The Digital Arts Research Center (DARC) is located east of Heller Drive, and is best accessed from the West Entrance of the campus. At the Main Entrance, proceed west on Empire Grade, then turn right on Heller (the West Entrance). Proceed through four stop signs and turn right on Meyer Drive. Continue through the intersection with Kerr Road, and turn left on McHenry Service Road. The Music Center will be on your right, and the DARC building is on the left, just past the large parking lot.

Accessible parking places are available in front of the DARC building on the left-hand side.

Parking permits are required in the Performing Arts lot until 8:30pm on weekdays, and during weekends. For most large performances, attendants will be in the lot selling $4 special event permits. There are also two paystations for use during other times. The cost for an evening permit (valid from 5:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.), or an all-day weekend permit, is $3. The paystations accept coins, bills, credit cards, and UCSC SmartCards (available at the Parking Sales Office during business hours). One-day visitor permits may be purchased at the Sales Office (H Barn) or at the main entrance kiosk.

Lot designations are subject to change; it is advisable to check the permit requirements posted at parking lot entrances when parking on campus.