

## About the programme

### 1. What is “Whole Person Development Award Programme”? Can it be counted toward my degree?

The Whole Person Development Award Programme (WP) is a programme that encourages all UM degree programme students to participate in different on-and-off campus extracurricular activities, cultivating their balanced development in the UM competencies score (CS) by "Responsible citizenship, Global competitiveness, Knowledge integration, Teamwork and collaboration, Service and leadership, Cultural engagement and Healthy lifestyle", thereby also fostering their habits of life-long learning.

The WP can't be counted toward your degree at UM, and only the activities without academic credits or monetary compensation are eligible for counting toward the WP.

## About the scoring of UM competencies score (CS)

### 2. What is UM competencies score (CS)?

CS is the accumulated points you obtained through your participation under the seven core areas, which include:

**Responsible citizenship** – Activities that develop your affection for home country, social responsibility, law-abidance and integrity.

**Global competitiveness** – Activities that develop your global perspective, intercultural communication, cultural inclusiveness and independence and self-motivation.

**Knowledge integration** – Activities that develop your integration of academic knowledge, interdisciplinary communication, critical thinking and creativity and innovation.

**Teamwork and collaboration** – Activities that develop your interpersonal relationships, collaborative teamwork, inter-team cooperation and team spirit.

**Service and leadership** – Activities that develop your strategic thinking, service to others, organizational skills and leading by example.

**Cultural engagement** – Activities that develop your cultural cultivation, cultural preservation, cultural innovation and cultural confidence.

**Healthy lifestyle** – Activities that develop your healthy diet, positive attitude, exercise and sport and environmental awareness.

3. [How can I get UM competencies score \(CS\)?](#)

Once you complete an activity (which is qualified as one of the activities in the WP areas), your activity can be declared and counted toward the programme

For details, please refer to the “Scoring” and “Procedure” on our webpage:

<https://sds.sao.um.edu.mo/rules/>.

4. [Is there any minimum and maximum number of UM competencies score \(CS\) for each activity?](#)

Basically, each 0.5 hour of activity is worth 5 CS in principle. An activity which is less than 0.5 hour cannot be counted toward WP. Each activity can be applied for up to 400 CS.

5. [I am a committee member of UMSU Sub-organization. Can my participation for attending meeting be counted for UM competencies score \(CS\)?](#)

According to the scoring system of WP, cabinet members of UMSU Sub-organization can be counted with 50 CS (per 6 months – Jan-Jun or July-Dec) in the area of “Leadership and Service”. This 50 CS includes the regular meetings, general assembly meetings, inauguration, etc. organized by your sub-organization. Therefore, meetings, which are considered as a part of your committee member’s responsibilities, are already counted into those 50 CS as described.

In addition, organization of student activities by your sub-organization can be counted CS in the area of “Service and leadership.”

6. [Can self-organized activities \(e.g. B.B.Q. with dorm mates, study group with my friends\) be counted with UM competencies score \(CS\)?](#)

No, self-organized activities cannot be counted with CS in WP. However, for those student activities are holding by UMPA, UMSU or UMSU sub-organizations can be counted with 100 CS in the competency of “Service and leadership”, endorsed by the organizer.

7. [I am a student helper for being a judge for a sport competition, how many UM competencies score \(CS\) do I get? What UM competencies score \(CS\) should it be? Healthy lifestyle or Service and leadership?](#)

As soon as your work hours are non-payable, your volunteer and service hours can be counted with 5 CS for every 0.5 hours of service in the area of “Healthy lifestyle”. Each activity can be applied for up to 400 CS.

8. [I’ve attended an interest course off campus. Can it count for UM competencies score \(CS\)? If so, how should I apply for UM competencies score \(CS\)?](#)

Yes, all activities without academic credits or monetary compensation are eligible for counting toward the programme.

## About activity record submission

9. How would I know if my UM competencies score (CS) is auto-counted into my record or if I have to submit activity declaration after completion of the activity?

In our normal practice, all activities NOT organized by UM (UM departments, faculties, RCs or student organizations) are NOT considered as CS auto-counted in the programme. For auto-counted activities, you may find the information of the activities on our WP webpage (“News” on the WP main page); you may also find the WP logo and related information (the number of CS) and WP area will be counted toward) on the promotion materials for the activities, for example, poster, banner, notice at the entrance of the registration counter during the activity, etc.

10. How would my attendance be checked for UM competencies score (CS) auto-counted activities?

Please check with the organizer for checking your attendance. Some organizer may use a student I.D. for checking your attendance upon your arrival (check-in) or after the activity (check-out). Therefore, please bring your Student I.D. for attending the auto-counted activity. Once our WP Workgroup receives the participant name list from the activity organizer, CS will be counted toward your record. If you have any further enquiry regarding your attendance at the CS auto-counted activity, please check the CS by your WP account or contact the activity organizer.

11. I’ve attended a WP auto-counted activity, which was organized by FED on campus yesterday. However, I didn’t bring in my student I.D. for check-in or check-out. Shall I submit the online “Activity Declaration Form” and have it endorsed by the organizer? You don’t have to submit any “Activity Declaration Form” for WP auto-counted activity. Please check with the organizer (FED) for sending us (WP Workgroup) the correct participant name list.

12. I watched a movie at cinema, how can I declare for the activity?

After you log-in your WP account, please click on the “submit new record” and submit the completed e-form, attached with your movie admission ticket, which is signed with your name and student I.D on.

13. I went to a concert in Cotai Arena, can it counted for CS in the programme? The organizer did not allow the audience to take any photograph during the concert, what should I do for my attendance approval at the said activity?

Yes, off-campus activity can be counted toward the WP. If you cannot provide any certificate or signed “Activity Declaration Form”, etc. which is endorsed by the organizer, you may attach your concert admission ticket, which is signed with your name and student I.D on.

14. [How/When can I know whether the activity is approved or not after the submission of the record?](#)

You can check with the status (approval, disapprove or pending) after you log-in your WP account. An email will be sent to you once your record is disapproved or returned for further correction. Please be noted that the deadline for WP application submission is not later than 30 June.

15. [What should I do to confirm my record if I do not receive any auto-reply email after submitting my record?](#)

You may first check the status of your activity submission on “My Records” after logging-in your WP account. If you do not find the record there, please re-submit it. You may also contact our WP Workgroup for further assistance.

### **About WP awards**

16. [Will all the students who meet the criteria for the awards be rewarded? Or there is a quota for the receiver of each award?](#)

All students who meet the criteria for the WP Bronze, Silver or Gold Award will be rewarded accordingly. There is no limited quota of awardees from each WP award. However, each student is eligible to only one kind of award per academic year. For example, if your accumulated CS reached the criteria for Gold Award, you will not be rewarded with Bronze or Silver Award in the same academic year.

Please be noted that we offer WP Scholarship for 22 most outstanding students in the programme (i.e. those with the highest number CS and balanced development in the WP areas) who also have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or equivalent.

17. [How and when will I receive my prizes?](#)

Awardees will receive their prizes in the following academic year. The Student Development Section (SDS) will also notify the awardees individually.

18. [If I obtain a Gold Award in WP while I was a year 1 UM student, am I eligible to receive any WP award or scholarship in the next 3 years of studies at UM?](#)

CS are accumulated, according to the UM Academic Year. You may find the updated WP Programme Schedule on our WP webpage. In other words, your participation of activities in year 1 can be counted for CS in that academic year, but not the next academic year.

If you obtain a Golden Award in WP in the first year, as long as you reach the standard / requirement of our WP awards while you are a UM student, you are eligible to obtain the awards and / or scholarship accordingly, regardless it is your first, second, third or fourth year of studies.