Student Services at Modesto Junior College

Student Services at Modesto Junior College has as its chief function the facilitation of the education, growth, and development of students. The vision of Student Services is to provide exemplary services that support, inspire, and empower students to achieve their goals. Our mission is to provide services and programs in partnership with other areas of the college and the community that will maximize each student's success. All Student Services offices value: access, diversity, honesty, innovation, integrity, kindness, respect, and trust.

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TESTING CENTER

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https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/testingcenter/

Due to the passing of AB 705 MJC will no longer offer Math and English ACCUPLACER tests after February 1, 2019. After this date we will only offer High School GPA Placement. For English learners, please see the English learner Testing Schedule at https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/testingcenter/

What you need to know before testing:
- Students must have an MJC application on file to take the assessment
- Valid Picture identification for all testing
- Student ID number is required
- Parking on campus requires purchasing a $2.00 permit (boxes located in parking lots)
**SERVICES ON CAMPUS**

**Contacting the Testing Center:** To contact the MJC Testing Center for more information, call 209-575-7728 or email mjctesting@mjc.edu.

**Special Accommodations:** Disability accommodations can be arranged if the request is made at least 10 days prior to the service. Call (209) 575-6225 or TTY 575-6863.

Assessment testing is a free service; however, other tests offered through the Testing Center may require a fee. To inquire about test dates and fees, please contact the Testing Center or go to https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/finaid/testing/

**BOOKSTORE**

East Campus: Student Center  
Phone: (209) 575-6840 Fax: (209) 575-6851  
Email: bookstore.yosemite.cc.ca.us  
West Campus: MSR, Room 154  
Phone: (209) 575-6966

The Pirates Bookstore East Campus carries textbooks for classes that are held on the East Campus as well as school and office supplies, general books, MJC collegiate fashions, gifts, greeting cards, candy, snacks, and electronics. The East Campus Bookstore also carries a wide variety of artist materials and supplies that are required by MJC instructors. We have partnered with Journey Ed to offer computer software at educational prices.

The West Campus Pirates Bookstore carries textbooks for the classes that are conducted on the West Campus as well as school and office supplies, candy, snacks, MJC collegiate fashions, gifts, and electronics.

Bookstore hours are extended during the beginning of each semester.

Visit us at our website: https://piratesbookstore.com/home to order your text online, and find out about buyback dates and store hours.

**CALWORKS PROGRAM**

East Campus: Student Services Building, Room 200  
Phone: (209) 575-6662  
Website: mjc.edu/studentservices/calworks

CalWORKs stands for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids. The CalWORKs Program provides support services to eligible students.

The CalWORKs Program is state-funded, which works in conjunction with the Stanislaus County Community Service Agency office. To qualify for MJC CalWORKs, students must be receiving TANF (cash aid) for themselves. In order to ensure academic success, the MJC CalWORKs program provides eligible students with educational opportunities and a variety of support services, including counseling, book loan, child care, work-study student employment, and bus passes.

**CAMPUS LIFE & STUDENT LEARNING**

Alejandra Espinoza  
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The Campus Life & Student Learning Department is located in the East Campus Student Center, room 2. Campus Life & Student Learning oversees Student Conduct, Associated Students of Modesto Junior College, Campus Clubs, Project LEAD, Project GIVE, Positive People Series, the Mary Student Rogers Student Center, and the Student Activities Center (East Campus Student Center, room 3). Additionally, Campus Life & Student Learning oversees special events and activities such as MJC’s Commencement, African American Education Conference, Hispanic Education Conference, Women’s Empowerment Luncheon, Homecoming, and many more.

**CARE PROGRAM**

East Campus: Student Services Building Room 210  
Phone: (209) 575-6702

The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education Program (CARE) is a supplemental component of EOP&S. The CARE Program strives to enhance self-esteem, develop college success skills, and assist students with meeting their educational goals. CARE provides an eligible student a variety of educational and economic support services above and beyond those provided by EOP&S, college, state, county, and federal aid resources.

A student may qualify for childcare reimbursements, bus passes, gas cards, and an additional textbook allowance beyond that provided by EOP&S. The Program also provides eligible single parents advocacy and liaison services to facilitate the acquisition of CalWORKS resources, as well as informational workshops, an annual winter/spring holiday season, and cultural events. For more information call the CARE Program services representative at the number above.

