

ORBITS

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The ORBITS program is focused on the development and exploration of career skills and transferable life skills of first generation, second year, and third year transfer UCR students.

A first generation college student is defined as a student who is attending a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree, but their parents/guardians did not obtain a bachelor's degree. (*NACE Journal*, Nov. 2016)

Obtain Resources

Students in the ORBITS program are able to obtain valuable campus and career resources. The second year of college is an important time to choose a major, explore careers, and develop skills. ORBITS students will access resources on resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, preparing for graduate school, searching for jobs and internships, and choosing a major.

Become Informed

ORBITS students become informed with the resources they have already received, and continue the development of career and life skills. They will engage in activities such as informational interviews, employer discussions, panels, and on-site visits, plus enhance their transferable skills focusing on communication, work ethic, leadership, and teamwork.

Target Success

A long-term goal of the ORBITS program is for students to graduate from UCR understanding the steps for pursuing graduate school or a job search. Students will also develop a personal plan to include short-term target goals leading up to graduation.

Tuesdays, 3-4:15pm

Fall 2020: October 6 – December 8
Winter 2021: January 5 – March 9

Students must be able to commit to two full quarters (Fall/Winter)

- The program will involve short readings, experiential exercises and activities, small group discussions, and reflective exercises.
- Sessions will be led by Career Center Staff and/or Employers.
- Each class will include team-building.



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Section I: Personal Data

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
_____	_____	_____
Current Address	Apartment #	City
_____	_____	Zip
_____	_____	_____
Local Phone Number	E-mail Address	
_____	_____	_____
Student ID Number	Expected Date of Graduation	
_____	_____	_____
Major	Minor	GPA

Section II: Essay

In one page (3 paragraph minimum) tell us why you believe ORBITS could benefit both your personal and career goals/dreams.

Section III: Resume

Attach a current resume. (No prior leadership experience or usage of Career Center services required.)

Section IV : Requirements

Participants are expected to complete program assignments and attend all sessions with the exception of two absences per quarter. Upon successful completion of ORBITS requirements, participants will receive a Career Leadership Certificate.

You MUST COMMIT to participating in BOTH Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 quarters.

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ORBITS is a no-credit program and will not appear on your transcript.

Submit completed application (application form, essay and current resume) by email to:

Charlie Rodnuson at Charlie.Rodnuson@ucr.edu

You can also submit the completed application in person at the Career Center.

Application deadline: September 4, 2020