



URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS



In line with its mission to provide inclusive and equitable education, **Urdaneta City University (UCU)** has announced its initiative to prioritize the admission of students belonging to the **bottom 20 percent of household income groups** in the country. This strategic effort reflects the University's strong commitment to advancing the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty)** by ensuring that financial limitations do not hinder individuals from accessing quality higher education.

Through this initiative, UCU seeks to **open its doors to a greater number of economically disadvantaged students**, offering them the opportunity to pursue academic excellence and personal development despite financial challenges. The University envisions a learning environment where **education serves as a key driver for poverty reduction and social mobility**, empowering students to improve their lives and uplift their communities.

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Furthermore, UCU continues to expand its capacity to cater to almost all of its enrollees, ensuring that adequate facilities, academic programs, and student support services are in place to accommodate the growing number of learners. This holistic approach highlights the institution's dedication to inclusivity, excellence, and service to the public good.

Through this commitment, Urdaneta City University reaffirms its identity as a university for the people—one that actively contributes to poverty alleviation and sustainable national development through accessible, quality education.

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Policy Title: UCU Inclusive Admission and Access Program

Effective Date: January 2024

I. Policy Statement

In pursuit of its mission to provide accessible and equitable quality education, Urdaneta City University (UCU) establishes the Inclusive Admission and Access Program, which seeks to prioritize the admission of students belonging to the bottom 20 percent (20%) of household income groups in the Philippines.

This policy is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) of the United Nations, reflecting the University's commitment to reduce poverty through inclusive education and to empower individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

II. Objectives

1. To ensure that students from low-income households are given fair and prioritized access to higher education opportunities at UCU.
2. To support national and global efforts to eradicate poverty through education.
3. To promote inclusive growth and social equity by reducing educational barriers caused by financial limitations.
4. To strengthen UCU's capacity to cater to almost all of its enrollees through sustainable student support systems.

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III. Scope

This policy shall apply to:

- All incoming first-year students and transferees applying for admission to any undergraduate program of Urdaneta City University.
- Existing institutional programs, scholarships, and partnerships aimed at supporting financially disadvantaged learners.

IV. Policy Guidelines

- 1. Identification and Verification:** Applicants claiming to belong to the bottom 20% household income group shall submit documentary proof such as certificates from barangay, DSWD, or other government-recognized poverty indicators.
- 2. Admission Prioritization:** Qualified applicants under this category shall be given admission priority, subject to compliance with the University's academic standards and requirements.
- 3. Support Services:** Beneficiaries shall be provided with access to financial assistance programs, academic guidance, and student welfare services.
- 4. Monitoring and Evaluation:** The Office of Student Affairs, in coordination with the Admissions Office and the University Planning and Development Office, shall conduct annual assessments to monitor the implementation and outcomes of this policy.
- 5. Review and Improvement:** The University may revise or enhance this policy as needed to respond to changing socioeconomic conditions and institutional capabilities.

V. Effectivity

This policy shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until amended or revoked.

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