**TO QUALIFY FOR THE CARE PROGRAM A STUDENT MUST:**

1. Be EOP&S eligible;
2. Hold “Single Parent Head of Household” status;
3. Have one or more children under the age of 14 years;
4. Parent or child must be a recipient of TANF cash aid.
**CAREER SERVICES CENTER**

Dejeune Shelton  
Director, Career Services  
West Campus: Yosemite Building, Room 156 A  
East Campus: Student Services Building, Room 116  
Phone: (209) 575-6660  
Website: [https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/careerservices/](https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/careerservices/)

The Career Services Center (CSC) provides students and prospective students with valuable career exploration and assistance tools and resources to help them take control of their career journey and transform their education into meaningful work.

**Services Include:**

**Exploration** (information about jobs and employers)

**Preparation** (career workshops: resume, cover letter, interviewing, job search, career resources)

**Work-Based Learning** (internships, jobs shadowing, mentorships, worksite field trips)

**Career Assistance** [www.mjc.jobspeaker.com/#/students](www.mjc.jobspeaker.com/#/students)

Career Assistance services help MJC students and alumni find employment opportunities by connecting them with local employers who are looking to hire. The Career Services Center serves as a liaison with employers throughout the area who are looking to hire MJC students and graduates. Career Assistance activities consist of:

- Leads to full-time & part-time opportunities
- On-Campus recruitments by employers
- Job Fairs
- Internship Opportunities
- Labor Market Information
- Resume, Cover Letter & Interviewing Tips
- Job Hunting Resources

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAM**

West Campus: John Muir, Room 157  
Phone: (209) 575-6343  
Enrollment for ages infancy to 5 years of age

These unique Early Care & Education Labs are instructional training sites for Child Development majors and are staffed by Faculty, the Child Development Specialist and student interns. The program offers a parenting course in addition to care and learning opportunities for children. Enrollment is open to children of students, staff, and the community.

The philosophy of child-centered labs is built on the belief that “play” is essential to a child’s learning. The six program policies that will guide this work are: 1. Primary Care, 2. Small Groups, 3. Continuity of Care, 4. Individualized Care, 5. Cultural Continuity, and 6. Inclusion of all children. An anti-bias approach is emphasized and curriculum is selected to support families in feeling included and respected. Each family brings their own culture and traditions which can be shared in our classroom! We believe that families are a child’s first and most important life-long teachers and we work to create partnerships with each family.
STUDENT REPRESENTATION FEE

The Student Representation Fee was amended in the California Education Code by Assembly Bill 2576, in late 1988. This fee is an optional $2 cost that can be implemented to serve any California Community College campus through a student body election. In April of 1993, ASMJC held a general student body election with the Student Representation Fee on the ballot. The fee passed and 845 students voted in the election; and 563 were in favor of the Student Representation Fee.

The Student Representation Fee is collected with all other fees at the time of registration, and is deposited in a separate fiduciary fund. Funds collected are allocated to ASMJC and used to represent student concerns in government at local, state, and federal levels. A student may decline the Student Representation Fee for religious, political, financial, or moral reasons. The decline must be stated in writing.

ART GALLERY

The MJC East Campus Art Gallery hosts several original shows each year. Artwork from emerging and established artists, both local and international, are installed in the purpose-built space. A wide range of art styles and media are represented including paintings, sculptures, and mixed media pieces. MJC students and faculty exhibit their works annually. Students enrolled in the gallery operations class assist in the management and installation of the shows. Please visit mjc.edu/art for more information.

ARTS COMPETITION: THE CELEBRATION OF THE HUMANITIES

For over 30 years the Arts, Humanities, and Communications Division and the Literature and Language Arts Division have sponsored an annual campus-wide student arts competition in eight major categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Theatre, Writing, Speech, Dance, Music, Film and Video. Awards are handed out at the popular performance ceremony held each April in the Performing and Media Arts Center Main Auditorium. A major student art exhibit is a highlight of this event. MJC students registered in the current summer, fall or spring term are eligible to enter in this exciting contest. Visit https://www.mjc.edu/instruction/ahc/celebration.php for details.
ATHLETICS

Modesto Junior College offers 21 competitive sports programs (11 men's and 10 women's). MJC is a member of the Big Eight Conference in the following men's and women's sports: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and water polo. MJC also fields teams in the Big Eight in men's baseball and women's softball and volleyball.

Other Big Eight Conference members are American River College, Cosumnes River College, Diablo Valley College, Sacramento City College, San Joaquin Delta College, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Sierra College. MJC also competes in the Northern California Football Conference, North-Valley division in football, which includes Chabot College, Fresno City College, Laney College, San Joaquin Delta College, and College of Sequoias. In addition, MJC's wrestling team competes in the Coast Conference.

