

## **Hablemos Tritones Constitution at UC San Diego 2024-2025 Constitution**

### **Article I** - Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called *Hablemos Tritones at UC San Diego*.

### **Article II** - Statement of Purpose

Hablemos Tritones is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment for Spanish speakers, learners, and enthusiasts of Spanish-speaking cultures. We aim to create a supportive community where members can practice their Spanish skills, explore diverse cultural traditions, and build meaningful connections. By hosting engaging events and providing opportunities for dialogue and collaboration, we seek to celebrate the richness of the Spanish-speaking world and inspire personal and academic growth among our members.

### **Article III** - Nonprofit Statement

Hablemos Tritones is a non-profit student organization at UC San Diego. All activities and funds are directed toward achieving the goals outlined in this constitution.

### **Article IV** - Requirements For Membership

Membership in *Hablemos Tritones* is open to all UC San Diego students, regardless of their Spanish proficiency level. We welcome anyone interested in practicing Spanish or exploring Spanish-speaking cultures. To be considered a member, individuals must complete a Google membership form. There are no membership fees or dues, ensuring accessibility for all. Participation in events and meetings is encouraged to foster a strong sense of community. In alignment with UC San Diego's nondiscrimination policy, we are committed to maintaining an inclusive environment where all individuals feel valued and respected.

### **Article V** - Organization Meetings and Activities

Hablemos Tritones will host weekly or every other week meetings during the academic year, providing members with opportunities to engage in language practice, cultural discussions, and interactive workshops. Special events, such as guest speaker panels, cultural showcases, and movie nights, will be scheduled periodically. Meeting times and event details will be communicated through emails and other formal announcements.

### **Article VI** - Leadership Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers.

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers. Anyone may apply for a board position by completing the required board membership form and participating in an interview process to assess their qualifications and commitment to the organization. However, candidates for President must have served as a principal member on the board for at least one academic year, demonstrating commitment, leadership skills, and a strong

understanding of the organization's mission. The President holds the authority to appoint new principal members as needed. Principal members may resign with the approval of the President and at least 50% of the other principal members. In the event of a vacancy, a special election will be organized to fill the position.

#### **Article VII** - Risk Management

Hablemos Tritones at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. As a registered student organization at UC San Diego, Hablemos Tritones understands that the university does not assume legal liability for the organization's activities. We are committed to hosting safe and inclusive events. Members will be informed of potential allergens when food is provided, and contributors will be asked to disclose ingredients.

#### **Article VIII** - Financial Management

The organization will manage its funds through university funding opportunities, donations, and fundraising efforts. The Treasurer will oversee all financial activities, including budgeting and tracking expenses, to ensure transparency and accountability. Funds will be used exclusively for the benefit of the organization and its members, supporting events, materials, and operational needs.

#### **Article IX** - Community and Code of Conduct

Hablemos Tritones values respect, inclusivity, and mutual support. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes a positive environment for all. Disruptive behavior, hazing, or discrimination will not be tolerated. Violations of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the organization.

#### **Article X** - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of active members present at a scheduled meeting. Proposed amendments will be communicated to members at least two weeks in advance to ensure transparency and active participation.