, public safety, and policy discourse. By nurturing an academic environment grounded in transparency, inclusivity, and active civic engagement, UDM strengthens its role as a significant contributor to sustainable development, advancing the principles of peace and justice within both its local and national context.

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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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