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About Us

Merced College's Community Education department provides professional and personal development classes as well as career training programs.

College credit is not given for classes conducted by the Community Education department. There are no transcripts or grades.

Community Education is a self-supporting entity of the college and is a self-funding program. If you have a special interest or particular need for a class, please send us your suggestion.

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3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER!

Online: go to <https://merced.augusoft.net/>
Easy and secure (Visa/Mastercard only)*

CALL: (209) 384-6224 using Debit/Credit
(Visa/Mastercard only)

* Monday thru Friday, 8am – 5pm

VISIT: the Business Resource Center at
630 W. 19th Street in Merced (M St./19th St.)
Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to
register using Debit/Credit (Visa/Mastercard
only) or exact cash*

**We no longer accept personal checks*

**We are happy to invoice firms and agencies for
your class fee if being sponsored by such an
agency.**

CLASS REFUND POLICY

Community Education realizes that extenuating circumstances do arise. If you need to cancel an enrollment, please contact our office at least 7 days prior to the start date. Once an offering begins, fees become nonrefundable. Cash payments will be refunded by check and will arrive via mail. Credit card payments will be refunded as a credit back to the same card that was used. Refunds take approximately 4-6 weeks to process.

SCHOOL INITIATED CANCELLATION

Community Education reserves the right to cancel any class. Full refunds are automatically granted if a class is cancelled by our office. Occasionally there may be adjustments to the schedule for a class due to college facilities usage. We will notify participants of any of these changes as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have a disability and require special accommodations, please notify our office at least two weeks in advance of the class/trip start date so that we can make the appropriate arrangements to accommodate your request.

For the most up-to-date course information please visit merced.augusoft.net

Merced College Spring 2024 Holidays

Offices are closed on the following dates.

Monday, January 1st, 2024 - New Year's Day

Monday, January 15th, 2024 - MLK Jr. Day

Friday, February 16th, 2024 - Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, February 19, 2024 - President's Day

Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

Monday, May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day

A message from Dr. Caroline Dawson

Dean of Business, Workforce Development,
& Adult Education

Merced College Community Education is excited to present a variety of educational opportunities for Spring 2024! Responding to community requests, we have increased our offerings to include courses such as Fitness Bootcamp, Do It Yourself Home Repairs, and Dress for Success.

Hoping to get healthier in 2024? Strengthen your mind and body through a combination of wellness education and exercise. Build greater resilience with our Well-Being Institute and reenergize yourself with our fitness classes.



Caroline L. Dawson

Caroline L. Dawson

Seeking out professional development? Enroll in our Customer Service Academy, which will help you to effectively work with coworkers and customers. Or join our Emerging Leaders Institute, which is perfect for those who are ready to focus on core leadership skills – whether new to leadership or a seasoned leader.

Is it time to enhance your current skills or seek out a new career? We have partnered with Ed2Go and CareerStep, both providing online career programs – many of which prepare you for nationally accredited exams.

Because it is our goal to provide relevant educational opportunities and experiences to the community, we invite you to share suggestions for future offerings.

HEALTH, FITNESS, & RECREATION

YOGA

Are you looking for a workout program that's easy to learn, requires little or no equipment, and soothes your soul while toning your body? If strengthening your cardiovascular system, toning and stretching your muscles, and improving your mental fitness are on your to-do list, this is the class for you.

DATES: *Tuesdays & Thursdays*

Session 1: January 16 - March 14, 2024

Session 2: March 19 - May 23, 2024

- (No class 4/2 & 4/4)

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

INSTRUCTOR: Tracy Decker

LOCATION: Merced College, Field House Rm A



COST: \$65 per session

(\$10 discount for past participants or if you register for both sessions at once)

LAP SWIM



Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise. Enjoy open lap swim at the Merced College Pool at any of the three time slots.

***DATES:** *Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays*

January 17 - 31, 2024 (No lap swim 1/15)

February 2 - 28, 2024 (No lap swim 2/16 & 2/19)

March 1 - 27, 2024 (No lap swim 3/29)

April 8 - 29, 2024 (No lap swim 4/1 - 4/5)

May 1 - 24, 2024

Mondays & Wednesdays

June 3 - 26, 2024 (No lap swim 6/19)

July 1 - 31, 2024

TIME: 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Merced College Pool

* Subject to occasional cancellations based on Merced College aquatics schedules or weather conditions. In such events, Community Education strives to provide notice to all participants via email in order for participants to make arrangements to swim during other open time slots throughout the week.

