

Umoja Community

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Cañada College's Umoja Community program ("umoja" is the Kiswahili word for unity) is a community and program committed to validating and enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American/Black and other students. The program facilitates transfer to four-year universities and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Umoja Community students benefit from a wide range of resources, including academic, career, and personal counseling, statewide Umoja events, cultural events and experiences, mentoring, university visits, and financial assistance (tuition, textbook, food, and transportation). The Umoja Community program promotes student achievement using a curriculum and pedagogical approach responsive to the legacy of the African Diaspora.

Umoja Community courses include:

Fall: ENGL 100 and PLSC 210

Spring: ENGL 110, MATH 200, and PLSC 310

To be eligible for the Umoja Community program, students must be currently enrolled or plan to enroll at Cañada College, be interested in learning about Black culture, history, and experience, complete the Umoja Community Interest Form, register for Umoja Community program courses, and attend Umoja program events throughout the year.

