INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

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WELCOME TO PITZER COLLEGE!

The most important thing is your arrival to the United States. This resource guide will address topics relevant to living and learning in the U.S. as an international student.

ARRIVAL FORM

An arrival form should be created and filled out so Pitzer is able to account for the students that have arrived. This form also provides Pitzer with important information about you!

ESSENTIAL IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

Your passport must be valid from at least 6 months from when you arrive in the United States.

Make sure you have your I-20 signed by Todd Sasaki and keep a copy with you at all times.

*SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FROM YOUR HOME COUNTRY

You’ll need your valid F-1 in order to leave and re-enter the United States.

Don’t forget your I-94 record!

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

1. PASSPORT
2. I-20
3. I-94
4. PROOF OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT & RESIDENCE

CLICK FOR LIST OF LOCAL BANKS

QUESTIONS

The Office of International Programs is here for you with any questions you may have about your Pitzer experience! Call 909–621–8308 or visit them in West Hall Q100.

KEEP ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS VALID & UNEXPIRED

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ALWAYS ENROLLED FULL-TIME @ PITZER

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR ADDRESS UPDATED @ THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

CLICK FOR CELL PHONE INFORMATION
The City of Claremont is best known for its tree-lined streets, historic buildings and The Claremont Colleges — nationally and internationally renowned for their academic excellence. The center of Claremont is a strollable downtown area known as “The Village” where café tables dot the sidewalks, and shops invite browsing on tree-lined streets.

**Climate**
Daytime temperatures in Claremont vary from the low 50s to the low 100s, but evening temperatures are often considerably lower than in the daytime.

**Attire**
Dress on campus varies widely according to individual taste and mood, ranging from shorts and pants to dresses and skirts. It’s a good idea to bring at least one dressy outfit, because there are semi-formal events at least once or twice each semester.

**Transportation**
Although driving is the most common and easiest way to get around, many students do not own cars and first-year students are not allowed to bring cars to campus, unless it poses a significant hardship.

**Clothes, Shoes & Personal Care**
Target and Walmart sell a wide variety of household goods ranging from clothes, shoes and personal care products to electronic items and furniture. Most stores open 7 days a week, open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. *

**School Supplies & Textbooks**
Huntley Bookstore sells school supplies, snacks, and a large selection of books. It is open 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

**Shopping**

**Local Shopping Centers**
Ontario Mills Mall is one of the largest indoor malls in America and features hundreds of designer and discount stores. The mall is located at Miliken Avenue, just north of the junction of the 10 and 15 Freeways. You will need to take a car, taxi, or bus.

Victoria Gardens is a beautiful outdoor mall with abundant designer and discount stores and restaurants. To enjoy this popular shopping and eating venue, take I-210 East. Exit at Day Creek Boulevard heading south.

*There are also students deals at Target! Check out this TikTok video to learn more!*
ADJUSTING TO A NEW CULTURE

When you enter a new culture, because the rules and expectations have changed, it is common to feel emotions like surprise, confusion, tension, fatigue, frustration, aggression, and embarrassment. Any of these reactions is a normal part of entering a new culture or a new life environment. Seek support from your peers, on-campus resources and the Office of International Programs if needed.
Pitzer & 7C Resources

In addition to the Office of International Programs, there are many resources like the ones below available to Pitzer students. Click to navigate to the resource website.

- Pitzer Academic Support Services (PASS)
- Health Education Outreach (HEO)
- EmPOWER Center (7C Violence Prevention & Advocacy)
- Pitzer Mental Health & Wellness Support
- Monsour Counseling & Psychological Services (MCAPS)
- Office of Student Affairs
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- Student Health Services (SHS)
- Trans Advocacy Programming Acceptance and Support (TAPAS)
- Writing Center

Navigating Healthcare Virtual Guide
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Off-Campus Medical Services
List of Local Full-Service Hospitals
List of Local Urgent Care Centers

*Save in your phone*  Campus Safety 909-607-2000