COST PER MONTH:

\$20 January, June, July

\$25 February, March, April, May

HEALTH, FITNESS, & RECREATION

SALSA DANCE LESSONS

Salsa is a mixture of Cuban dances, such as mambo, pachanga, and rumba, as well as American dances such as swing and tap. Salsa is a wonderful partner dance that you are sure to love! *This class will progress each session however all levels are welcome to join.*

DATES: Saturdays

Session 1: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, and Feb. 24, 2024

Session 2: Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, and Mar. 23, 2024

Session 3: Apr. 13, Apr. 20, Apr. 27 and May 4, 2024

TIME: 10am - 11:20am

INSTRUCTOR: Steven Chang

LOCATION: Merced College Gym



COST: \$60 per session

(\$10 discount if you register for both classes - Salsa & Bachata - at once)

BACHATA DANCE LESSONS



COST: \$60 per session

(\$10 discount if you register for both classes - Salsa & Bachata - at once)

Bachata is a style of dance that originated in the Dominican Republic and is danced widely all over the world. This type of dance is based on an easy to follow sequence of three on-beat steps, with a tap and hip movement on the fourth beat. *This class will progress each session however all levels are welcome to join.*

***DATES:** Saturdays

Session 1: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, and Feb. 24, 2024

Session 2: Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, and Mar. 23, 2024

Session 3: Apr. 13, Apr. 20, Apr. 27 and May 4, 2024

TIME: 11:30am - 12:50pm

Instructor: Steven Chang

LOCATION: Merced College Gym

[Click on the course title to register](#)

HEALTH, FITNESS, & RECREATION

FULL BODY FITNESS

This boot camp will combine the best of cardiovascular and strength training. Expect to challenge your mind and body as you alternate between high and low intensity exercises through timed intervals of free weights, plyometrics, cardio training, core, and balance work. All levels of fitness are encouraged to join!

DATES: *Tuesdays & Thursdays*

Session 1: Feb. 6 - Feb. 29, 2024

Session 2: March 5 - March 28, 2024

Session 3: April 9 - May 2, 2024

Session 4: May 7 - May 23, 2024

TIME: 6:30am - 7:30am

INSTRUCTOR: Kim Frankian

LOCATION: Merced College Field House A



COST: \$60 each for Session 1 - 3
\$45 for Session 4

PERSONAL INTEREST

DO IT YOURSELF

HOME REPAIRS



COST: \$40 per session

LOCATION: Business Resource Center
630 W 19th Street Rm 121

Unlock the world of DIY home repair in our upcoming workshop! From perfecting picture frame hangs to conquering drain clogs, you'll dive into essential home repair techniques. Plus, we'll introduce you to basic tools, ensuring you feel confident and capable in tackling common household fixes. This class is ideal for beginners and those looking to enhance their skills. Join us for a hands-on, informative session.

DATES: *Saturdays*

Session 1: Jan. 27, 2024

Session 2: Feb. 24, 2024

Session 3: March 23, 2024

Session 4: April 27, 2024

TIME: 9am - 12pm

INSTRUCTOR: Raul Linares

Click on the course title to register

PERSONAL INTEREST

INTRODUCTION TO MEDITERRANEAN/ LEBANESE CUISINE

These classes will cover the basics of Mediterranean/ Lebanese cuisine through authentic dishes and desserts made from scratch such as baba ghanouj, shawarma, hummus, baklava, and much more! We invite you to join us and explore your taste buds while learning how to make a new savory dish each session.

DATES: Saturdays

Session 1: February 10, 2024

Session 2: March 9, 2024

Session 3: April 13, 2024

TIME: 12pm - 3pm

INSTRUCTOR: Amal Rida

LOCATION: Merced College Cafeteria



COST: \$50 per session

VEGETERIAN COOKING MADE EASY



COST: \$50 per session

Unleash your inner kitchen artist in our Vegetarian cooking classes, where meatless meals take center stage and your taste buds become the audience! Vegetarian food is far from boring. Each session you will learn to make simple, healthy, delicious vegetarian meals that both you and your friends/family will enjoy!

DATES: TO BE PROVIDED IN JANUARY 2024. PLEASE VISIT MERCED.AUGUSOFT.NET OR CALL (209)384-6224 FOR UPDATED COURSE INFORMATION.

