

# MESA ENGINEERING PROGRAM

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## MESA/Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP) Participation Policy



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The purpose of this policy is to outline and provide direction to students regarding their participation in UCSC's MESA Multicultural Engineer Program (MEP). Participation in the MEP and its components is a privilege. Only a limited number of students are accepted into the program each year. There are no fees, only a commitment of involvement on your part. All services and events within the participation categories are proven to benefit you as an engineering student. The benefits you receive will be based on your participation in the program.

**Participation in MEP is classified into 2 levels (see next page):**

1. Standard Participation
2. Active Participation

**Those students meeting Standard Participation remain eligible for next year**

**Those students meeting Active Participation could benefit with:**

- Letters of recommendation
- References
- Opportunities to interact with industry
- MEP Industry-sponsored scholarships
- MESA Statewide Activities (Student Leadership Conference, lab visits and more)

**Those students not meeting Standard Participation will be dropped from the program**

## NOTE

**MEP students who:**

- fail to follow through on standard participation as described
- OR
- do not show up for an event
- OR
- cancels events last minute

**Will jeopardize his/her participation in future activities and MEP membership.**

**Participation will be reviewed at the end of each academic year or at the Director's discretion.**

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## Levels - based on MEP Success Plan

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### Standard Participation

(minimum of 5 activities)

Benefit: Remain in MEP

- One Academic Advising Session per year

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- Four activities (must be from at least three different categories)

1. Academic Advising
2. Academic Support
3. Educational Advancement
4. Industry Exposure
5. Community

### Active Participation

(minimum of 9 activities)

Benefit: see next column

- Standard Participation (five activities)

~and~

- Additional activities (at least four more)

1. Academic Advising
2. Academic Support
3. Educational Advancement
4. Industry Exposure
5. Community

### Active Participation Benefits:

- ❖ Letters of Recommendation
- ❖ References
- ❖ Opportunities to interact with industry
- ❖ MEP Industry-sponsored scholarships
- ❖ MESA Statewide activities (Student Leadership Conference, lab visits and more)
- ❖ You are responsible for updating your MEP Success Plan with the MEP staff

# MEP Participation Policy Success Plans

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## Your responsibilities:

- It is your responsibility to report activities
  - Provide documented proof where needed.
  - You will be required to check in, in person, at least once a year.
- All activities must be reported by the 4<sup>th</sup> week in Spring quarter to be counted for the current academic year
- All MEP Success Plans are on a google drive.

## What is participation?

These are goals we will support you in both setting and achieving. They are proven to benefit you as an engineering student. There are five categories, they are:

- Academic Advising
- Academic Support
- Professional Development
- Industry Exposure
- Community Service

# MEP Success Plan

ID#: 1234567	First Name:	Last Name:	Academic Year: 2018-2019
	Expected Graduation Quarter:	Expected Declaration Quarter:	Quarter Sequence: SU,F,W,SP

	Activities	Notes	Goals	Quarter Completed	Staff Approval	Message from Student
<b>Academic Advising</b>	Declared BSOE Major				▼	
	Uploaded Academic Plan into MyUCSC Planner				▼	
	Met with a BSOE Peer or Staff Advisor				▼	
	Met with a College Advisor				▼	
	Met with an EOP Advisor				▼	
	Met with a Faculty Advisor				▼	
	Other:				▼	
<b>Academic Support</b>	Received Tutoring via MEP, ACE, LSS, MSI, or RAD (Note: Required if GPA < 2.5)				▼	
	Completed Time Management Plan				▼	
	Applied for Scholarships				▼	
	Attended TA/Professor Office Hours				▼	
	Formed a study group				▼	
Other:				▼		
<b>Professional Development</b>	Attended a STEM Undergraduate Professional Development Workshop(s); Career Center Workshop(s) or Fair(s); Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium (URPS); Academic Seminar(s), or Any Other Academic Event with MEP Staff's Pre-Approval				▼	
	Created or Updated Resume				▼	
	Participated in Job Interview				▼	
	Completed Career Center's Focus2 Assessment				▼	
	Obtained Research Experience				▼	
	Presented a Research Poster				▼	
	Worked for MEP, GIE, or similar campus/community program serving students				▼	
	Other:				▼	
	Career Fair(s)				▼	

<b>Professional Development</b>	Attended a STEM Undergraduate Professional Development Workshop(s); Career Center Workshop(s) or Fair(s); Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium (URPS); Academic Seminar(s), or Any Other Academic Event with MEP Staff's Pre-Approval					▼
	Created or Updated Resume					▼
	Participated in Job Interview					▼
	Completed Career Center's Focus2 Assessment					▼
	Obtained Research Experience					▼
	Presented a Research Poster					▼
	Worked for MEP, GIE, or similar campus/community program serving students					▼
	Other:					▼
<b>Industry Exposure</b>	Career Fair(s)					▼
	Volunteer Days					▼
	Industry Job/Internship					▼
	Attended a Regional or National Conference					▼
	Actively Participated in an Engineering Student Organization (e.g., NSBE, SHPE, SWE, SASE, ect.)					▼
	Served As an Engineering Student Organization Chapter Officer	Organization/Position:				▼
	Worked with an Industry Mentor					▼
Other:					▼	
<b>Community Service</b>	Volunteered for MEP (e.g., Mentor, Tour Guide, Panelist)					▼
	Volunteered in an Organized Educational Community Service Program(s) (e.g., MESA Day)					▼
	Volunteered in an Organized Non-Educational Community Service Program(s) (e.g., Food Drive, Clean-Up, etc.)					▼
	Other:					▼

# MEP Participation Policy – Activities explained

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## Academic Advising

- It is important that you regularly check in with your college adviser and/or your department adviser. Please do not rely on information from your friends or what you've heard – when in doubt go straight to the source.
- Your meetings with faculty members should be around your future plans, i.e. research or graduate school.

## Industry Exposure

- Exposure to current industry experience and being prepared are vital to your future career.
- Attending Career Center events, such as resume critique or interviewing skills workshops are important.
- Join a student professional organization and attend their meetings regularly.
- Find an industry mentor.

## Academic Support

- For those students who need assistance, you should look for support from the various sources on campus or from MEP.
- Those who are below a cumulative GPA of 2.5 should definitely seek at least one form of academic support.

## Community Service

- And lastly community – serving your community will provide you with life skills you cannot obtain anywhere else.
- Start with MEP but don't limit yourself, you can help out in your local community or for anything else that is of interest to you.

## Professional Development

- There are always events going on in and around BSOE, so those tech talks and visits from Google, Apple, etc. will count!
- Participate in research and present at the Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **WHAT IF I'M NOT A NEW MEP STUDENT, DO I NEED TO START OVER TOWARDS STANDARD OR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION?**

Yes. Each year the participation count starts over. Remember, academic advising sessions must be current and completed each year.

### **IF I DON'T COMPLETE THE STANDARD PARTICIPATION WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY MEMBERSHIP?**

Those students not completing the standard participation will be dropped from MEP to make room for students who will take advantage of opportunities offered by the program. Participation will be reviewed at the end of each academic year or at the Director's discretion.

### **I'M A FIRST YEAR STUDENT, CAN I QUALIFY FOR INTERNSHIPS OR SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Yes, qualification is based on your participation. There are many ways you can earn Active Participation early in the academic year.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

Please see any of these staff or email [meppeermentors@soe.ucsc.edu](mailto:meppeermentors@soe.ucsc.edu)

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