

Pitzer College in Nepal Summer Program 2021

Program Dates	Thursday July 1 (Arrival - program begins in Nepal) to Sunday August 15 (Departure). The dates have been set for late summer to allow more time for students to receive a Covid vaccination, which will be required for participation on the program.
Courses	Nepal Studies NPL101 PZ (1 course or 4 semester units) This course involves guest speakers, readings, study trips, site visits, homestays, discussion sessions, presentations and regular writing assignments to provide students with a broad overview of Nepal's history, politics, culture, religion, geographic and ethnic/caste diversity, and a select number of important ongoing issues that affect the lives of the people of Nepal, such as health and healthcare, education, women and gender, environmental issues, and migration and the remittance economy. Beginning Nepali Language (1 course or 4 semester units) Intensive language instruction (1:3 maximum teacher to student ratio) designed to provide students with a strong proficiency in spoken Nepali and an introduction to Nepali script.
Prerequisites	None. Online orientation sessions including an introduction to Nepal and Nepali language will be provided during late May and June. Students should keep Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM California Time free for this important part of the program, which will allow you to hit the ground running once you arrive in Kathmandu.
Housing	Host families are important co-educators on the program. Conditions permitting, after a short orientation period during which students will live at the program center, students will live with host families in the Kathmandu Valley for the duration of the program, with shorter family stays in two different Himalayan villages.
Meals	Breakfast and dinner will be taken with host families. Lunches are provided at the program house Monday through Friday and with host families on weekends.
Study Trips	Several half-day trips to NGOs, schools and areas of historical and cultural importance in the Kathmandu Valley. Conditions permitting, two longer trips to two different Himalayan villages (Pokhara-Tangting and Simigaun) with whom the program has long term relationships, will allow students to experience Nepal's rich ecological, cultural and ethnic diversity.
Cost	The total cost for the program has been set at \$11,000. This amount will cover tuition for two courses worth of credit, all program activities and study trips, full room and board, and round-trip flight. Financial Aid will be available for Pitzer students who normally receive financial aid.
A Note on Covid-19	We are quite optimistic, but ultimately, running the program will be dependent on how the pandemic plays out both here in the US and in Nepal, vaccine roll out and effectiveness, possible travel restrictions and other factors. Students who apply will be given regular updates as we move towards summer. A final decision on the program status will be made on May 14, <u>Interested students from the other 5C's should check with their study abroad office to see about their own college's policies on study abroad for this summer and credit transfer.</u>
Application Due Date	Currently accepting application until May 10. We encourage students to apply as soon as possible.

To request an application, go to the following link: [Study Abroad Application Request - Summer Programs](https://www.pitzer.edu/study-abroad/)

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