INSTRUCTOR: Dyimah Ansah

LOCATION: Merced College Cafeteria

Click on the course title to register

PERSONAL INTEREST

CHOCOLATE CREATIONS

Learn the art of crafting exquisite treats as you are guided through the process of creating captivating cocoa bombs, charming chocolate covered pretzels, irresistible cake pops, and much more! You'll also discover the art of decorating and packaging your creations, turning them into impressive gifts and party favors that capture the essence of each holiday theme.

DATES: *Fridays*

Session 1: February 2, 2024

Session 2: March 8, 2024

Session 3: May 3, 2024

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Ponce

LOCATION: Business Resource Center

630 W 19th Street Rm 128



COST: \$50 per session

WATERCOLOR

FOR BEGINNERS



COST: \$120 + \$40 material fee

For six 3-hours classes!

That's only \$20 per day!

Join us and learn the basics of watercolor! We will paint, discuss, and create small projects together every week. Special emphasis will be placed on mixing colors. Also learn how to easily draw and transfer your images to paper. Enjoy learning the techniques of watercolor step-by-step! The material fee covers your very own starter kit!

DATES:

Group 1: *Thursdays*

Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, and Feb. 22

TIME: 6pm - 9pm

Group 2: *Saturdays*

Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, and Mar. 2

TIME: 9am - 12pm

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Savage

LOCATION: Merced College ART Room 4

PERSONAL INTEREST

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

This personal branding and dress-for-success course will emphasize the importance of defining a personal and professional brand – with a review of business dress, business casual dress, and casual dress.

Learn to choose the right look for the right job!

DATES: *Saturdays*

Session 1: February 3, 2024

Session 2: March 2, 2024

Session 3: April 13, 2024

Session 4: May 4, 2024

TIME: 12pm – 3pm

INSTRUCTOR: Sissiley Childers

LOCATION: Business Resource Center

630 W 19th Street Rm 121



COST: \$20 per session

DATE NIGHT: ANYONE CAN DO IT!



COST: \$50 per session
per couple

HOSTS: Luanalei Turetzky & her date
Wayne Turetzky

LOCATION: Business Resource Center
630 W 19th Street Rm 121

This course is designed to help you get back to the important stuff with dates planned for you! Simply show up with your partner/spouse on the 2nd Friday of the month. We'll take care of the rest. Each date will have a fun learning element, a food element (think delicious, gourmet dessert), and an activity (Paint Night, Boogie Night, Karaoke Night, Comedy Night) designed to reignite those embers that drew you together in the first place. We promise, your effort is worth it!

DATES: *Fridays*

Session 1: February 9, 2024

Session 2: March 8, 2024

Session 3: April 12, 2024

Session 4: May 10, 2024

TIME: 6pm–9pm

Click on the course title to register

COLLETTE VACATIONS & TOURS

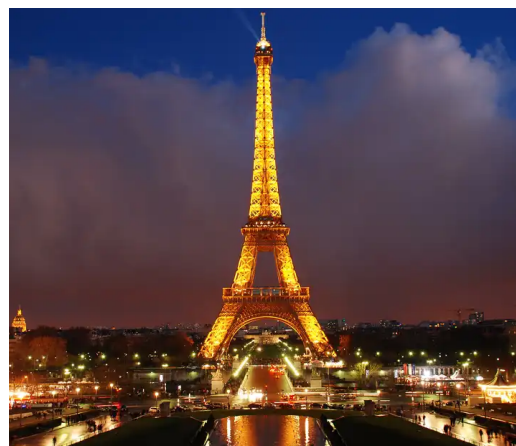


UPCOMING TRIPS

Spotlight on Paris

September 17 - 25, 2024

Highlights: Eiffel Tower Dinner, Louvre Museum, Le Marais, Place des Vosges, Parisian Food Tour, Notre Dame, Versailles Palace & Gardens, Montmartre, Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Choice on Tour: Sacre Coeur & Free Time in Montmartre or Musee de Montmartre, Seine River Dinner Cruise



Discover Historical Greenbrier

October 18 - October 25, 2024

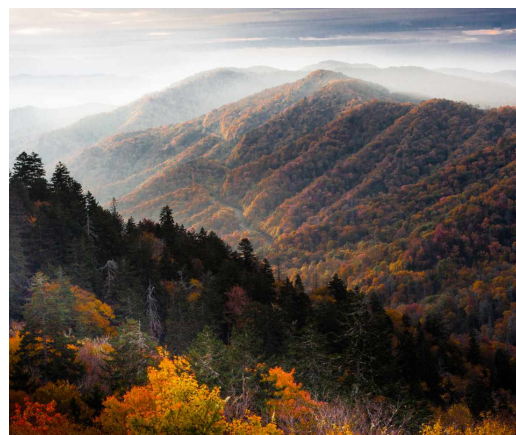
Highlights: Smithsonian Museums, Twilight Monument Tour, Arlington National Cemetery, Greenbrier Bunker Tour, Monticello, Tavern Lunch, Choice on Tour: American History or Black History Tour of Richmond, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon



