

Constitution of the Egyptian Student Association (ESA) at UC San Diego

Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called the **Egyptian Student Association (ESA) at UC San Diego**. The full name of the organization, including the geographical designation "at UC San Diego," will be used throughout this document.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego is to:

- Promote and celebrate Egyptian culture, heritage, and traditions within the UC San Diego community.
 - Foster a sense of community among Egyptian and non-Egyptian students by organizing cultural, social, and educational events.
 - Provide members with opportunities for networking, personal growth, and leadership development.
 - Raise awareness about issues relevant to Egypt and the Egyptian diaspora.
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Article III. Nonprofit Statement

The Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego is a **non-profit student organization**

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

Membership in the Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego is open to all registered UC San Diego students, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or national origin.

Membership requirements:

- No membership fees or dues are required to join.
 - Members are considered active upon participation in at least one ESA event per quarter.
 - Membership is open to UC San Diego faculty and staff as non-voting honorary members.
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Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

- The ESA will hold general body meetings at least twice per quarter, where all members are encouraged to participate.
 - An annual general meeting will be held at the beginning of each academic year to outline the goals for the year and introduce leadership.
 - Meeting minutes will be recorded and made available to members.
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Article VI. 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.

Officer Positions

- **President:** Oversees the organization, represents ESA to UC San Diego administration, and presides over meetings. Shares responsibility with the Vice President for setting agendas. Serves as spokesperson. Has the authority to:
 - Remove any officer with valid reason.
 - Appoint replacements.
 - Veto board decisions (with 2/3 override possible).
 - Make emergency decisions (notify board within 48 hours).
 - Resolve internal disputes (appealable to board).
- **Vice President:** Assists the President, co-manages agendas, leads events. Becomes President upon resignation.
- **Treasurer:** Manages finances, budgets, and funding.
- **Secretary:** Records minutes, tracks attendance, and handles communications.
- **Events Director:** Plans events reflecting Egyptian heritage.
- **Public Relations Officer:** Manages social media and outreach.

Election Process

- Officers assume duties July 1.
- Written applications required.
- Elections by secret ballot and simple majority.
- President may call elections at any time in the spring quarter.

Officer Replacement or Removal

- President may remove any officer with valid reason.
 - President appoints replacements.
 - Vice President assumes Presidency upon vacancy.
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Article VII. Risk Management

The Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego is a **registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.**

The Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego **understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.**

Risk Assessment

- Events are generally low-risk.
- Physical activities require liability waivers and safety planning.

Section 3. In Case of International Travel

The ESA acknowledges UC San Diego's recommendation against international travel. Members must research U.S. State Department and CDC guidelines, follow advisories, and obtain proper travel insurance.

Article VIII. Community Advisor

- The ESA will seek a community advisor from UC San Diego faculty or staff.
 - The advisor is selected annually by the executive board.
 - The advisor serves as a mentor without voting rights.
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Article IX. Financial Management

- The ESA will be funded by A.S. UC San Diego, fundraising, and donations.
 - The Treasurer manages all finances in an A.S.-controlled account.
 - An annual budget will be submitted to the A.S. finance committee.
 - Off-campus accounts require meeting minutes for signatory updates.
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Article X. Affiliation with Other Groups

- ESA is unaffiliated with political, religious, or external groups.
 - Collaboration with UC San Diego student organizations is encouraged.
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Article XI. Ratification and Amendments

- Ratification requires a two-thirds vote of the founding members.
 - Amendments must be proposed by executive board members and approved by majority vote.
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Certification

We, the undersigned, certify that this constitution has been adopted by the membership of the Egyptian Student Association at UC San Diego.

President: Zakaria Kortam

Date: 5/02/2025