FLEXIBLE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

30% OF PITZER STUDENTS PURSUE STEM MAJORS

5% OF PITZER STUDENTS SELF-DESIGN THEIR MAJOR

100% OF CLASSES TAUGHT BY FACULTY
No teacher’s assistants or graduate students

TOP 10 PITZER MAJORS
1. Psychology
2. Economics
3. Sociology
4. Environmental Analysis
5. Political Studies
6. Media Studies
7. English and World Literature
8. Special/Self-Designed
9. Human Biology
10. Neuroscience

MORE THAN 45 MAJORS
OVER 20 MINORS.

Inquire Fearlessly.

Available as Majors
> Africana Studies
> American Studies
> Anthropology
> Asian American Studies
> Biochemistry
> Biology
> Biophysics
> Chemistry
> Chicano-Latinx Studies
> Classics
> Data Science (Pomona, Scripps)
> Economics
> English and World Literature
> Environmental Analysis
> Gender and Feminist Studies
> History
> Human Biology
> International and Intercultural Studies
> International Political Economy
> Linguistics
> Management Engineering
> Mathematical Economics
> Mathematics
> Media Studies
> Molecular Biology
> Music (Pomona, Scripps)
> Neuroscience
> Organizational Biology
> Organizational Studies
> Philosophy
> Physics
> Political Studies
> Psychology
> Religious Studies
> Science Management
> Science, Technology and Society
> Self-Designed
> Sociology
> Spanish
> Studio Art
> Theatre (Pomona)

PHOTO: Courses from many different disciplines meet in Pitzer’s outdoor classrooms located next to the Green House and the chickens in our organic garden.

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I like that I am at an institution that emphasizes social justice, social responsibility and environmental activism. I am glad and proud to be at an institution that wants to ‘fight the good fight.’ And I like that my classes are small and I get to really know many of my students. We also have awesome food!

Phil Zuckerman
Professor of Sociology & Secular Studies

Discussing feminism under the stars near the Grove House was an experience that opened my world and expanded my understanding of what it means to live and learn in a progressive society.

Maddy Bunnenberg-Ross ’19
Majors: Organismal Biology, English and World Literature

“We have only one class we’re required to take, First-Year Seminar, in addition to our graduation requirements. This allows students to take the classes they want, both inside and outside their major, and develop breadth of knowledge over a range of departments and topics.”

Reframe the Question.

AT Pitzer College, students engage in small, seminar-style classes, often team-taught by faculty from different disciplines.

First-Year Seminar
All first-year students take a writing intensive, interdisciplinary seminar during their first semester to fulfill the college’s Written Expression educational objective. Students pick a seminar topic of interest from a list of options. Sample topics include:
> Love and Loathing in Los Angeles
> Life in the Latin American Metropolis
> Atheism and Secularity
> Nutrition in the Modern World

Self-Designed Majors
Students must work with two faculty advisors who help create and approve a self-designed major. A few recent examples include:
> Documentary Activism
> Alternative Medicine
> Climate Toxicology
> Urban Justice Studies
> Global/Local Community Engagement through Soccer

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Students design and execute their own labs. Professor: Sarah Gilman

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> Individual and Social Well Being.
Examines the nexus between individual and community. Professor: Tessa Hicks Peterson

> The World Since 1492.
Incorporates anthropological knowledge into exploring the last 500+ years of world history. Professors: Team taught by Dan Segal, Carina Johnson and Harmony O’Rourke

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SNAPSHOT: A GRADUATING CLASS*

57% FULL- OR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
21% FELLOWSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE PROGRAMS
13% ATTENDING/PLANNING TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Be Part of Profound.

**TYPICAL STUDENT COURSELOAD**

- 50% at Pitzer
- 40% at other 5Cs
- 10% at Keck

**2,000+ CLASSES AVAILABLE EACH SEMESTER THROUGH THE 5Cs**

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**Shared Academic Resources**

- **Professors.** Pitzer faculty routinely team-teach with faculty from the other Claremont Colleges.
- **The Honnold Mudd Library.** One of the largest undergraduate research libraries in the country.
- **W.M. Keck Science Department.** Pitzer, Claremont McKenna and Scripps colleges share this department, offering 50+ faculty members and well-equipped labs.

**Social Benefits of the 5Cs**

- **Seven Dining Halls.** Visit any of the 5Cs dining halls for delicious and diverse meals!
- **Social Events.** Enjoy five times the fun at the International Festival, Dance Nights with DJs, live bands at Art After Hours, and so much more!
- **Student Identity Centers.** Student associations support the 5Cs’ diverse student groups with affinity centers for African American, Latinx and Asian Pacific American students, to name a few, as well as the Student Disability Resource Center, Queer Resource Center, chaplains office and more.
- **Health Services.** Medical professionals are available for students to address both their physical and mental health needs.

