

Migrant Services

The Office of University Migrant Services (UMS) at California State University, Fresno provides retention services to university students from migrant and seasonal farmworker families. UMS works with campus student services, faculty, and community-based agencies to improve educational opportunities for UMS students.

UMS is for you if you are entering Fresno State (freshman through graduate level) and have a migrant or seasonal farmworker background. As a retention service, University Migrant Services is concerned with helping you stay in school. The staff will help you explore your academic and career choices and make sure that you have the information you need to make the decisions which will shape your future.

Members of the UMS staff are trained professionals in various areas including academic advising, counseling, career development, and language skill development. They will take a personal interest in helping you with your adjustment to the university environment.

Special services designed to assist UMS students in developing their academic potential include the following:

Academic Assistance

- academic skills assessment
- assistance with selection of classes
- study skills training
- peer tutoring
- English as a Second Language (ESL) assistance
- oral language development

Counseling

- orientation to university life
- personal counseling
- peer counseling

Career Planning

- interest testing for major selection
- career development workshops
- referrals to part-time and summer employment
- exposure to graduate and professional schools

Cultural Enrichment

- Migrant Student Alliance
- recreational field trips
- student leadership development
- student awards banquet
- Teatro TORTILLA

Support Services

- financial aid advisement
- scholarship application assistance

- referrals to university resources
- referrals to community resources

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

is a federal program designed for freshman migrant and seasonal farmworker students. UMS students eligible for CAMP may be offered a CAMP stipend, vision and dental insurance, and other supplemental services.

To apply to UMS or CAMP, write, call, or, better yet, come by in person to the UMS office. The staff will gladly provide you with the necessary applications and materials.



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