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

TOP 10 PITZER MAJORS
1. Environmental Analysis
2. Psychology
3. Political Studies
4. Economics
5. Sociology
6. Media Studies
7. Organizational Studies
8. Mathematical Economics
9. Human Biology
10. English & World Literature

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MORE THAN 40 MAJORS
OVER 20 MINORS

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Inquire Fearlessly.
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

“I was drawn to Pitzer’s core values. Social responsibility was something I both understood and felt. I did a lot of community service, and when I visited, it didn’t feel like it was just for the name. Students and professors were including social responsibility in their classes and their daily lives.”

Quentin Jenkins ’23
Majors: Sociology and Political Studies

“My favorite core value is social responsibility. This one resonates with me the most as it’s important to care about those around you and those you may not know! I love that everyone is striving for the betterment of society and being mindful of the future that’s ahead of us.”

Bree Reed ’23
Major: Molecular Biology

“I conducted research with my sociology professor on institutional inclusivity. Through this research, I gained meaningful skills, learned how to conduct my own interviews, used new software for content analysis, and was chosen to present at the California Sociological Association conference this past fall!”

Namhun Jachung ’24
Major: Human Biology

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:

- Art in an Age of Protest
- Behave: the Biology of Why We Do What We Do
- Representation Matters: Contested Monuments and Public Space
- Histories of Health and the Environment

Self-Designed Majors
Students must work with two faculty advisors who help create and approve a self-designed major. A few recent examples include:

- Food Science
- Public Health
- Urban Justice Studies
- Foreign Language Education
- Queer Health Justice
- Critical Global Geography

Pitzer Classes
Students have a hard time picking favorite classes, but here are a few from the hundreds available each semester.

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

- Corporate Social Responsibility
  Explores the ways companies can have a positive impact on society.
  Professor: Jeffrey Lewis

- 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

SNAPSHOT: A GRADUATING CLASS*

67% FULL- OR PART-TIME
5% FELLOWSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE PROGRAMS
21% ATTENDING/PLANNING TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL

*Class of 2021 destination 6 months after graduation. Based on 72% knowledge rate, which exceeds national standard.
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%  40%  10%

* AT Pitzer  * AT OTHER 5Cs  * 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’ 17 eateries, seven of which are dining halls, for delicious and diverse meal options.
> 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 Black, 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.

The Claremont Colleges

Map Not to Scale
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

27%
OF PITZER FACULTY ARE FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

NO. 9
CAMPUS ETHNIC DIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

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.

60 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
37 COUNTRIES WITH APPROVED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

pitzer.edu/admission
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.

> 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.

> 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 begin studying 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 Hanoi and Halong Bay provide an internship and a homestay.

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Fulbright Scholar Program

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

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Other Fellowships and Scholarships: A Sampling

> Napier Awards for Creative Leadership. $20,000 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.
INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM

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

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.

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 College

INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM

RANKED
Most Politically Active Students
Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2022

FIRST
West Coast College to Divest from Fossil Fuel Companies

40+
Hours of Required Community Engagement in a Social Responsibility Praxis Course

28,000+
Hours of Community Service Donated by Students, Faculty & Staff Annually
PHOTO: The Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability offers 12 acres of outdoor field study areas—including learning circles inspired by the Tongva nation and outdoor learning pavilions—as well as sun-filled classrooms in a historically significant building.

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 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.

400 STUDENTS WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

9 STUDENTS HOLD FELLOWSHIPS WITH THE REDFORD CONSERVANCY

A SAMPLING OF ROBERT REDFORD CONSERVANCY SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

> Global Warming Demystified. Lecture.
> Climate Change and Southern California’s Water Justice Future. Lecture.
> “Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution.” Film Screening.
> The Salton Sea: Salinity, Shrinkage, Solutions. Panel of experts and activists.

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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.
- Adding a voting position for formerly incarcerated students to the Senate
- Adding a VP of Diversity to Executive Board.

Contribute Your Voice.