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**FLEXIBLE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM**

**THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES SHARED RESOURCES**
GLOBAL REACH

TOP
FULBRIGHT PRODUCER AMONGST UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS
The Chronicle of Higher Education

53% OF PITZER STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD AT LEAST ONCE
vs. 2% nationally

30% OF PITZER FACULTY ARE FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

TOP 20 BEST ETHNIC DIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report, 2019

Study Abroad Countries
>
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Brazil
Chile
China
Costa Rica
Cuba
Denmark
Ecuador
England
Finland
France
Germany
Ghana
Hong Kong
Iran
Italy
Japan
Korea
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Mexico
Morocco
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Rwanda
Scotland
Senegal
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Tanzania
Turkey
Vietnam
Zimbabwe

PHOTO: Pitzer students are hosted on six continents through fall, spring, and summer study abroad opportunities.

60 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
40 COUNTRIES WITH APPROVED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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Immerse Yourself Abroad.

Pitzer’s Direct-Run Programs

> Brazil. Located in Salvador de Bahia, a center of Afro-Brazilian culture, students live with local families, intern with a local nonprofit or school, and take intensive Portuguese language courses during this summer program.
> Costa Rica. Experience two family homestays, including one near our Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology on the Pacific Coast. We also offer a six-week summer health program.
> Ecuador. Based in Quito, high in the Andes, students take a core course, which includes working with a local organization. They also take a study trip to an indigenous mountain community, plus an excursion to the Amazon Basin. Homestays take place in both Quito and San Clemente.
> Italy. Based in Parma, students focus on intensive Italian language study aided by semester-long homestays, plus a field-based art history course.
> Nepal. Students begin studying Nepali in the spring, which continues in Vietnam at Hue University during the early summer. The six-week program also includes an internship and a homestay. A study trip to the Hanoi and Halong Bay provides a comparative perspective in former “North Vietnam.”

Bridge the Planet.

Pitzer students win a wide selection of prestigious fellowships and scholarships to pursue academic inquiry both in the U.S. and overseas.

Fulbright Scholar Program

Pitzer is a national leader in the number of Fulbrights received. A sampling of our 2018 Fulbright Scholars:

> Brazil: Ramiro Pinzón ’18
Activity: Studied the environmental values of residents in Boa Vista as they address urban flooding issues.
> India: Elizabeth Ellis ’18
Activity: Investigated the impacts of recent agricultural and economic developments on soil health and landholding in Madhya Pradesh.
> Morocco: Wyatt Barnes ’18
Activity: Used an ethnographic sociolinguistic lens to analyze the social motivations behind code-switching among Arabic-Spanish bilinguals in Tangier.

Other Fellowships and Scholarships: A Sampling

> Napier Awards for Creative Leadership. $15,000 awards to graduating seniors in the areas of social justice, peace and environmental sustainability.
> Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Encourages fellows to enter PhD programs that prepare them for professional careers.
> Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. Provides graduating seniors a $30,000 grant to conduct original research outside the United States for one year.

WHAT’S A FULBRIGHT? The nation’s premier international educational exchange program. Only 1,600 awarded annually.

Robert Little ’15
Davis Project for Peace Grant + Fulbright Scholar
Majors: Environmental Policy and Sociology
Currently: EDF Climate Corps Fellow, PepsiCo, Greater New York City Area

“Pitzer best prepared me for life through teaching me how to harness curiosity to leverage impact. Whether I was bargaining for a solar panel welder in Ghana for my Davis Projects for Peace grant, or pushing my Korean language limits to help a taxi driver find my way home during my Fulbright, Pitzer’s spirit of reckless curiosity has yielded me some of my most important and impactful memories to date.”

Lekha Jandhyala ’16
Watson Fellow
Majors: Media Studies and Studio Art
Currently: Arts & Culture Programme Assistant, Asia Society India Centre, Mumbai

“I experienced protests in Sao Paulo, attended the Venice Biennale, and picked rainbow rocks along Lake Kussharo’s shore in Hokkaido. I learned that even though we are citizens of many places and have starkly different political climates and customs, we all believe in the same basic things: family, making our individual lives meaningful and sometimes a belief in something greater than ourselves.”
Pitzer in Ontario

This semester-long, justice-oriented, interdisciplinary program has a foundation in urban studies and community-based research. At CASA Ontario, located in nearby downtown Ontario, classwork is combined with an intensive internship and community-based engagement to create a highly experiential learning opportunity.

PHOTOS: Pitzer professor Tim Berg’s ceramics students build a clay oven using the soil of Huerta del Valle. This portable oven was used to teach children about food justice issues throughout the Inland Empire.

Pitzer in Ontario

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: A SAMPLING

> RIVERSIDE ALL OF US OR NONE & STARTING OVER INC. Formerly incarcerated community members advocate for policy change and reform of the prison industrial complex.

