

## Why Choose College of Marin?

At College of Marin you can train for a new career, improve your skills, transfer to a four-year university, and greatly enrich your life.

### College of Marin Offers:

- Affordable enrollment fees
- Higher education that results in higher earnings
- Job-oriented workforce preparation programs
- Guaranteed transfer to the University of California and California State University systems
- Exceptional faculty
- Individualized attention
- Excellent counseling and support services

### Outstanding Faculty

College of Marin faculty members are recognized for their excellence in the classroom. Our instructors have degrees from such institutions as Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, UC Berkeley, California College of the Arts, SFSU, Royal College of Music, London, and many other top educational institutions.

### Individualized Attention

At College of Marin you will enjoy a high-quality educational experience in a supportive setting. Many free services are available, including career and academic counseling, tutorials, and a range of support services designed to help you succeed in achieving your goals.

### How To Enroll

You can apply online at [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu). Application forms also are available in the class schedule, which is published each fall, spring, and summer semester.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of academic achievement and potential. Contact the Foundation Office for more information at 415.485.9382.

### Financial Aid Is Available

With millions of dollars available in free money for school, applying for financial aid can be a very rewarding experience. Apply for financial aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You can also apply for a BOG Fee Waiver to cover the cost of your enrollment fees. Call the Financial Aid Office at 415.485.9409. Se habla español.

### About the College of Marin

The College of Marin is one of 109 public community colleges in California accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The Kentfield Campus is located approximately 11 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge at 835 College Avenue in Kentfield. The Indian Valley Campus is located minutes away on a spectacular 333 acre site on Ignacio Boulevard in Novato, California. Approximately 6,800 students enroll each fall and spring semester. Classes are also offered during the summer. For information call 415-457-8811.

An **Associate in Science degree** (generally a two-year program) or a **Certificate** may be earned in the following disciplines:

- Administration of Justice
- Automotive Collision Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Business
- Business Office Systems
- Computer Information Systems
- Court Reporting
- Registered Dental Assisting
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics
- Environmental Landscaping
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Machine and Metals Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Registered Nursing
- Multimedia Studies
- Phlebotomy
- Real Estate

## Workforce Development

[www.marin.edu/workforce](http://www.marin.edu/workforce)

College of Marin is fully accredited by WASC and serves approximately 9000 credit and noncredit students. The college is committed by policy not to discriminate on the basis of, or the perception of, race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability (mental or physical), marital status, medical condition (cancer, genetic characteristics, or pregnancy), and status as a veteran in any of its educational and employment programs and activities, or in its policies, practices and procedures.

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# Start Here. Go Far.

# Environmental Landscaping Program



### The College of Marin Environmental Landscaping Program

An affiliated program of The Marin Center for Sustainable Horticulture  
A collaboration of the College of Marin, Marin Conservation Corps, and The University of California Extension

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Partners—The Center for Sustainable Horticulture is a growing collaboration between the College of Marin (COM), the Marin Conservation Corps, UC Cooperative Extension, Marin Master Gardeners, and the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

## MISSION

Through programs for students, youth, and the workforce, the Center will empower diverse community members to:

- Design, construct, and maintain sustainable landscapes that promote individual and environmental health and conserve our natural resources — especially water!
- Understand the interrelationship of food, the environment, health, and community well-being
- Deploy state-of-the-art irrigation technology and integrated pest management techniques.

## THE TWO-ACRE ORGANIC FARM

The Marin Conservation Corps will play a leadership role in the collaborative design and development of the focal-point farm at the Center. Located at IVC, on gently sloping land overlooking the playing fields and open space of the Indian Valley Campus. The Center's two-acre farm will progressively include:

- Organic fruit orchards
- Vegetable, flower, and herb gardens
- State-of-the-art irrigation systems and greenhouse.

# “Designed to meet the needs of the landscape professional and home gardener.”

## PLANNED CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAMS

In addition to the COM Sustainable Landscaping Program, affiliated programs of the Center include a growing array of community (MCC) partners:

### The Center for Sustainable Horticulture Includes

Corps members (ages 18–24) who will participate in a comprehensive training program in sustainable horticulture, landscaping, and business management for 20–32 hours per week, while helping to design, install, maintain, and manage the Center Farm. Corps members will be co-enrolled in COM classes, and many will take advantage of federal work/study assistance. Corps members will install irrigation, propagate and maintain plants and fruit trees, manage the soil, harvest crops, distribute produce, lead garden tours, and engage in other activities.

