

Common Questions About SUA

■ **Has anything happened at the campus site yet?**

Grading of the land and dirt movement began in August 1996 and finished in September 1997.

■ **What happens next?**

Burying utilities, laying roads and landscaping the perimeter will occur from November 1997 to January 1998.

■ **When will building construction begin and end?**

Building construction on the first phase will begin in April 1998 and be completed in December 1999.

■ **When will the campus open, and how many students will be in the first class?**

The grand opening will be on May 3, 2001, and the first class of 100 students will enter in September 2001.

■ **What type of student will SUA accept?**

Admission standards have not been set yet. However, SUA will probably examine applicants' high school senior class standing, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and English language skills.

■ **What majors and degrees will SUA offer?**

Because the number of students will be small in the beginning, SUA will offer the bachelor of arts degree with six majors: philosophy and religion; history and literature; government and politics; comparative and international studies; economics; and psychology. Additional majors will be added as the number of students increases.

■ **What will tuition be?**

The level of tuition has not been set yet, but we are working hard to reduce overall costs, which will be reflected in the tuition.

■ **How is SUA connected to Soka University in Japan?**

SUA is separately incorporated from Soka University in Japan and operates independently from it, reporting instead to its own Board of Trustees.

■ **How is SUA connected to the SGI-USA?**

Just as with Soka University in Japan, SUA is separately incorporated from the SGI-USA and operates independently. The role of the SGI-USA is, of course, religious, while the role of SUA is academic. Rather than stressing religious teachings or practice, for example, SUA will emphasize the principles that the SGI stands for.

■ **How is SUA being planned and developed?**

The SUA staff in Aliso Viejo develop many details of campus construction and operation based on SGI President Ikeda's general guidance and their interaction with a

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number of consulting firms. These ideas are then shared for feedback and advice with academics across the United States. Although current staffing is small, many voices of experienced people, both SGI members and not, are involved in all levels of discussion.

■ **How can I contact SUA?**

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