Nashville & The Smoky Mountains

December 15 - December 22, 2024

Highlights: Grand Ole Opry Show, Historic RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Gaylord Opryland Resort Dinner & Holiday Show, Dollywood, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Asheville, Biltmore Estate



***For pricing and additional details, click on the link of the trip in which you are interested.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

BE A NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign up to learn how to perform valuable services by certifying or witnessing signatures on official documents, \$15 per signature in 2021. Notary skills are valuable in almost any industry: real estate, legal, medical, and banking to name just a few. This six-hour state-approved seminar gives you the knowledge to pass the exam and practice as an effective Notary. Participants receive 2 practice tests and take the official Notary exam directly following the seminar. You must be present for the entire course of instruction and be at least 18 years of age.

Bring to class: 1) A \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"; 2) Proper identification - current driver's license or state issued ID card; 3) Two #2 pencils; 4) 2"x2" passport size color photo. Live Scan fingerprints will be required after you pass the exam. Serious Convictions may disqualify applicants.

***DATES:** Saturday, May 4, 2024

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center,
630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$99, plus \$55 material fee and
\$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"



RENEW YOUR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

This Secretary of State approved class will prepare you to take the Notary exam again by reviewing all relevant Notary law. You will take the official notary exam directly following the class. Renewing Notaries must have current commission to be eligible for this three-hour Notary Seminar.

Bring to class: 1) A \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"; 2) Proper identification - current driver's license or state issued ID card; 3) Two #2 pencils; 4) 2"x2" passport size color photo. Live Scan fingerprints will be required after you pass the exam. Serious Convictions may disqualify applicants.

DATES: Saturday, May 4, 2024

TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center, 630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$50, plus \$55 material fee and \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

BECOME A LOAN SIGNING AGENT

Make the most out of your notary commission by becoming a certified Loan Signing Agent. Our livestream seminar will teach you how to notarize loan documents and give you a simple strategy to launch your new business. Students are eligible to access our private Facebook page to ask questions, watch webinars, and receive updates. All you need is your smartphone to join. A certificate is awarded upon completion of the course.

Prerequisite: *You must be a Notary or have completed the "Become a Notary Public" seminar.*

Topics include:

- How to notarize a loan package
- The dos and don'ts of the profession
- What to discuss with your clients
- How to develop your own business

***DATES:** May 21 – 23, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

LOCATION: Livestream

COST: \$99, plus \$30 digital materials



SAFETY & TRAINING TRAFFIC SCHOOL



This DMV approved course meets the requirements for those allowed by the court to attend traffic school. Successful completion of this class could void the citation from your record and protect your insurance.

DATES: *Saturdays*

January 27, 2024

February 24, 2024

March 23, 2024

April 27, 2024

May 25, 2024

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center,
630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$45

Call (209) 384-6224 to register.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Merced College Business Resource Center provides local employers, community organizations, and residents with customized training to enhance their skills in the workplace. Join us for the nationally recognized Customer Service Academy, develop your leaders with our Emerging Leaders Institute, and equip your staff with greater resilience through our new program, the Well-Being Institute.



CUSTOMER SERVICE ACADEMY

- Communication in the Workplace
- Customer Service
- Team Building
- Foundations of Well-Being in the Workplace
- Values and Ethics
- Stress Management
- Time Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Unconscious Bias Reduction in the Workplace & Community
- Attitude in the Workplace



EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

- Employee Engagement
- Leadership Essentials
- Leading with Strengths
- Values & Ethics
- Generational Diversity
- The Challenges of Leadership
- Emotional Intelligence
- Authentic Leadership



THE WELL-BEING INSTITUTE

- Fuel Your Body for Success
- Building Resilience
- Foundations of Well-Being in the Workplace
- The Science of Happiness
- Finding Your Purpose - Leading with Strengths

Click on each program title to learn more.

Select the individual courses that best meet your needs and earn a Certificate of Recognition! Each course is only \$23 and earns a 1/2 unit of college credit!

