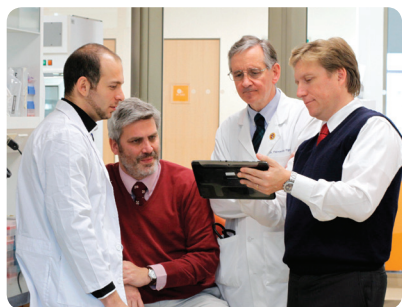


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MISSION

The Universidad de los Andes aims to spread in society a way of life consistent with Christian truth, with faith and reason in harmony. It seeks both to generate and to deepen knowledge in all fields of study and to encourage an attitude of open dialogue and of respect for all. It aims to contribute to the broad formation of students, giving personal attention to the needs of each individual. It fosters the love for work well-done and encourages the desire to serve, in accordance with the spirit of Opus Dei, the institution responsible for the Christian formation imparted at Universidad de los Andes.

VISION

The Universidad de los Andes seeks to be a model of excellence and a beacon of intellectual and ethical virtues. It aims at forming professionals who will excel not only in their work, but also in their sense of solidarity, their capacity to serve society responsibly, and their ethical standards. It aspires to spread in society belief in the divine value of human life, of work well-done and of the truth that liberates man. It views itself as a cooperating partner with other national and foreign institutions.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

I. THE UNIVERSITY

1. Universidad de los Andes seeks to serve society by means of cultivating the advancement of knowledge, always with the aim of furthering the perfection of its members and the dissemination of truth.

2. Universidad de los Andes is a civil institution possessing full autonomy, whose activities are performed in accordance with Chilean law. Since its inception in 1989, it has, in accordance with the will of its founders, the moral guarantee of the Prelature of Opus Dei in all that concerns the Christian spirit that permeates its activities. The goal of this Prelature of the Catholic Church, founded by Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, is to promote the pursuit of holiness through work and the fulfillment of the duties of ordinary life.

3. The University is grounded in a vision of man and of society in accordance with the natural moral law and the Christian faith. Some of the fundamental principles to which it subscribes are the following:

- a) the inviolable dignity of the human person created by God;
- b) the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death;
- c) the freedom of all men and women to seek the good in accordance with their consciences;
- d) the understanding of marriage as a permanent bond between a man and a woman, and of the family, rooted in marriage, as the basis of society;
- e) the human person's social vocation and the primacy of the common good;
- f) the freedoms of association, research and education.

4. While open to people of any religious creed, the University offers pastoral care to all those who wish to receive it, within an environment of respect for personal freedom that characterizes all the activities of the university.

II. RESEARCH AND TEACHING

5. Universidad de los Andes seeks to integrate the wide variety of disciplines into the fundamental unity of truth, illuminated by the Catholic faith. In its academic work it fully adheres to the teachings of the Catholic Church, with utmost respect for the legitimate autonomy of each field. Philosophy and theology are unifying subjects that together help to instill in the students a profound view of the world, the individual, and God.

6. The University welcomes the debate of ideas. The search for truth is accomplished through interdisciplinary dialogue, which presupposes the respect for the dignity of persons regardless of their ideas and the courteous acceptance of intellectual criticism.

7. Superior teaching is based upon research and both must exhibit high standards. Teachers and researchers devote their best efforts to the education of the younger generations, generously transmitting their knowledge and guiding them with the example of their own work well done.

III. WORK AND UNIVERSITY LIFE

8. At Universidad de los Andes every worthwhile human activity is regarded as having equal dignity and status. Its members strive to do their work well, putting it at the service of others and faithfully fulfilling their duties, making special efforts to attend to details and managing the university's material resources with care.

9. With the collaboration of all involved, human relations at the University must develop in an atmosphere of cordiality, trust, and mutual respect. Refinement in dealing with others, care about one's personal appearance, and the natural and respectful communication among members, all contribute to the good atmosphere of the University. Personal attention should characterize the dealings between all those who work and study at the University.

IV. SOLIDARITY AND UNIVERSITY COOPERATION

10. Through its proper task, the University seeks to contribute to the solution of societal problems and challenges, particularly those faced by our own country. For this reason, it promotes activities that serve the needs of vulnerable people. At the same time, it develops a wide range of cultural extension activities aimed at the larger community.

11. The University's mission demands cordial cooperation with other universities and a constructive relation with public authorities.

V. STUDENTS

12. Universidad de los Andes fosters its students' effort and constant improvement, and it seeks to facilitate admission of those in need. Each student can count on academic counseling from a professor. They are all invited to engage in dialogue with their professors so as to acquire knowledge and to discover, each in his own way, the meaning of their existence.

VI. GOVERNMENT

13. The work of University authorities is understood as a service and it demands that they set a good example for others. The work of academic governance is carried out by individuals working together as a team in an atmosphere of unity. Decisions are made collegially, with each member acting with complete freedom and personal responsibility. All those who work in University administration must try to foster the University's general interests, from the broadest of perspectives.

VII. COMMITMENT WITH THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

14. The educational project of Universidad de los Andes requires that faculty, staff, and students freely take on the commitment to contribute to the goals of the University, as reflected in this statement of principles, above all through the integrity of their conduct and their spirit of collaboration. Since the task of teaching is inseparable from the witness of one's life, faculty members at the University must stand out for their professional competence, their personal rectitude, and their willingness to serve those who are part of the community.







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