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

AT FITZER, 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. 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.
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Participate and Play.

Pitzer students lead balanced lives, blending academic studies with almost limitless opportunities for fun and active pursuits.

Pitzer 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.

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.

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, Le initializer 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 day and night.

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

“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.”

Elizabeth Affuso
Professor of Media Studies

Rowan Hoel ’23
Major: English & Sociology

“My favorite aspect of Pitzer is that we have created a collaborative environment that stems from our campus culture of genuine community care. I never feel like we are in competition to out-do one another, instead the focus is always on lifting each other up to become the best versions of ourselves, not only as academics but as world citizens.”

Diego Villegas Ayala ’24
Major: Organizational Studies and Chicano / Latinx Studies

“Affinity groups have provided me with the resources to become an active member within the Pitzer community and beyond. Through the Latinx Student Union, I’ve hosted events and worked on projects that celebrate my cultural identity while simultaneously leaving my mark on campus. We’ve become one big everchanging family!”

Riley Scaff ’23
Major: Biology

“The highlight of my summer research was our weeklong trip to Santa Rosa Island. Each day we went out and did annual surveys of the endemic paintbrush populations, which researchers have been tracking for around 25 years. It was a privilege to work in such an amazing place with a group of welcoming, talented people from a variety of different organizations.”

Pitzer
VOICES
MORE ON OUR CORE.

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
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

SUNNY DAYS A YEAR
10,000
FOOT MT. BALDY, LOCATED RIGHT IN PITZER’S BACKYARD

Apply for Admission.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Application: Common Application
- Fee: $70 or Fee Waiver Request Required
- Pitzer Writing Supplement: Common Application Prompts
- Teacher Recommendation: One Required
- School/College Report: Required
- Mid-Year Report: Required
- Official Transcripts: Required
- Interview: Optional
- SAT or ACT Scores: Test-Free Policy for Fall 2022-2025, SAT/ACT scores will not be accepted
- English Language Test: Required for Non-Native English Speakers

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First-Year
- Early Decision I: November 15 (Admission Notification by December 17)
- Early Decision II: January 6 (Admission Notification by February 15)
- Regular Decision: January 6 (Admission Notification by April 1)

Transfer & New Resources*
- Fall Application: April 1 (Admission Notification by May 15)
- Spring Application: October 10
(Admission Notification by November 11)

*New Resource Students are 23 or older when they start at the college.
Pitzer College

Founded: 1963
Location: Claremont, CA
35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles

Enrollment

1,168 students from 44 states & 29 countries
> 57.9% Women • 39.9% Men
2.2% Another Gender*
> 39.1% Students of Color • 14.2% First Generation • 7.2% International
> 6,225 students attend the 5 Claremont Colleges (5Cs)

17.5% admit rate**
4.05 average GPA**

Academics

15 average class size
10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
30% of students major in STEM-related fields
5% of Pitzer students self-design their majors

10 top majors:
Environmental Analysis • Psychology
Political Studies • Economics • Sociology
Media Studies • Organizational Studies
Mathematical Economics • Human Biology
English & World Literature

Full-time faculty

99 56% female identifying 27% from minority groups
100% tenured/tenure-track professors
Hold PhD or terminal degree in field

Affordability

100% of demonstrated need awarded
44% of students receive financial assistance

$45,484 average financial aid package
>> Need-Based and Merit Aid Available
>> Competitive Aid for International Students

$82,832 cost of attendance (2022-2023)

Global Studies

53% students study abroad

8 Pitzer-run study abroad programs
Brazil • Costa Rica (2) • Ecuador • Italy
Nepal • Southern Africa • Vietnam

64 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

One of the nation’s “Most Service-Oriented Schools” Newsweek
Top 20 most LGBTQ-friendly colleges Princeton Review, Best Colleges 2022

One of the largest student governments (per capita) in the U.S.

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* Some of our students do not subscribe to gender binary. Another Gender includes identities such as non-binary, gender non-conforming or agender.
** 2022 admitted class profile