Pitzer College

AT OUR CORE

- Social Responsibility
- Intercultural Understanding
- Interdisciplinary Learning
- Student Engagement
- Environmental Sustainability
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

Pitzer College

Inquire Fearlessly.

More than 49 majors.
Over 20 minors.

Available as Minors
W.M. Keck Science Department, a joint program of Pitzer College, Claremont McKenna College and Scripps College

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

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Be Part of Profound.

Pitzer students may take classes at the renowned Claremont Colleges, also known as the 5Cs:

- Pomona College (1887)
- Scripps College (1926)
- Claremont McKenna College (1946)
- Harvey Mudd College (1955)
- Pitzer College (1963)

Typical Student Courseload

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

2,000+ classes available each semester through the 5Cs

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!

Social Events. Medical professionals are available for students to address both their physical and mental health needs.
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

28% OF PITZER FACULTY ARE FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

NO. 21
BEST ETHNIC DIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

59 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
37 COUNTRIES WITH APPROVED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Study Abroad Countries
- Argentina
- Australia
- Bhutan
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- England
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Hong Kong
- Israel
- 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.
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 and a community-based service-learning experience.

> Nepal. Students participate in homestays with a family near Kathmandu while intensively studying Nepali and taking part in field assignments and study trips to villages, national parks and a Tibetan refugee camp.

> Tanzania, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Students learn about the ways governments, NGOs and local communities in the region choose to approach issues that are common across borders, such as the colonial legacy, development, race, power, human rights and reconciliation, big game conservation, ecology and tourism, health care, education, and poverty alleviation.

> Vietnam. Students study Vietnamese intensively at Pitzer 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 Hanoi and Halong Bay provide an internship and a homestay. A study trip to Hue University during the early summer.

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 recent Fulbright Scholars:

> Taiwan: Mason Polk ’19
> Activity: Taught screening and filmmaking workshops to the community to empower marginalized communities.

> El Salvador: Noemi Delgado ’19
> Activity: Accompanied midwives to their prenatal checks and taught sexual health and gender discrimination class.

> Morocco: Wyatt Barnes ’18
> Activity: Used an ethnomusicologist’s 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. Gives graduating seniors a $30,000 grant to conduct original research outside the United States for one year.

Robert Little ’15
Davis Project for Peace Grant + Fulbright Scholar
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“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.”

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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.

INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM

NO. 1
MOST POLITICALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS
Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2020

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

40+
HOURS OF REQUIRED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PRAXIS COURSE

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

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.
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 Chicana/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 (left): The Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability. Offers 12 acres of habitat field study areas, including native plantings inspired by the Tongva in history and culture; a 400-seat natural history classroom; and an 1800-square-foot building.

PHOTO (right): Social commentary is found across campus in the form of powerful murals.
PROGRESSIVE CREATIVE COMMUNITY

93% of Pitzer students are housed in sustainable buildings.

2nd best cafeteria on college campuses

No. 5 most active student government

250+ clubs & organizations throughout the SCI

CONTRIBUTE YOUR VOICE.

Pitzer has a collaborative governance system that challenges students to grow as leaders.

Fifty-four student representatives serve as full voting members on college committees, including Academic Planning; Appointments; Promotion & Tenure; Curriculum; Diversity; and Student Affairs. Some recent Student Senate accomplishments include:

- Advocating for gender-neutral restrooms and residence halls
- Banning sale of plastic water bottles on campus
- Recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- Assisting in the selection of Dr. Melvin Oliver, Pitzer’s first African-American president.

PHOTO: Left - Pitzer’s iconic free art wall is a constantly changing and colorful montage of student expression.

PHOTO: Right - West Coast college to divest from fossil fuel companies

PHOTO: One of the largest student governments (per capita) in the U.S.
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 equality 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.
Participate and Play.

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.
> Kohoutek. 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 mic, 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.
> The Shakedown Sounds. A bi-weekly open mic at the Shakedown Café.

Athletics

Student athletes compete on 21 Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens NCAA Division III teams.

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Fitness

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

> Rains Center (Pomona). Features two gyms, four regulation basketball courts, racquetball, squash and badminton courts, and an Olympic-size swimming pool.

VOICES

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Elizabeth Affuso
Professor of Media Studies

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Danya Sauerhaft ’20
Majors: Neuroscience and 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!”

Justin Coopersmith ’20
Majors: Philosophy, Politics & Economics (through Pomona College)

“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 & Chicana/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.”

250+ CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS OFFERED THROUGH THE 5Cs

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

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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:

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- Point Reyes
- Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Park
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Bryce Canyon, Utah

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- Big Sur
- Point Reyes
- Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Park
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Bryce Canyon, Utah

300+ SUNNY DAYS A YEAR

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

Map Not to Scale
Pitzer is the Wonder Child Who Came to Transform the World."

John W. Atherton, Founding President

Environmentally Sustainable

- 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 Politically Active Students, Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2020
- No. 5 Most Active Student Government, Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2020

One of the nation’s "Most Service-Oriented Schools"—Newsweek

Academics

- 10:1 Student-to-Faculty Ratio
- 16 Average Class Size
- 30% of students major in STEM-related fields
- 5% of Pitzer students self-design their majors
- 10 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
- $45,553 Average financial aid award
- $71,358 Cost of attendance (2019-2020)

Global Studies

- 53% students study abroad
- 8 Pitzer-run study abroad programs: Brazil • Costa Rica (2) • Ecuador • Italy • Nepal • Southern Africa • Vietnam
- 1050 North Mills Avenue
- Claremont, CA 91711
- pitzer.edu/admission
- admission@pitzer.edu
- 800.PITZER1 or 909.621.8129

*Some of our students do not subscribe to gender binary. Another Gender includes identities such as non-binary, gender non-conforming or agender.
** 2020 Admitted Class Profile