PROJECT REGENERATION: Up to 140 junior Corps members (ages 11–17) will engage in an intensive summer program in the Center's key focus areas.

### Hands-on Youth Classes Led by Americorps Members

Youth Environmental Service (YES) members and Marin educators will teach hands-on workshops for 500+ middle and high school youth, increasing community-wide knowledge and deployment of sustainability practices.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPING AND SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

### The Field

Environmental Landscaping and Sustainable Horticulture are broad fields that encompass the functional, aesthetic, and environmentally sound design and care of our landscapes. Students will learn to integrate and apply the principles of sustainable horticulture and environmental design, construction, and maintenance in a wide variety of natural and urban landscapes.

### The Sustainability Imperative

Landscape designers, public agencies, and homeowners are increasingly aware of the need to reduce water use in our landscapes and to ensure that all landscape and horticultural practices support individual and environmental health. The

movement toward more sustainable practices, in turn, are contributing to the rapid growth of the sustainable landscape and horticulture industry as homeowners and designers move rapidly to realign our landscapes with the health and conservation imperatives of the new “sustainability paradigm.” To prepare our graduates for leadership roles in this movement, courses at the College of Marin include state-of-the-art training in sustainability principles, practices, and industry standards.

### Career Options

Individuals with certificates and degrees in Environmental Landscaping and Sustainable Horticulture have a wide variety of career options. Depending on individual interests and level of training, options include:

***Landscape Design and Installation | Arborist Horticultural Consulting | Environmental Management Garden and Estate Management | Interiorscaping***

### Learning Choices

There are many ways to join the landscaping program at COM which includes the Certificate Program and the Associate of Science (AS) degree program. Individual workshops and courses are also available.

### Core Curriculum Overview

The College of Marin Environmental Landscaping and Sustainable Horticulture courses are designed to meet the needs of both the home gardener and the landscape and garden professional. Core courses address the fundamentals of plant selection and growth, landscape design, installation, maintenance and time-tested technologies, and are taught side-by-side in both indoor and outdoor settings.

### The Associate of Science Degree

The AS degree is awarded for completion of all requirements in the core program and your specialty, as well as completion of COM's general education and graduation requirements.

### The Skill Certificate Program

Skill Certificates acknowledge the accomplishment of a specified set of competencies within the Environmental Landscape and Sustainable Horticulture Programs. Skill Certificates can help students advance in an existing career or acquire the skills and knowledge to enter the landscape profession for the first time. Skill Certificates require fewer than 18 units.

### Requirements for Career Certificates

Career Certificates require a total of 18 units or more. For the latest information on Career Certificate options, transfer, and degree requirements, please consult the online catalog at [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu).

### Individual Workshops

In partnership with the Center for Sustainable Horticulture (our community-wide collaborative), COM offers a variety of individual workshops, including the Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) irrigation certificate. This industry-recognized program offers a state-of-the-art sequence of study in the latest irrigation technologies. Students that achieve QWEL certification have their names listed on industry and water agency websites and can gain referrals to clients regionwide.

### Complementary Business Courses at COM

Many landscape and horticulture program students are interested in developing the business management skills that will help them grow a thriving landscape-related enterprise. COM offers courses in the key fundamentals — including finance, marketing, business planning, and human resources — required to develop and run a successful small enterprise. Please see the COM catalog Business course listings and see a counselor to design a program that meets your needs.

### Work Study Available on First-Come, First-Served Basis

Paid work-study positions are available to qualified students. Available jobs are limited, and qualified students are hired on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in work-study, be sure to register as early as possible, either online at [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu), in person at the Indian Valley Campus (Novato) or at the Kentfield Campus.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Center for Sustainable Horticulture at the College of Marin's Indian Valley Campus, please contact Nanda Schorske, Dean of Workforce Development, College and Community Partnerships, at [nanda.schorske@marin.edu](mailto:nanda.schorske@marin.edu) or call (415) 883-2211 ext. 8200.