Overview

What is Academic Activity?

Students receiving federal financial aid must have verifiable academic engagement in each course prior to the add/drop deadline each term. Financial aid will be recalculated after the add/drop deadline and adjusted to exclude the units for each class in which academic activity is not certified.

Federal requirements for UC Merced include verifying that undergraduate and graduate students receiving financial aid begin activity in each course, every term. UC Merced will verify academic activity via CatCourses data or faculty members and designated staff may certify students' academic activity for each course in the Academic Activity Tool by the add/drop deadline.

Academic activity includes but is not limited to:
— Class attendance
— Submission of an academic assignment
— Taking an exam or quiz
— Participating in an assigned study group
— Contacting the faculty member to ask a question about academic subject matter

Academic activity does NOT include:
— Living in institutional housing
— Participating in the school's meal plan
— Course registration
— Logging into an online class without active participation
— Participating in academic counseling or advisement

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Academic Activity for

Students

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UC Merced will verify academic activity via CatCourse data or faculty members and designated staff may certify students' academic activity for each course in the Academic Activity Tool by the add/drop deadline. Make Sure Your Academic Activity is Certified.

To see if academic activity has been certified for your courses:

1. Log in to Academic Activity Tool
2. Select/View your course list for current term

TIP — *Academic Activity must be recorded before the add/drop deadline. If it's before the add/drop deadline, you may reach out to your instructors to ask how activity is going to be recorded.*

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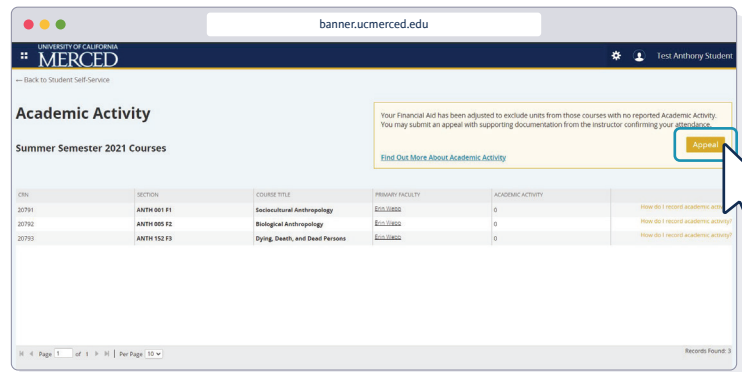
Academic Activity for

Students (Continued)

How to Appeal Adjusted Financial Aid for Academic Activity

If academic activity for your course hasn't been certified by the add/drop deadline and your financial aid has been adjusted, take the following steps to submit an appeal.

1. Gather appropriate documentation of your participation
2. Log in to Academic Activity Tool
3. Select/View your course list for current term
4. Select Appeal
5. Submit documentation from your instructor confirming your participation

You may be required to repay your financial aid for terms in which you received all non-passing grades.

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