For more information or for customized training contact: Dorota Mimms at dorota.mimms@mccd.edu or Matt Shumaker at matthew.shumaker@mccd.edu

ONLINE LEARNING

Merced College Community Education has partnered with instructors from Ed2Go and CareerStep to help students like you train for a rewarding new career.

These career training programs are not-for-credit and are not part of Merced College's accredited courses and programs. Most of the programs prepare you to take nationally accredited exams.

Programs available through this partnership include everything from Computer Science to Construction and trades. Whether you are looking to enhance your current skills or learn something new, chances are we have a program for you!



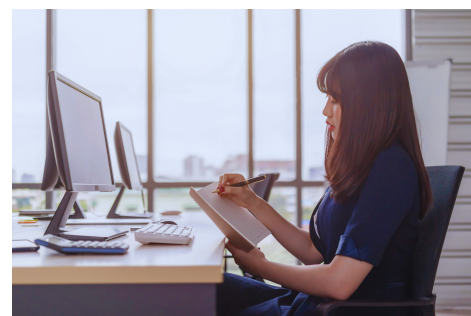
Find additional information on
career training at
<https://careertraining.mccd.edu/>

- Medical Billing and Coding
- Pharmacy Technician
- Certified Administrative Professional
- Digital Marketing Strategist
- Certified Residential Interior Designer
- AND MORE!



Find additional information on
CareerStep programs at
careerstep.com/lp/partner/ap/mccd/

- Physical Therapy Aide
- Patient Care Technician
- Veterinary Assistant
- EKG Technician
- Dental Assistant
- AND MORE!



COMING SOON

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

Coming Summer 2024!

The College for Kids program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to expand, enhance, or review areas of interest and study.

Students will learn, grow, and (most importantly) have fun!

Scholarship applications will be available starting March 2024.
Registrations will open March 2024.

Sessions starting June 10, 2024
and ending August 1, 2024.

- ENRICHMENT
- AQUATICS
- SPORTS



*Click on the CFK logo to get
up to date information.*

KALEIDOSCOPE & FESTIVAL OF DANCE

Join us for performances by Denisa's School of Dance, Merced Academy of Dance, South Pacific Dance Company, STEPS Dance Studio, and the Mariposa Academy of Dance.

Proceeds help to provide scholarships for dance students entering Merced College or 4-year colleges and universities as well as providing theater-related improvements or equipment purchases for the Merced College Theater.



Kaleidoscope - March 2024
Festival of Dance - June 2024

PARKING ON MERCED COLLEGE CAMPUS

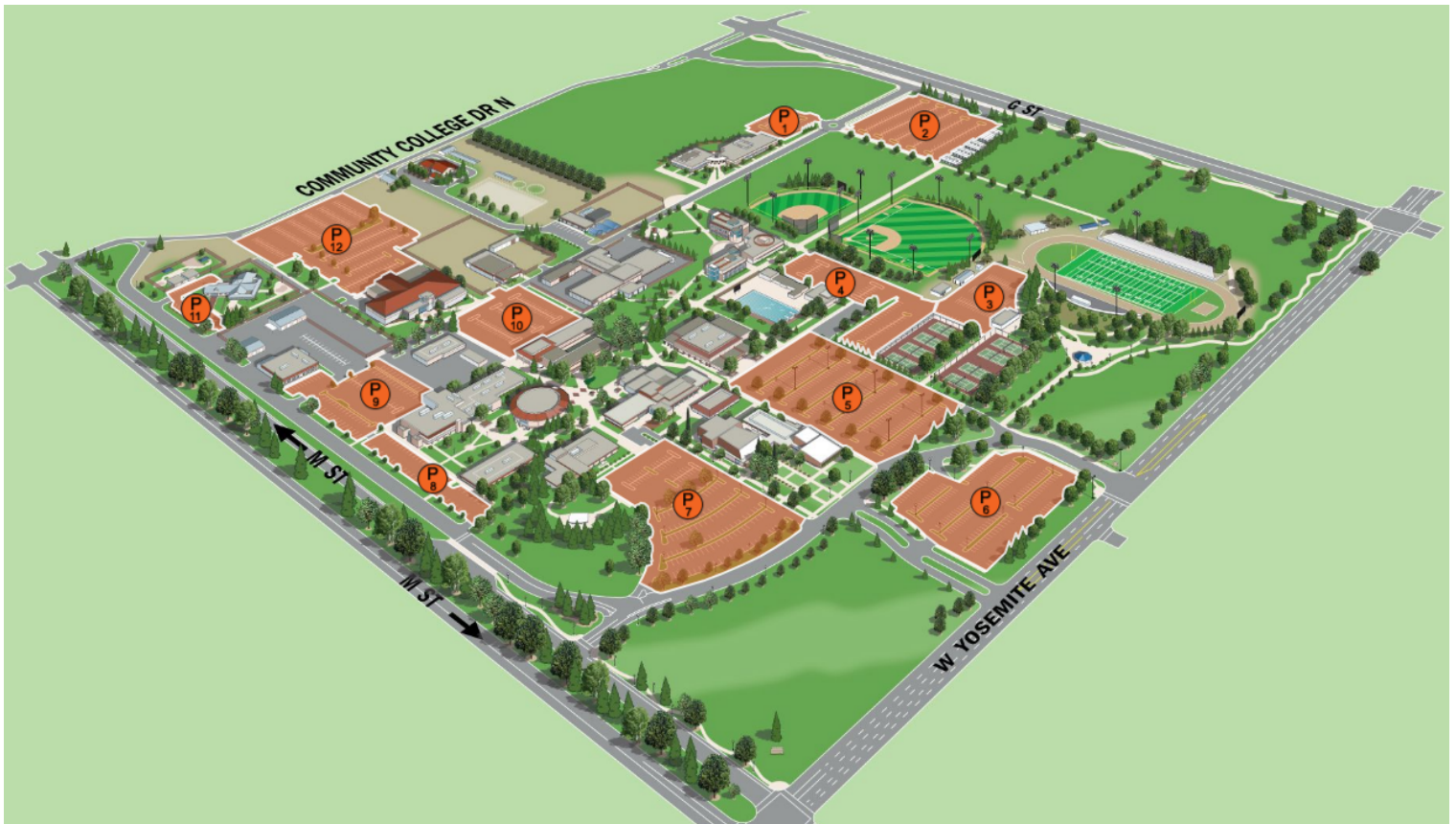
Parking on our Merced College campus is by permit only; valid in general parking areas.

