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 it's 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**
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> **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.

MEP Participation Levels

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

Standard Participation (minimum of 5 activities) Benefit: Remain in MEP	Active Participation (minimum of 6 activities) Benefit: see next column	Active Participation Benefits:
☐ One Academic Advising Session per year ~and~ ☐ Four activities (must be from at least three different categories) 1. Academic Advising 2. Academic Support 3. Educational Advancement 4. Industry Exposure 5. Community	☐ Standard Participation (five activities) ~and~ ☐ Additional activities (at least one more) 1. Academic Advising 2. Academic Support 3. Educational Advancement 4. Industry Exposure 5. Community	❖ 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 report card with MEP Director by deadline; see page 3 of this policy

Refer to MEP Participation Progress 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**
- **All MEP Report Cards are kept in the MEP Director's office**
  - You can request a copy any time.

MESA Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement

Multicultural Engineering Program Report Card

Baskin Engineering UC SANTA CRUZ

Student Name: _____ ID: _____ Graduating Senior: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Summer 15-Spring 16

	Activities	Notes	Quarter Completed	Director Initials
Academic Advising	Went through the BSOE Major Declaration Process. If not declared, when you are you eligible to declare?			
	Upload academic plan into MyUCSC Planner			
	Meet with a SOE Peer or Staff Advisor			
	Meet with a College Advisor			
	Meet with a Faculty member			
	Other:			
Academic Support	Receive tutoring through MEP, ACE, LSS, MSI or RAD (Required if GPA < 2.5)			
	Complete Career Center's Focus2 assessment			
	Complete time management plan			
	Apply for scholarships			
	Other:			
Educational Advancement	Attend 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 Director pre-approval.			
	Obtain research experience (e.g. CAMP, UC LEAD, etc)			
	Present at a Research Poster Symposium			
	Other:			
Industry Exposure	Create or update Resume			
	Participate in job, mock or informational interviews			
	Active participation in an engineering student organization (e.g. NSBE, SHPE, SWE, SASE, etc.)			
	Attend a regional or national conference			
	Serve as an engineering student organization chapter officer Organization: _____ Position: _____			
	Obtain industry mentor			
	Obtain experience via internship			
	Other:			
Community	Perform a community service for MEP (e.g. tour guide or panelist)			
	Serve as MEP Tutor			
	Volunteer in organized educational community service programs (e.g. MESA Day)			
	Volunteer in organized non-educational community service programs (food drives, clean-up, etc.)			
	Other:			

_____ _____
Student Signature/Date   Director Approval   /   Total Activities

MEP Participation – Activities explained

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

- 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.

Educational Advancement

- 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.

Refer to MEP Report Card on page 3 of this policy for list of activities.

MEP Participation Policy
"Frequently Asked Questions"

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 in Baskin 231.