



# Student Success at UC Merced

*Below is our definition of student success that has been collaboratively developed. This definition unites us behind a common purpose.*

Successful students at UC Merced develop a passion and capacity for lifelong learning and for creating and sharing knowledge, consistent with our distinctive context as a public research university. We celebrate our location in California's San Joaquin Valley, which provides unique opportunities to shape our communities and enable students to become engaged citizens. We believe every student possesses a unique and valuable perspective that enriches and transforms our community.

At UC Merced, student success results from a collaboration and shared responsibility among students, faculty, staff, and administration. Because student success is at the heart of our planning and decision-making, we use robust and meaningful evidence to inform decisions about programs, policies and practices. Providing support, guidance, and resources that equip students to pursue their educational journey creates the foundation for student success. Students achieve success by actively engaging in opportunities for growth in and out of the classroom. These experiences ensure that students have the tools to complete their academic, career, and personal goals.

*This definition was primarily informed by the UC Merced Mission; UC Merced Principles of Community; UC Merced Hallmarks of Baccalaureate Degree; Student and Program Learning Outcomes of Academic Advising, Student Affairs, General Education, and our academic programs; UC Merced Campus Vision Statement; and WSCUC accreditation documents, including the interim report and reaffirmation of accreditation review of the standards.*