> HUERTA DEL VALLE. Community garden and urban agriculture project working to improve community health.

> INVISIBLE YET BRANDED BY SOCIETY PROJECT. Preserves Tongan culture and creates access to education and job opportunities.

INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM

NO. 2
MOST POLITICALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS
Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2019

ONE
OF THE NATION’S “MOST SERVICE-ORIENTED SCHOOLS”
Newsweek

45+
HOURS OF REQUIRED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PRAXIS COURSE

100,000
HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATED BY STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF ANNUALLY

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PitzerCollege
Ground Your Idealism.

All Pitzer students take a social justice theory and social responsibility praxis paired course sequence to gain a deeper understanding of community engagement.

Samples of Paired Course Sequences

> Agricultural Economics.

- **In Class:** Explore the global supply and demand side of markets for agricultural goods.
- **In the Field:** Work with Huerta del Valle on economic analysis for new projects, like planting avocado trees.

> Latinx Community Health.

- **In Class:** Examine issues affecting Chicano/Latina health in the U.S.
- **In the Field:** Intern at least four hours a week at Bienestar Human Services in Pomona and East Los Angeles.

Build Conscientious Community.

Students are actively involved in our community-based centers, institutes, conservancies and programs.

> The Community Engagement Center (CEC). Connects with local organizations to create community-based research, service learning and experiential education opportunities that enhance the social, environmental, cultural and economic health of communities.

> The Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability. Prepares students to create solutions to the most challenging environmental and sustainability issues facing the planet today through a confluence of technology, media, environmental sciences and creativity.

> Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology. Located in Costa Rica, this center hosts student and faculty research and focuses on human and tropical ecology, resource management, reforestation, permaculture, sustainable agriculture practices and community-based education.

Other Pitzer Centers & Institutes

> Center for Asian Pacific American Students
> Claremont Infant Study Center
> Institute for Global/Local Action & Study
> Munroe Center for Social Inquiry

PHOTO: Social commentary is found across campus in the form of powerful murals.
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> Advocating for gender-neutral restrooms and residence halls
> Banning sale of plastic water bottles on campus
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> Assisting in the selection of Dr. Melvin Oliver, Pitzer’s first African-American president.

Contribute Your Voice.

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Live Responsibly.

At Pitzer, we pay close attention to the impact our community has on the world, from the food you eat to the landscape around you, and the thought-provoking content of our public art.

**Food**

Much of the food is organic, and our dining hall was one of the first in the country to go trayless, in order to reduce water waste. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options are available daily. Other on-campus eateries and kitchens include:

- **Shakedown Café.** Student-managed eatery with organic, locally grown food.
- **Grove House.** A favorite student spot to study and grab sandwiches and cookies.
- **Pit-Stop Café.** Serves espresso drinks, gourmet sandwiches, wraps, salads and pastries.
- **Demonstration Kitchen.** Designed and used by students for cooking projects and events.

**Residence Halls**

Six comfortable, mixed-use, LEED certified residence halls offer apartment-style suites, plus doubles and singles. Other sustainable features include solar panels, a green roof, living wall, a gray water system and water-efficient fixtures.

**Green Bike Program (GBP)**

Founded and run by students, the GBP provides free loaner bikes for the semester, in exchange for four hours of volunteering at the bike shop. It also repairs bikes for the cost of parts, and organizes cycling events like the Campus to Coast ride. At the end of each semester, abandoned bikes are collected and given to the GBP where they are refurbished and raffled off the following semester at no charge.

**Free Wall and Murals**

More than 100 campus murals provide commentary on everything from equity for women to meditation. Students can submit proposals to the Campus Aesthetics Committee to add their public art piece to the College's collection. All students are invited to write, paint and express themselves on our iconic and ever-changing Free Wall in the center of campus.
Pitzer students lead balanced lives, blending academic studies with almost limitless opportunities for fun and active pursuits.

Music Festivals and Art Venues
Pitzer is known for live music festivals and art venues:
> Rockabilly Festival. Sponsored by the Latinx Student Union, this annual festival celebrates SoCal Latinx art, music and car culture.
> Khooutek. An annual two-day music and arts festival, with acts like La Misa Negra, LeKeli 47 and Duckworth.
> Grove House. Hosts weekly events, such as open mics, poetry and fiction readings, “Groove at the Grove” music performances and art openings.
> The Mounds and The Apron. Spontaneous music, dance and art events spring up here day and night.
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Student Activities (PAct)
The student-run PAct programs on- and off-campus events and trips every week. A few favorites include:
> On-Campus. Comedy Night, De-stress Fest and Snackie Snack, served at 10 p.m. every Tuesday.
> Off-Campus. Los Angeles Zoo, The Broad Museum, Sky Zone, Skate Express, abundant hiking opportunities, and world-famous beaches.

