

Letter to Non-Residents

Dear Merced College Non-Resident Student:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of changes that will be occurring related to the College's enforcement of fees payment by non-resident students, which include students from other countries or states.

The changes are required because more non-resident students are failing to pay their tuition regularly and completely. As a result, a number of students have increased their indebtedness to the college to unacceptable levels. This not only causes difficulty for the college, but also causes serious problems for students. Some of the consequences that students may face include:

- 1) Inability to receive official transcripts or a diploma
- 2) Damage to their credit ratings by outside agencies
- 3) Garnishing of tax returns
- 4) Inability to transfer to other institutions.

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, the following procedures will be implemented and enforced:

- 1) Fees must be paid by the census date for each term. In most cases, this is the end of the third week of classes for a regular semester. Please contact the Admissions Office if you need dates for short term courses.
- 2) If you cannot pay in full, you **MUST** set up a payment plan with the Student Fees Office so that the term's fees are fully paid before the end of the term. You may contact Gloriana Luna at 384-6219 to setup a payment plan.
- 3) Students who fail to pay their fees, or maintain their payment plan, will be dropped from upcoming classes.
 - a.) Upcoming Spring semester student classes will be dropped by December 1 if they have not paid.
 - b.) Upcoming Fall semester students will be dropped by May 1 if they have not paid.

Merced College values our non-resident students and wants you to remain a part of the college community. We are eager to help you develop a manageable plan. In some cases, there may be other options. For example, students from other states may be eligible to become California residents.

If you have any questions about the changes described above, please stop by the Student Fees Office or call Joy Cardenas at 384-6216.

Sincerely,

Joe Allison
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Merced College