

Courtyards can be secluded spaces for relaxation or opportunities for small gatherings



Proposed courtyard at Modesto A. Maidique Campus (Deuxieme Maison Building)









## Description:

Courtyards are spaces between buildings but are more compact than quads. They offer either private or semi-private spaces providing immediately accessible opportunities for informal outdoor gathering, studying and collaborating. Courtyards are predominately hardscape places with landscape material along its edges or as a central focal point.

## Elements:

Hardscape: Hardscape is the predominate element within a courtyard, providing space for intimate gatherings. Hardscape elements will incorporate University standards yet celebrate the unique qualities of the surrounding building uses.

Plant Materials: Trees and palms are to be planted in configurations that reinforce the spatial geometry of the courtyard and provide shade for the seating areas. The use of shrubs and groundcovers is encouraged to create a sense of seclusion from the surrounding campus.

Site Furnishings: The use of standard University furnishings is not required upon approval from Staff. Courtyards offer opportunities for unique spaces. Different site furnishings are appropriate to create a sense of cohesive design within the space.

Special Features: The use of art installations and/or water features can provides a focal point within the space. Outdoor seating areas and architectural canopies can further provide opportunities for outdoor gatherings and interaction

## **Campus Spaces**

Quad

**Promenade** 

Courtyard

**Plaza** 

**Special Purpose Landscape** 

## **KEY MAP**

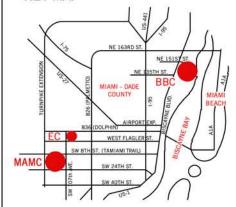


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Landscape Framework

Courtyard



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