

## PROMOTING ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION THROUGH DISABILITY-FRIENDLY FACILITIES IN URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal 10 (SDG 10): Reduced Inequalities, Urdaneta City University (UCU) continues to strengthen its commitment to providing equitable access to education for all. One of the most tangible ways the university fulfills this goal is through the development and maintenance of accessible facilities that cater to the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Accessibility is a cornerstone of inclusion. It ensures that every member of the university community — regardless of physical ability — can fully participate in academic and social life without barriers. UCU's dedication to this principle reflects the belief that education should be a right, not a privilege limited by environmental or physical constraints.

To promote inclusivity, the university has implemented a range of structural and operational adjustments designed to accommodate students, faculty, and visitors with disabilities. These include ramps and handrails, designated parking spaces, accessible restrooms, wide entryways, and ground-level pathways across its campuses. The university also strives to ensure that classrooms and administrative offices are accessible and that signage and lighting support safe navigation.

Beyond physical facilities, UCU extends accessibility to its academic services by promoting inclusive education practices. Faculty and staff are encouraged to undergo awareness training on handling diverse learners, including students with physical or learning disabilities. Such initiatives reinforce UCU's vision of being an inclusive academic institution where every individual can thrive.

By prioritizing accessibility, Urdaneta City University upholds the global mission of SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities, empowering persons with disabilities to participate fully and equitably in higher education. The university's continuous improvement of facilities and policies reflects a genuine dedication to inclusivity, compassion, and equal opportunity — core values that lie at the heart of a just and sustainable educational system.

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