Student athletes compete on 21 Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens NCAA Division III teams:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

Fitness
> Gold Student Health & Wellness Center. Provides a small gym and fitness equipment, and offers free fitness classes including yoga, Zumba, Pilates and dance.
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VOICES
MORE ON OUR CORE.

Elizabeth Affuso
Professor of Media Studies

“Students practice positive disruption. The free wall on Mead Hall, which evolves and changes in relation to the campus community climate, is the most evocative example of this spirit.”

Justin Coopersmith ’20
Majors: Philosophy, Politics & Economics

“The entire college is dedicated to ensuring that students receive a fantastic education while also leading a satisfying college life—by offering leadership opportunities, community engagement and interaction with peers. Also, the food is fantastic and the weather is perfect year-round!”

Danya Sauerhaft ’20
Majors: Neuroscience and Economics

“Our traditions are taking care of the chickens and writing on the free wall. What we lack in traditional traditions, we make up for in live music. It’s everywhere—at the Grove House, on the Mounds, at the Apron, and at the Shakedown Café.”

Adriana Ceron ’18
Majors: Sociology & Chicano/Latinx Studies (Currently enrolled at UCLA)

“Every weekend our Outdoor Activities Club has these great events, and they’re free. They even give you gas to go to places like Joshua Tree, Yosemite, Zion and Kings Canyon.”

PHOTO: The Shakedown Café is a lively student spot offering organic food and live entertainment.

PHOTO: Students practice positive disruption.
Take It Outside.

Downtown Claremont, affectionately known as "The Village," is only a 15-minute walk from campus, and the big city lights of Los Angeles are just 35 miles away, giving Pitzer students ample opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors—SoCal style!

Charming Claremont
Known as the city of trees and Ph.D.s, Claremont is the quintessential college town. The quaint, walkable downtown Village offers more than 100 coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques, bakeries and galleries—and the popular Sunday morning Farmers and Artisans Market.

Lively Los Angeles
Hop on the Metrolink train at the historic Claremont Depot—in under an hour, you’ll reach beautiful LA Union Station, the gateway to practically everywhere in the city.

Experience SoCal
Orientation Adventure.
All first-year students spend four days in small group excursions before classes begin. Recent Orientation Adventures include:
> Backpacking in the San Gabriel Mountains
> Exploring LA’s arts and food culture
> Biking the central Pacific coast
> Beach camping at Crystal Cove
> Rock climbing and bouldering

Pitzer Outdoor Adventures.
This club invites students to propose or join day, overnight, weekend and over-break trips to places like:
> Big Sur
> Point Reyes
> Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Park
> Joshua Tree National Park
> Bryce Canyon, Utah

Charming Claremont

Lively Los Angeles

Experience SoCal

SUNNY DAYS A YEAR
300+

FOOT MT. BALDY, LOCATED RIGHT IN PITZER’S BACKYARD
10,000
Pitzer College

Founded 1963
Location Claremont, CA
35 Miles East of Downtown Los Angeles

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
16

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO
11:1

OF STUDENTS MAJOR IN STEM-RELATED FIELDS
30%

OF Pitzer Students Self-Design Their Majors
5%

TOP MAJORS
Psychology • Economics • Sociology
Environmental Analysis • Political Studies
Media Studies • English and World Literature
Special/Self-Designed • Human Biology
Neuroscience

AFFORDABILITY
100% OF DEMONSTRATED NEED AWARDED

44% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

$43,301 AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID AWARD
> Need-Based and Merit Aid Available
> Competitive Aid for International Students

$70,900 COST OF ATTENDANCE (2018-2019)

GLOBAL STUDIES
53% STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD

8 PITZER-RUN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
Brazil • Costa Rica (2) • Ecuador • Italy
Nepal • Southern Africa • Vietnam

60 DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

TOP FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP PRODUCER
The Chronicle of Higher Education

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
75% OF CAMPUS LANDSCAPED IN NATIVE CA, DROUGHT-RESISTANT PLANTS

93% STUDENTS HOUSED IN SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

100+ BIKES IN USE THROUGH GREEN BIKE PROGRAM

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NO. 1 MOST ACTIVE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2019

NO. 2 MOST POLITICALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS
Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2019

ONE OF THE NATION’S “Most Service-Oriented Schools”
Newsweek

FULL-TIME FACULTY
94 50% FEMALE IDENTIFYING 30% FROM MINORITY GROUPS

100% TENURED/TENURE-TRACK PROFESSORS
Hold PhD or Terminal Degree in Field

* 2019 Admitted Class Profile
** Some of our students do not subscribe to gender binary. Another Gender includes identities such as non-binary, gender non-conforming or agender

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