

Graduation with Honors

UCC recognizes Honor graduates as follows:

4.00 GPA — Highest Honors

3.75 - 3.99 — Honors

For the commencement program the cumulative GPA through winter term is used.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for community colleges. It was founded in 1918 at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri by two-year college presidents to give prestigious recognition to community college students with excellent scholarship and character. Made up of over 1.2 million members, Phi Theta Kappa touches 1,200 campuses around the world. The benefits of membership are numerous, including a notation on the UCC transcript, the privilege of wearing the Phi Theta Kappa academic regalia at graduation, and a myriad of scholarship opportunities.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. Phi Theta Kappa chapters provide opportunities for:

- the development of leadership & service
- the exchange of ideas and ideals
- fellowship and
- stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Membership is based on completion of 12 credit hours or more and a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher. There is a one-time fee for membership into the campus chapter, the region and the International Society.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, please contact Marjan Coester at 541-440-7749 or visit the Student Life Office located in the LaVerne Murphy Student Center.

Academic Probation

As a student at Umpqua Community College you are expected to make satisfactory progress toward your

educational goals. Satisfactory progress means fulfilling the college requirement of a 2.00 (C) accumulative GPA necessary to receive a degree or certificate.

You will be placed on academic probation if your accumulative GPA falls below 2.00. Probation is a warning that you are not making satisfactory progress. After two consecutive terms of unsatisfactory progress, you will be automatically suspended. An exception may be granted if your term GPA is 2.00 or above but your accumulative GPA fails to meet the required minimum; in such cases students remain on academic probation. After attempting 36 credits, you must have a minimum 1.75 accumulative GPA or you will be suspended. You must then follow one of the stipulated procedures for re-admission as outlined in the Suspension and Re-admission procedure. You have 90 days to appeal if you believe an error has occurred on your academic record. If you receive financial, veterans, or other aid through UCC, you must also meet the satisfactory progress requirements required by each agency.

Academic Suspension

The College administration has discretionary authority to suspend students whenever it is apparent that such action is necessary. If you have been suspended for academic deficiency or unsatisfactory progress you may appeal through the Academic Standards Committee for re-admission. Specific instructions are provided in the letter of notification.

Forgiveness of Past Academic Performance

If your past academic records at Umpqua Community College are detrimental to future academic or occupational pursuits, you may, after a period of five years following the term(s) for which forgiveness is desired, petition the Academic Standards Committee for forgiveness of past performance.

Schedule a meeting with the Manager of Advising, Testing and Accessibility Services to review your degree audit, term-by-term planner, and completed Academic

Standards Appeal form for submission to the Academic Standards Committee.

Forgiveness of past performance will eliminate past credits, grades and GPA from consideration in current or future academic standing at UCC. However, the past record will remain as part of your permanent record at UCC and will be provided to another college or university if you wish to transfer credits, and that college's policy will then apply.

Courses satisfactorily completed during the requested forgiveness period (grade of C or better) that meet institutional requirements may be waived toward degree requirements. However, such credits will not be counted toward the total credits required for graduation. Students seeking academic forgiveness must do so prior to completing their degree or certificate; those that have graduated from UCC are not eligible to take advantage of this policy. Forgiveness may be granted only once at UCC, and is noted on the academic transcript.

Attendance

You are accountable for attending class(es) in which you are officially enrolled. If you do not attend during the first day of class or contact the instructor, the instructor may withdraw you from the class. To ensure you have been withdrawn you must contact the Enrollment Services office. Classes that meet less than the regular length of the term have different deadlines (see Schedule of Classes for dates). A grade will be assigned in credit classes unless an official drop or withdrawal has been processed by the published deadlines (see Schedule of Classes for dates).

Instructors may announce an attendance policy for your classes. It is your responsibility to obtain attendance rules from each instructor in cases of late enrollment.

Only students who have officially registered may attend classes. Starting the first week of the term the student's name must appear on the Class Roster, or the student must have a class schedule which shows they are registered for the class.