Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP)
Participation Policy

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 active participation in MEP 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)

Students lacking Standard Participation will be dropped from the program. Participation will be reviewed at the end of each academic year or at the Director’s discretion.

NOTE
MEP students who:

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

Will jeopardize his/her participation in future activities and MEP membership.
# MEP Participation Levels

(based on MEP Report Card; see page 3 of this policy)

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<td>□ One Academic Advising Session per year</td>
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Refer to MEP Report Card on page 3 of this policy for list of activities.
It is your responsibility to report activities to the MEP Director
- Provide documented proof where needed.
- This must be done in person, not via phone or email.

All activities must be reported by the 4th week in Spring quarter to be counted for the current academic year
- For example, by 4/26/13 to count for 2012-13 academic year.

All MEP Report Cards are kept in your file in the MEP Director’s office
- You can request a copy any time.
WHAT IF I'M NOT A NEW MEP STUDENT, DO I NEED TO START OVER TOWARDS STANDARD OR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP OR INTERNSHIP?
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 the MEP Director, Lydia Zendejas.