Become a MESA Student...

Are you a Math, Engineering, or Science Major at College of the Canyons?

If so, then come be a part of

About MESA

The Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program serves to enrich the experience of students majoring in math, science and engineering at College of the Canyons. We support financially disadvantaged and/or historically underrepresented students by providing a variety of services including academic advisement, discipline specific enrichment and community building opportunities. Our primary goal is to equip MESA students with the skills and attitudes necessary for their successful transfer to university.

MESA is a designated student study center providing special services for MESA eligible students at COC. These services include:

**TUTORIAL SUPPORT**
Provided by faculty and peer tutors

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WORKSHOPS**
In consultation with COC faculty, MESA facilitators lead weekly skill-building workshops in math, physics, and chemistry

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
- Guest speakers
- Workshops (math anxiety, time management, financial aid, etc.)
- UC application workshops, personal statement review
- Lunch with Alumni
- Field trips to UC and CSU campuses
- Company tours to local industry

**COMPUTER USE**
MESA has 9 computers equipped with MatLab, MiniTab, and AutoCad available on a first-come, first-served basis. When listening to audio presentations of any kind, students must use headphones. A limited number of headphones are available for checkout during your visit to the Study Center.

**TEXTBOOKS**
Students may checkout a textbook for use in the center. Students are required to submit a student ID card in exchange for a book.

*Space is limited. Students are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.*

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THE MESA CENTER

Located in Aliso Lab Room 114, The MESA Student Study Center is a dedicated space designed to provide a comfortable place for study, workshops and information sharing. Our center is where our MESA community meets. We have areas for individual and group study.

How to join MESA

Students must submit a MESA application, be enrolled at College of the Canyons, and have a COC student ID card. Once your application is reviewed you will be notified by email if you meet the qualifications to become a Friend of MESA or a Fully Qualified MESA student.

Friend of MESA

- STEM major (Calculus based)
- Minimum 3 semester remaining at COC
- Minimum 2.0 GPA

Semester Requirements:
- Attend at least 1 activity/workshop
- 20+ hours in the center
- Minimum 2.0 semester GPA

Fully Qualified MESA Student

- STEM major (Calculus based)
- Minimum 3 semesters remaining at COC
- 2.2 or higher GPA
- Educationally disadvantaged (First generation college student)
- Financial need (receiving BOG fee waiver and/or grants)
- Plans to transfer to a 4 year college
- Be a U.S. Citizen, or resident
- Either have completed or enrolled in Math 070

Semester Requirements:
- GPA 2.2 or higher per semester
- Attend at least 2 activities/workshops
- 30+ hours in MESA center
- Progress Report

Yearly Requirements
- Apply for at least one scholarship or REU
- Update your student educational plan

QUIET STUDY

Be respectful of your peers!

A quiet study community is a group of individuals that respect each other’s study needs. The MESA Center is meant to be a quiet area designed to support this type of study community. This means that you are permitted to talk quietly. You are encouraged to work together in groups for your classes, but please do so with respect. You will be asked to take your social conversations outside. Also remember that when you are in the MESA Center, laptops and music devices should be used with headphones and your cell phone should be on silent.

When visiting the Study Center, ALL students please check in at the reception desk!