Since 1938, MJC has hosted an annual statewide basketball tournament in December. It is the oldest community college invitational basketball tournament in the state.

FORENSICS - COMPETITIVE SPEECH

The Modesto Junior College Speech and Debate team has a proud tradition of national champions. The team competes with both colleges and universities in various debate formats and individual events. The competition occurs in state and national arenas. Visit mjc.edu/instruction/ahc/communication/ for more information about how to participate as a novice or experienced speaker.

HONOR SOCIETIES

ΑΓΣ-ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA - UPSILON CHAPTER

The Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, Inc., (AGS), the California Community College Honor Society, is open to qualified MJC students. AGS fosters academic excellence through local and state scholarship opportunities.

AGS students build leadership skills, work together on community service activities, and network with other motivated students.

Initial membership requires completion of 12 units in a maximum of 3 semesters with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. First semester students with a cumulative high school GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 are eligible to become temporary members. Continuing membership requires a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a current term GPA of 3.0 or above. Active participation in club activities is required.

Permanent membership is granted to students with greater than or equal to 60 units completed as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above who have at least one semester of previous membership, or with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above who have 2 or more semesters of membership in AGS. Membership information and applications are available in the Student Development and Campus Life Office.

ΦΘΚ PHI THETA KAPPA - BETA MU CHAPTER

Phi Theta Kappa is present at MJC with the Beta Mu Theta chapter. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest international honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located on community college campuses throughout the fifty states, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany. Phi Theta Kappa's mission is twofold: 1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and 2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming. New members will receive a membership pin, diploma seal, and transcript notation of membership. Members are automatically nominated for inclusion in the prestigious National Dean's List biographical publication and are accorded the privilege of wearing the society's gold stole and tassel at graduation. Chapter members will be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa scholarships and are automatically enrolled in the society's transfer database, one of the nation's leading scholarship engines that links four-year institutions offering scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa members. For more information, call Jim Beggs, program advisor at (209) 575-6164.

ΣΧΗ-SIGMA CHI ETA-ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

Sigma Chi Eta was established by the National Communication Association (NCA) in 2000 to recognize students at the community college level who are dedicated to enhancing their understanding of and contributions to the field of Communication. Members in Sigma Chi Eta are eligible to represent Modesto Junior College's chapter at local, regional, and national conventions. These conventions offer a wealth of professional resources to help students achieve their academic and professional goals. All applicants must have completed at least 12 units at MJC (any subject) and have completed at least 12 units of Speech Communication courses at MJC or have completed at least 9 units of Speech Communication courses at MJC with at least 3 units currently in progress. Applicants must also have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a Communication Studies GPA of at least 3.25 while consistently displaying a commitment to the Communication field. Inductees receive lifetime membership, a certificate of membership, a lapel pin, and graduation honor cords. Applications are accepted during the first month of both the fall and spring semesters. For more information, contact Leslie Collins, faculty advisor, at collinsl@mjc.edu or (209) 575-6482.
SERVICES ON CAMPUS

COLLEGE FACILITIES/EVENTS/MAIL ROOM

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East Campus, Morris Building, Mailroom

Marissa Cahn  
Events/Facilities Scheduler  
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Events/Facilities and Duplicating Technician  
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The college is a center for community functions of various kinds. College facilities are available for rent by recognized non-profit community groups when such use does not interfere with regular educational programs.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

East Campus: Student Services Building, Room 226  
West Campus: Yosemite Hall, Room 147  
Phone: (209) 575-6438  
Website: www.mjc.edu/counseling

The counseling and guidance program assists students with decisions which affect their academic and career goals. First-time students should enroll in COLSK 100, GUIDE 110, 111, 112, 116, 120 or STSK 78 during their first semester. These courses are designed to help students become better acquainted with the educational opportunities at MJC and develop a program of study that will help them attain their educational goals.

Counselors are available to assist students in identifying needs, assessing strengths, and overcoming barriers to fulfilling their educational objectives, including transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Counselors may also assist students in the selection of appropriate programs of study relative to their chosen objectives. Individual student-counselor conferences are available by appointment or walk-in. Visit the website or call for details.

In addition to a general counselor, the student can work with department advisors to help in program planning. Instructors are also available for individual advising within their academic discipline.

