Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is designed to serve the unique needs of older adults who are dedicated to the principles of quality of life, lifelong learning, and personal growth. ESCOM is an integral part of College of Marin.

Basic to ESCOM is the concept of democratic decision making and planning using the talents and judgment of its members to enrich their own lives and to contribute to the community.

ESCOM is organized so that its members may learn and develop through study, clubs, and auxiliary activities. Members may participate in college credit and noncredit classes and other activities offered by College of Marin.

ESCOM is always looking for interested volunteers. Find out how you can make a difference with your special skills. Stop by the Emeritus Center on the Kentfield Campus of the College of Marin, or call 415.485.9652 and chat with our volunteer receptionist.
Emeritus College Program

Emeritus College (EC) was created in 1974 at College of Marin for older adults. Dedicated to the principle of lifelong learning, its initial program of seven courses for about 80 women and men now offers up to 50 classes with over 600 enrollments each quarter. Classes are now given at the College of Marin Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses, as well as at off-campus sites around the county.

As a pioneer in the innovative use of community colleges for adults, EC was selected as a national model by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and helped many institutions initiate similar programs.

There are no previous educational requirements for participation in EC — only a desire to learn. An important feature is interaction with students of all ages. Younger people are welcome to take EC classes as part of the Community Education program at College of Marin; and EC students are encouraged to enroll in credit classes.

Courses and special events are listed in the Community Education and Services schedule of classes that is distributed county wide four times a year.

ESCOM at a Glance

When you join Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM), you are entitled to many scholastic and social privileges:

- Emeritus Centers on the Kentfield Campus and Emeritus North on the Indian Valley Campus are open as a stopping place for rest and refreshment.
- Clubs specially designed by and for our members include, but are not limited to: Adventurers, Book Banter, Bridge, Current Events, French, Global Issues, Great Books Discussion, Great Ideas in Philosophy, Humanities, Italian, Film Noir, Moral, Ethical and Legal Issues, Opera and Beyond, Scrabble, Shakespeare, Singalong, Writers’ Workshop.
- Newsletter sent ten times a year, featuring information regarding events, club activities, and college news, as well as cultural and educational opportunities.
- COM Library Card
- Get-together festivities in December during the winter holidays, and in May for the Spring Celebration.
- Art Exhibits at the ES Center. Exhibits feature the work of College of Marin students and faculty, whether from ES, Community Education, or credit programs.

Your membership fee also supports Financial Aid Grants for eligible students, as well as subsidies for low-enrolled classes.

Be a Member—Enjoy Your Benefits

The ESCOM Council, made up of members like yourself, sets the policies and plans activities for ESCOM. ESCOM members chair and participate on committees, which include cultural events, clubs, curriculum, membership, grants, hospitality, newsletter, and office volunteers. ESCOM is involved in the participatory governance of College of Marin.

Emeritus Membership is available for $15 per year.

Call 415.485.9652 for more information.