

research project, active membership in a professional organization, as evidenced by: membership in ASRT, CSRT or SDMS societies, holding office or committee appointments, preparing for presentation of a professional paper or poster, preparing for competition in a Quiz-Bowl or clinical based employment in a radiologic or imaging sciences field.

- Pay a one-time membership fee at the time of application.

Privileges: Members of Lambda Nu are entitled to:

- Wear the Lambda Nu cords at graduation;
- Apply for Lambda Nu scholarships;
- Participate in projects of the local California Omega chapter.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest international honor society serving colleges offering associate degree programs. Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa currently has more than 1,200 chapters in the United States and abroad. Its main purpose is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among associate degree students, but the four hallmarks to which Phi Theta Kappa is dedicated are scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

Membership: To be accepted into Phi Theta Kappa, a student must:

- Have completed at least 12 units of course work at Merced College;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.45 or higher;
- Complete and submit a membership profile form;
- Pay a one-time membership fee at the time of application.

Privileges: Members of Phi Theta Kappa are entitled to:

- Wear the Phi Theta Kappa stole at graduation;
- Have the Phi Theta Kappa seal affixed to their diploma;
- Attend regional and national conventions;
- Participate in the Summer Honors Institute;
- Apply for assorted Phi Theta Kappa scholarships (there are 39 million dollars in transfer scholarships available);
- Participate in projects of the local chapter.

The principal induction is held during the spring semester, but memberships will be accepted throughout the academic year; however, graduating students must apply at least 45 days prior to graduation.

Housing Services

Although the College does not officially authorize any housing advisement for students seeking housing is available in the Associated Students of Merced College office. For further information, contact ASMG at (209) 384-6030.

Job Opportunity Services

Job Opportunity Services offers employment referral assistance for part-time, temporary, and full-time jobs for students attending Merced College and for up to two years after graduation. Other services provided are resume writing, interviewing techniques, job search assistance, and information regarding employment trends. The center also provides listings from summer camp programs locally and countrywide.

Students who already have jobs may sign up for Cooperative Education, earning college credit while they work and providing an opportunity for skill development and career exploration.
(209) 384-6068.

Learning Communities

Learning Communities are pairs or clusters of courses that revolve around a theme or major. These courses are taught by creative faculty dedicated to student success. Learning Communities enhance students' academic and social opportunities, improve connection with faculty and peers, and provide greater involvement in learning. If students are interested in learning communities they must enroll in all of the linked classes.

Library

The Library is located on University Avenue on the north side of campus. The library purchases materials, technology, and media and provides services in support of Merced College's institutional learning outcomes and provides the following:

- Information and reference help for students and faculty;
- Information competency and library instruction;
- Print materials, media, and technology for students and faculty;
- Access to online and electronic resources;
- Spaces for reading, media viewing, studying, collaborative projects, and meetings

Current Merced College students, faculty, and staff have access to over 40,000 books and 150 print newspaper and periodical subscriptions in the library. In addition, they can use student information stations to access the electronic book collection, several online databases, and full text journal subscriptions through the Merced College Portal. The library also has an index to and extensive holdings of the New York Times on microfilm. A variety of other materials is available including pamphlets, CDs, DVDs, books on CDs. Technology is available for students to listen to and view media in the library.

Faculty Librarians assist students and faculty with information and reference needs and provide class-based information literacy instruction and library orientations. Students are encouraged to approach reference librarians for assistance in locating information and materials. Interlibrary loan is available through the reference librarians.

Most library materials may be checked out. Students may borrow books and media for specified periods of time ranging from two weeks to overnight. Some reserve and media items are for in library use only.

Only current students, faculty, and staff of Merced College can check out materials, use reserve materials, or use computer stations.

Merced College Theater

The MC Theater presents a variety of music, drama, dance, and other of live performances throughout the year. Featured performances include student productions by the theatre and music departments, as well as, events by local and international artists and performers. Most theater events are open to the public—please visit the website or call for ticket information. www.mccd.edu/theArts or call (209) 386-6644.

Online Courses

MCC offers some courses in an online and/or hybrid format as an alternative to traditional face-to-face classes. Online classes require no on-campus sessions, where hybrid courses require one or more in person meetings. Specific details vary per semester. Students are advised to refer to the class schedule for these courses. No distinction is made between the expectations and outcomes of online and hybrid courses with on-campus courses. The content and outcomes of the classes are the same as those taught in the face-to-face classroom. It is the flexibility of time and convenience that appeals to distance education students.

Online courses require a self-disciplined student. Courses require frequent participation through online communication with the professor and other students. These courses are best suited for those students who are self-motivated and do not procrastinate. The ability to manage time and take responsibility for deadlines is critical to success. To see if online classes are right for you, take our online readiness quiz located on our website at: <http://www.mccd.edu/online/index.html>

The student enrolled in an online class should have a solid understanding of Internet browsers (for example, Firefox, Chrome or Internet Explorer) and using file attachments and word processing programs. They should also be good problem solvers who are not intimidated by technology.

Online students must have consistent access to the Internet. If necessary, students may gain access to the Internet and MCC online courses via