HEALTH SERVICES

Amy Yribarren, R.N., B.S.N.  
Director of Health Services  
https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/healthservices/  
East Campus: Morris Memorial Building, Room 108  
Phone: (209) 575-6037  
West Campus: Yosemite Hall, Room 114  
Phone: (209) 575-6360

Health Services was established to contribute to the success of students by promoting physical and emotional well-being, with strong emphasis on preventative health care. Services are offered primarily on a drop-in basis. Registered nurses are available to provide first aid, health education, family planning/sexual health, nutrition, exercise and weight management, and all aspects of personal health. Health Services provides vision and hearing screening, blood pressure monitoring, tuberculosis screening, pregnancy tests, glucose screening, hemoglobin screening, and immunizations. Referrals can be made to on-campus or local community providers for mental health counseling. Non-prescription medications/treatments are available for minor wounds/injuries, aches/pain, colds, cough, allergies, and upset stomach, as are feminine hygiene products, condoms, pamphlets, and brochures. In case of illness, your Health Services nurse can provide care in the form of first aid and/or referral service including an appointment to see a physician on campus at no cost. In case of injury on campus when the college is in session, or during any college-related activity, students should contact Health Services for information about completing a claim form for possible student insurance coverage.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

DOCTOR CLINIC: A doctor is scheduled to be on-campus weekly. Appointments are scheduled after receiving a referral from the nurse.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: Referrals for on and off-campus counseling are available for students expressing the need for mental health support.
DISABILITY SERVICES (DSPS)

Jacquelyn Forte, Ed.D.
Director, Student Services
https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/disability/
Phone: (209) 575-6112

East Campus: Main Office, General Information, Counseling, & Alternate Media
Student Services Building, Room 112
Resource Lab and Testing Center
East Campus: Journalism Building, Room 160
Phone: (209) 575-6645 and/or (209) 575-6226
TTY: (209) 575-6863, Fax: (209) 575-6852

Testing Center/DSPS General Information
West Campus: Yosemite Hall, Room 115
Phone: (209) 575-7733 and/or (209) 575-7734

The Disability Services Program is a system of support services and classes (see IIS, Individualized Instruction & Services, courses for course descriptions) available to students with verified disabilities.

Disability Services is designed to meet the individual needs of the students, allowing them an equal opportunity to benefit from their educational experiences. Support may include assistance with planning programs, priority registration, testing accommodations, note-taking services, reader, sign language interpreting, assistive listening device, and with alternate media based on eligibility.

PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Elevator keys are provided by Health Services to students with short or long-term physical disabilities.

Informational health insurance brochures are available through Health Services Offices. Students may be seen by a nurse on a drop-in basis at the Health Services Office. Student ID with current semester sticker is required for all services. Call for hours or log on to the web site at www.mjc.edu/healthservices.

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES (EOP&S)

East Campus: Student Services Building, Room 210
https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/eops/
Phone: (209) 575-6702, Fax: (209) 575-6250, TTY: (209) 575-6633
West Campus: Yosemite Hall Building, Room 152

The goal of EOP&S is to promote and facilitate the college enrollment, persistence, and retention of students with histories of educational and economic disadvantage.

EOP&S provides students pursuing certificate, transfer, and associate’s degree programs of study, new student orientations, assessment services, educational consultation and planning, academic advisement, career and life planning, pre-employment, and university transfer services. The program also provides retention services, supplemental tutoring, an “early alert” service and “priority registration” assistance, as well as economic support services including textbook vouchers, bus passes, UC and CSU application fee waivers, graduation cap and gown service, and an emergency loan program. The Program also offers EOP&S eligible, first-time college students, the opportunity to participate in the Summer College Readiness Program, as well as the Bridge learning community in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year.

FOOD SERVICES

East Campus Cafeteria: Student Center
Vending Machines Available In The Student Center.
East Campus, Pirates Galley/Starbucks: Student Center

West Campus Cafeteria: Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center
Vending Machines Available.
West Campus Convenience Store: Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center
Library & Learning Centers (L & LC)

Library services are located on the East and West campuses and can also be accessed through the MJC Library & Learning Center website. The library staff welcomes questions and is happy to help users access and use the many library resources available to them.

The library’s collection includes a wide variety of resource materials in both print and electronic format. MJC students have access to Columbia College Library materials via the library’s intercampus loan service, and students can obtain research materials from non-YCCD libraries using the library’s interlibrary loan service.

Campus library services include individual research help in person, class instruction on library research methods, copy machines, study space for individuals and groups, calculator and laptop checkout, and course textbook reserves. Off-campus library services include a wide variety of materials via our research databases, individual research help via chat, email, text, and phone, subject-specific research guides, and online tutorials. To access library resources off campus, users need to log in using their student ID number and six-digit birth date.

