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EXCEL! - What is EXCEL! ?

"Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration." - Thomas a. Edison

EXCEL! is a program established by the Dean of School of Natural Sciences to help Natural Sciences students achieve their academic goals. EXCEL! uses elements derived from existing successful math and science programs at various colleges to help students achieve academic success.

What does EXCEL! do?
EXCEL! meets with students on an individual basis to help students to:

- Understand UC Merced's academic policies
- Calculate grades needed to remain on track toward a degree in Natural Sciences.
- Identify possible causes that may have prevented a student from achieving academic success and propose viable resolutions.
- Establish a weekly study schedule and routine to increase academic performance
- Help students become familiar with resources available on campus
- Become familiar with study skills workshops organized by the Student Advising and Learning Center.
- Acquire the characteristics of a successful student
- Prepare students for college level math and science classes via pre-calculus, pre-chemistry, and biology workshops funded by the Student Advising and Learning Center
- Learn about post undergraduate education if interested

What can students expect?
Students in the program are expected to sign a contract and commit at least six hours per week toward activities that will help them become successful in math and science. All students are expected to take full responsibility toward completing the necessary requirements that will lead to a degree in the School of Natural Sciences.

Who should students contact for more information?
Phung Colvin at pcolvin@ucmerced.edu, (209) 228-4185, or in AOA 182 or Krista Venecia at kvenecia@ucmerced.edu, (209) 228-4098, or in SE 370.

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