[Click here for map of parking lot locations](#)

Day passes may be purchased from Ticket Dispensers for \$2.00 a day.
Semester Passes can be purchased online.

[Click here to buy a Semester Parking Permit.](#)

[Click here for the Campus Police Parking Information page for details about parking permits, restrictions and citations.](#)



***FOR CLASSES HELD AT THE MERCED COLLEGE BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER,
PARKING PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED AS LONG AS YOU ADHERE TO LOCAL
PARKING SIGNS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND PERMIT DESIGNATED PARKING
IN THE M STREET PARKING GARAGE.***

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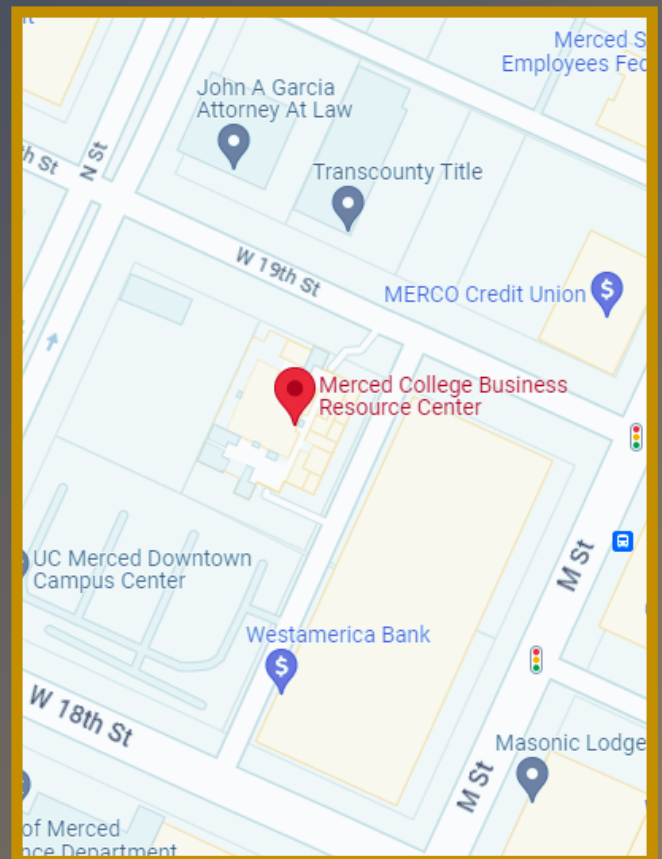


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