All students, faculty, and staff, as well as college retirees, have full library privileges. MJC alumni and Library Friends can pay the $20 annual membership to the Friends of the MJC Library granting them borrowing privileges.
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

**INSTRUCTION**

The library offers a variety of learning opportunities to support the information competencies applicable to college-level research and lifelong learning. Students can participate in curriculum-specific instructional sessions arranged by their instructors, enroll in a formal library research course, or enroll in our non-credit, self-paced research courses.

**TUTORING**

Tutoring is available in a wide variety of subjects on both campuses via appointment, drop-in, and online.

Students get the support they need to improve their writing skills. Tutors will help with any writing-related task for any subject. They help students understand their assignment, gather ideas, focus on the topic, and organize the paper.

Math and science tutors are available to help students understand homework as well as course concepts. On West campus, students can also check out anatomy models and microscopes.

Tutoring in other subjects such as communication studies, history, accounting, anthropology, psychology, and foreign languages is also available.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI)**

Supplemental Instruction is a series of weekly review sessions for students taking historically challenging courses. SI is offered to any students who want to improve their understanding of course material and earn higher grades.

**COMPUTER LABS**

The Library & Learning Centers have hundreds of computers that students can use for academic work and are staffed with employees and student workers who assist with logging into PiratesNet, accessing MJC email, applying for financial aid, registering for classes, logging into Canvas, and managing documents including downloading, copying, printing, and scanning.

**STUDY ROOMS**

Group study rooms and large workshop rooms are available for student reservations on both campuses and are equipped with flat screen monitors and white boards.

**MARY STUART ROGERS STUDENT LEARNING CENTER (WEST CAMPUS)**

The Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center includes an ASMJC office, cafeteria, convenience store, TV lounge, game room, computer lab, and multipurpose rooms. You will also find a coin exchange machine, vending machines, and video games.

**MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

The college’s music department has deep and long standing roots in the surrounding community. Instrumental performance opportunities include Guitar Orchestra, Community Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Community Concert Band, and Jazz Bands plus brass, percussion, woodwind, string ensembles, and electronic music. Vocal performance opportunities include Masterworks Chorus, college choirs, and musical theatre productions.

Elementary, intermediate and advanced piano, organ, guitar, instrumental, and voice classes are available to music students. Students who desire to transfer as music majors to a four-year institution are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor early in their first semester of study at the college. Please visit mjc.edu/arts for current concert performance descriptions and schedules.

**SUCCESS PATHWAYS CENTERS**

West Campus: Yosemite Hall, Room 119

Under the Student Success and Support Program Plan and Title V Grant at Modesto Junior College, the Success Pathways Centers first opened in fall 2016 to support students in stronger, more connected ways.

Centers on each campus offer core services on a drop-in basis and in a workshop style atmosphere. Students will be able to receive multiple services that include orientation, assessment services, educational plans, and other elements to be successful as an MJC student. Centers include computer labs and assistance for students to complete core services online.

Counselors and Success Specialists work collaboratively in the Pathways Centers to ensure a high quality of services is given to all MJC students. Drop-in counseling services (personal, academic, career, transfer) are available daily at the pathways centers on both campuses. Scheduled appointments for educational plans in groups are also available.

**Pathway Center Locations and Hours:**

East Pathways Center: Student Services Building, Room 128
West Pathways Center: Yosemite Hall, Room 118
Phone: (209) 575-6789
Hours: M-TH 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Fridays, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**STUDENT CENTER (EAST CAMPUS)**

The East Campus Student Center is the focal point of student activity. It includes: Bookstore, Cafeteria, Transfer Center, Access and Outreach, Student Activities Center, Student Lounge, Veterans Services, and Veterans Resources Center.
SERVICES ON CAMPUS

STUDENT ACTIVITY STICKER

The Student Activity Sticker is an optional fee where students purchase a $10 benefits sticker which is placed on the back of their ID Card. The special sticker will afford you special discounts including:

- Discounts from local businesses
- Discounts at campus events and activities
- Access to ASMJC events and services.

STUDENT ID CARDS

East Campus: Student Center
Phone: (209) 575-6700
ID Card Hours: M-Th 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Fridays, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

West Campus: Mary Stuart Rogers Learning Center
Phone: (209) 575-7991
ID Card Hours: M-Th, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM and Fridays, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Student ID cards are issued free to new students during registration. ID cards are used for transactions in the Admissions and Financial Aid departments, as well as in the Library & Learning Centers.

