

Q&A WITH SUA

Send in your own questions, and we'll share the answers!

Question:

Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo feels like a risk to me. Why should I send my child to a college nobody knows?

Answer:

We are encouraging students to apply to SUA because it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them to experience a 5:1 student-to-faculty ratio (which will grow to 9:1 as the university grows) and be part of the foundation of SUA's new liberal arts college.

Like all new colleges, SUA, Aliso Viejo faces the challenge of building its academic reputation, but our outstanding new faculty coming from such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Texas A&M, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Johns Hopkins, Colby, Swarthmore, George Washington, University of Hawaii and Columbia University are committed to providing a truly personalized education.

SUA also offers many unique opportunities:

- SUA is based upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.
- All students take a second language and everyone does an international internship in their junior year.
- Eastern and Western perspectives are taught across a liberal arts curriculum.

Yes, it is challenging to attend a new university, and we do expect our first class to have a definite sense of adventure. The first class at SUA, Aliso Viejo will have the opportunity to help write the first honor code, to help name their dorm, to help compose the school song and to set the first traditions. Only 100 freshmen students will enter in fall 2001.

If you have questions of any kind about SUA, please send them to SUA at either admission@soka.edu or info@soka.edu. We will use this World Tribune column to share our answer with others who might have the same questions.