Students should carry their ID cards to enhance campus safety and security. Students may purchase a $10 benefits sticker to be placed on the ID card for special discounts with local services and activities. ID cards can be made on either campus during the office hours above.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Alejandra Espinoza
Campus Life & Student Learning Manager
East Campus: Student Center
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West Campus: Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center
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The Campus Life & Student Learning program offers opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, prepare for civic responsibility, explore diverse cultures, and build a strong sense of college community. The program reflects the needs and interests of students.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASMJC)

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Phone: (209) 575-6479

The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College (ASMJC) is the official representative student body of Modesto Junior College. Student Government officers and senators must have a 2.5 GPA and have completed at least nine units to meet eligibility requirements.

ASMJC is completely student-funded, student-elected, and student-regulated, functioning within the framework of policies adopted by the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees. ASMJC is the primary forum through which student concerns are channeled. Since most major decisions made at Modesto Junior College affect students, their input has become increasingly relevant. ASMJC is recognized as the “student voice” by faculty and administration.

ASMJC is also responsible for planning, budgeting, and coordinating campus activities for student enjoyment outside of the classroom. Activities include free concerts, field trips, cultural events, and leadership conferences. ASMJC introduces students to a diverse calendar of events for their enjoyment and leadership development.

THEATRE AND DANCE PRODUCTIONS

MJC Theatre productions have been popular community events since the early years of the college. Each season the department produces four to six productions including classic dramas, Shakespearean plays, comedies, and Broadway style musicals. Shows are produced in new state-of-the-art facilities including a 796 seat proscenium theatre, a 74 seat Little Theatre, and a 100 seat Black Box Theatre. Students participate in all aspects of the theatre arts with academic credit available in acting, lighting, costume, and scenery production techniques. Visit mjc.edu/theatre for information about auditions and performances.

The Dance department produces three concerts each year and celebrates modern, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop styles. Dance students are encouraged to learn to choreograph their own works using student and community dancers to communicate or express a vast range of artistic impressions. Students travel to the annual American College Dance Festival to take classes and perform with movement professionals from all over the world. Visit mjc.edu/dance for more information.
SERVICES ON CAMPUS

TRANSFER CENTER
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The Transfer Center’s function is to assist MJC students in making a smooth transition to four-year colleges and universities. The Transfer Center supports students planning to transfer by providing information and assistance crucial in the development of successful transfer pathways. Some of the transfer activities consist of the following:

- TAG’s Transfer Admission Guarantee - Contracts to designated four-year colleges and universities
- Individual appointments with counselors and university representatives
- Transfer workshops such as “Pathways to Transfer Success,” “Completing a Transfer Admission Guarantee,” and “Writing a Personal Statement”
- Free campus tours of four-year universities
- Assistance with electronic applications and application fee waivers
- Assistance with admission procedures
- Assistance with admission websites and articulation
- Annual Transfer Day/College Night with over 60 four-year colleges and universities represented

TRIO PROGRAMS
Director of TRIO Pre-College Programs
East Campus: Morris Memorial Building, Room 112
TRIO/Educational Talent Search: (209) 575-6743
TRIO/Upward Bound: (209) 575-6743

TRIO/EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
TRIO/Educational Talent Search (ETS), funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is geared to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds and prepare them to succeed in higher education. The TRIO/ETS Program serves over 700 students from Hanshaw Middle School, Mark Twain Junior High, Elliot Alternative Education Center, and Modesto and Downey High Schools. A variety of academic, career, financial/scholarship, college admissions, and cultural activities are available to program participants. For more information, please contact the TRIO/ETS office at (209) 575-6743 or visit us on the MJC East Campus in the Morris Building, Room 112.

TRIO/UPWARD BOUND
TRIO/Upward Bound (UB), funded by the U.S. Department of Education, assists low income and/or first generation high school students by providing them with the opportunities to succeed in their precollege performance and in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound offers a comprehensive program of intervention activities designed to generate the skills and motivation necessary for success in high school and in college. The program serves 139 students from Patterson, Riverbank, Modesto, Johansen, and Ceres High Schools. Upward Bound provides workshops, presentations, tutoring, field trips, Saturday Academies, and a six-week Summer Academic Program with residency at a university. For more information please contact the TRIO/Upward Bound Program office at (209) 575-6743 or visit us on the MJC East Campus in the Morris Building, Room 112.

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Website: www.mjc.edu/studentservices/triosss/

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is designed for first-generation and low-income college students as well as for students with disabilities to promote student success, retention, graduation, and transfer to a four-year university. SSS provides innovative academic and supportive services specifically designed to meet the needs of transfer students.

Program services include:

- Academic and personal counseling
- Priority registration
- Tutoring services
- Academic portfolios
- Cultural activities
- University campus visits
- Information about financial aid and scholarships
- Career advising
- Financial literacy
- Workshops to develop and enhance academic/personal skills
**SERVICES ON CAMPUS**

**VETERANS’ SERVICES**

Bryan Justin Marks  
Dean, Student Services & Public Relations  
East Campus: Student Center  
(209) 575-6700

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Modesto Junior College is an approved college for the training of veterans and veterans’ dependents under the various public laws of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Students eligible for veterans’ benefits are urged to contact the MJC Veterans Services Office well in advance of registration, so that necessary arrangements may be made to activate benefits.

Modesto Junior College recognizes credit and grants credit to veterans and reservists for service and training completed in the armed forces. Veterans and reservists will receive three units of Health Education credit and two units of Physical Education credit upon presentation of their separation documents (DD-214). If recommended and approved, credit for military schools will be reviewed. Recommendations are based on the “American Council on Education.” Credit for these courses will be granted if appropriate (18 units maximum). Dependents of service-connected disabled or service-connected deceased veterans may be eligible for a waiver of fees.

**RON TINGLEY VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER**

The Ron Tingley Veterans’ Resource Center, located in the East Campus Student Center, provides information on veterans’ education benefits and services, and helps military affiliated students and dependents with applications and forms needed to collect their VA Education Benefits. The Ron Tingley Veterans’ Resource Center provides a place for studying, computer and printer use for class work, and a chance to engage with other military affiliated students. For more information, access the Ron Tingley Veterans’ Resource Center webpage, https://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/counseling/veterans/.

Modesto Junior College provides assistance to Veterans and VA dependents for the following benefit programs:

- Chapter 30 - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 31 - Veteran’s Administration Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 33TR - Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer to VA Dependents
- Chapter 35 - Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 1606 - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program

Veterans and eligible VA dependents seeking to use VA Educational Benefits should apply online to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at www.vets.gov to request a Certificate of Eligibility. One copy should be submitted to the Ron Tingley Veteran Resource Center office at Modesto Junior College to be included in your VA file. For questions regarding pay, status of Certificate of Eligibility, please call 1-888-442-4551.

**NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION (VETERANS)**

Military veterans may be eligible for a tuition exemption based on VACA Criteria Act (38 U.S.C. 3679(c)). (Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act). Veterans who qualify for Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 GI Bill, who live in California and enroll within 3 years of discharge from active duty service of 90 days or more may be eligible for exemption of payment of nonresident tuition. For additional information, contact the MJC Enrollment Services at 209-575-6853.

**CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

New students should follow the regular matriculation process for all MJC students. Once enrolled, students may apply for VA benefits by completing a VA Application for Educational Benefits, which is available from the Veterans Office and an Enrollment Certification Request form. They also must submit a DD214 if the veteran served on active duty. Students must request enrollment certification each semester. Students must notify the MJC Veterans Service Office if their enrollment, major, or address changes. The Veterans Service Office will make necessary certifications of enrollment, changes in enrollment, and progress. Evaluation of Prior Education and Training must be submitted by the third semester. All students receiving veteran’s educational benefits are required to:

1. have submitted to the MJC Enrollment Services Office, official academic transcripts from each school previously attended;
2. have submitted a DD214 if they were on active duty; and
3. complete a “Veterans Education Plan” with a College counselor, which establishes a personalized education plan based on prior education and training and the student’s current academic objective.

The institution will conduct an evaluation of all previous education and training and will grant appropriate credit, shorten the veteran’s or eligible person’s duration of the intended course proportionately, and will notify the VA Regional Center and the student accordingly, in compliance with Title 38 regulations. Veteran Education plans can be approved for dual objectives but cannot be approved for more than two majors. Dual majors pursued under an academic policy that defines the dual major’s requirements can be certified if both majors are approved. Only courses required to complete the dual major can be certified. A student may want to pursue a dual objective. For example, a student may want to concurrently pursue two different degrees or pursue a degree and a certificate. A program of education may lead to more than one educational, professional, or vocational objective if all objectives pursued are generally recognized as being reasonably related to a single career field.
SERVICES ON CAMPUS

THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL (CHAPTER 30)

Enlistment after July 1, 1985 is required. The service-person must have participated in the pay reduction program. The monthly payment rate will vary with the length and type of service. Monthly “self-certification” is required to insure benefit payments. [https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do](https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do)

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (CHAPTER 31)

This program is available to certain veterans who have a service-connected disability of 20 percent or greater. It provides a monthly stipend and also covers the cost of tuition, books, supplies, and tutorial or special assistance. Although the date of entry to active service is not considered, students should use this benefit within twelve years of the date of discharge. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) A new education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Eligibility is determined by length of service and entitles the veteran to a percentage of the following: Cost of tuition and fees, monthly housing allowance, and a yearly stipend for books and supplies up to $1,000.

DEPENDENTS’ GI BILL (CHAPTER 35)

A child or spouse of a service-connected deceased or 100-percent disabled veteran may be eligible for VA educational assistance. The marital status of a dependent child is not a factor in determining eligibility. Benefits may be used until the dependent has reached the age of twenty-six or for eight years from the date that eligibility is determined, whichever is later. Reservists Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606) Enlistment or extension for six years of reserve duty after July 1, 1985 is required. This program does not require a contribution by the service member, but the reservist must be actively drilling.

MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

The Veterans Administration (VA) requires students on educational benefits to maintain satisfactory progress. If the student on VA benefit falls below 2.0 grade point average (GPA) over two semesters, this is reported to the VA as unsatisfactory progress and benefits are suspended. To reinstate benefits, students must complete one semester with a 2.0 or higher GPA. Modesto Junior College is required by law to have and to enforce standards of progress and conduct in order for their programs to be approved for VA benefits.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR VETERANS

At Modesto Junior College in order to be assigned priority registration, veterans, reservists, and active duty members must complete the college’s orientation, Math/English placement, student educational plan, and provide a copy of their DD 214, NOBE, or military orders to the MJC Veterans Service Office.

RESIDENCY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL (AB 13)

- A Veteran who lives in the state of California in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls at MJC within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more with a character of discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state of California in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls at MJC within three years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more with a character of discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state of California in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls at MJC within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

WITHDRAWAL/CHANGE OF CLASSES

Veterans are required to notify MJC Veterans Service Office when they stop attending class, withdraw from the college, or add or drop a class. Such changes should be reported immediately after completing the add/drop procedure. Failure to comply with this regulation will be grounds for decertification of VA benefits.

MILITARY WITHDRAWAL

A student who withdraws from a course because he/she is an active or reserve member in the military service who has received military orders compelling withdrawal from course(s) shall receive no notation or an “MW” notation which shall not be counted for the permitted number of withdrawals or for progress probation or dismissal. The student must complete a student petition and present military orders to the Enrollment Services Office for proper notation.

RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33)

The Chapter 33 housing allowance is paid if the rate of pursuit is more than 50%. The Department of Veterans Affairs calculates the rate of pursuit by dividing the benefit-eligible credit hours/units (or credit hour equivalent) enrolled by the number of credit hours/units considered to be full-time by the school. The resulting percentage is the student’s rate of pursuit. Please visit www.gibill.va.gov for additional information and updates.
ULL-TIME – PART-TIME DEFINITION

Veterans Administration eligibility uses the following definition:

Full-time = 12 or more units
Three-fourth benefits = 9 through 11 units
One-half benefits = 6 through 8 units

Any change in veteran status, whether it be increase, decrease, or complete withdrawal, must be brought to the attention of the MJC Veterans' Service Office immediately.

Work-Study – Montgomery (Chapter 30), Post 9/11 (Chapter 33), Selective Reserves (Chapter 1606), Dependent Education Assistance Program (Chapter 35), VEAP (Chapter 32), and Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31) students who are receiving VA educational benefits of at least 3/4 time are eligible to apply for the VA work-study program. The program pays at the state’s minimum wage per hour. Work-study positions are also available at the Vets Center in Modesto and many VA facilities. If you are interested in the work-study program, stop by the Veterans’ Office for more details.

Cal-Vet Fee Wavier - The California Veterans Dependents Educational Assistance Program offers educational assistance to children and spouses of disabled or deceased veterans. Dependents of POWS and MIAS, widow/ers of deceased veterans, and wives of 100%-disabled veterans may also be eligible. Ask for more information in the MJC Veterans Services Office or at https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx

ATTENTION STUDENTS USING VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS:

The Department of Veteran Affairs will no longer pay the Student Representation Fee and Student Activity Fee for students using VA Educational Benefits. Please be advised that students are responsible for paying both optional fees. For more information please contact the MJC Veterans Services Office at 209-575-6670.