

Located in Claremont, California, **Pitzer College** is part of The Claremont Colleges, a unique consortium of seven academic institutions. Exchange students studying at Pitzer will have the resources of a large university while enjoying the small class size and personalized learning of a small liberal arts college. Learn more about **Pitzer** and **The Claremont Colleges**.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Inbound Exchange Website	https://www.pitzer.edu/offices/international-students/exchange-students	
Office Address	Office of Study Abroad and International Programs West Hall, Q100 1050 North Mills Avenue Claremont, CA 91711 USA exchanges@pitzer.edu (for all correspondence about the exchange program) (909) 621-8104	
Inbound Exchange Team	<i>For matters relating to the partnership/agreements, academics, nominations, and exchange balances:</i> Karey Fuhs, Senior Director of Study Abroad & International Programs Karey_Fuhs@pitzer.edu	<i>For matters related to applications, student visas, arrivals, and day-to-day student issues:</i> exchanges@pitzer.edu Marciano Revilla, Senior International Programs Coordinator Todd Sasaki, Director of International Programs



NOMINATION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

Nomination Deadlines & Process	Fall Semester: March 1 Spring Semester: October 1 Home institutions should email nominations to exchanges@pitzer.edu . Include the student's full name, student email address, duration of study (semester or year), and major/primary field of study.
Application Deadlines & Process	Fall Semester: March 15 Spring Semester: October 15 Once nominated by their home institution, students will receive a link to the Pitzer study abroad application portal with instructions on how to set up an account and start their application.
English Language Requirements	Students must demonstrate English proficiency in one of the following ways: • Native English speaker • Completion of four years of high school where the language of instruction was English • Enrollment in a university where the language of instruction is English • TOEFL IBT 100, IELTS 7.0, or DuoLingo 130 (recent test scores required to apply) Students with a 70 TOEFL IBT, 6.5 IELTS, or 115 DuoLingo are still eligible with the home institution's nomination, but these students may be required to take a two-course sequence each semester. Required classes are part of Pitzer's International Scholars Program and focus on oral participation, U.S. history and culture, and academic writing.
Minimum GPA	2.0 GPA on U.S. 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
Application Instructions	Students apply by completing an online application through Pitzer's study abroad application portal. Students should be prepared to supply the following materials and documents: • Transcript (unofficial transcripts are accepted, as long as they show coursework and grades) • Proof of English Language Proficiency • Course Plan at Pitzer • Passport information and copy • Short essays • <i>For students requiring an I-20/visa:</i> Statement of Financial Responsibility showing evidence of sufficient funds to cover expenses the student will experience in the United States, which are not covered by the exchange agreement between Pitzer and their home institution. Students can send application questions to exchanges@pitzer.edu .

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar	Fall 2026 Semester Dates: August 31, 2026 – December 19, 2026 Spring 2027 Semester Dates: January 19, 2027 – May 15, 2027 *Refer to the 2026-27 Academic Calendar for additional dates. <i>Note: These dates do not include the mandatory Exchange Orientation (see below).</i>
Exchange Orientation (Mandatory)	Exchange students must participate in a virtual orientation prior to registering for classes, as well as an in-person orientation that covers information to enable students' successful transition to Pitzer College, including immigration/regulations, housing and meal plan information, health protocols, academic life, class registration, etc. During the Exchange Orientation period, students will live with a local host family in Claremont before moving to campus housing. <i>Exchange Orientation dates will be confirmed and provided to students upon their acceptance. Orientation takes place the week prior to the start of classes.</i>
Period of Exchange	1 or 2 Semesters (Fall only, Spring only, or Fall and Spring)
Course Credit	An undergraduate degree at Pitzer College takes four years or 32 credits. Most courses are worth 1 credit (equivalent to 60 hours or 4 U.S. semester credits), but some are worth 0.5 credits (equivalent to 30 hours or 2 U.S. semester credits). The recommended credit load is 4 credits per semester. Students must enroll in a minimum of 3 credits per semester and may enroll in 5 credits per semester, with permission from their academic adviser.
Course Options	Students have access to any course offered through the Claremont Colleges Consortium, but it is expected that students will take most of their courses at Pitzer College. Review the Pitzer College Academic Catalog (navigate to Courses) for course offerings.
Campus Facilities	Wireless laptop connection, IT powered classrooms and seminar rooms, libraries, gym, and more.



STUDENT LIFE

Housing	All students will be required to live in campus residence halls. Many housing options include shared bedrooms, living spaces, and/or bathrooms. Learn more about Pitzer's residence halls, amenities, and other important information on the Residence Life Office website .
Meals	All students are also required to have an on-campus meal plan . Most meal plans come with "flex dollars" that can be spent in any of the dining halls at the Claremont Colleges or other on-campus eateries.
Immigration Procedures	International students who are not U.S. residents must have a valid F-1 student visa, which they may obtain from a U.S. consulate, embassy, or mission in their home country. Visas cannot be granted from within the United States. Students must also have a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date of entry into the U.S. If an F-1 visa is required, students will be sent an I-20 and related information shortly after they are accepted.
Medical Insurance and Record Requirements	Medical insurance is mandatory for all students. Exchange students will be automatically enrolled in the Claremont Colleges' Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). You may not waive out of SHIP. Prior to the start of the semester, students must upload a completed entrance physical and immunization record obtained from your home doctor, prior school, or military to Student Health Services. A doctor should be prepared to: • Review the student's medical history. • Complete a physical examination and tuberculin skin test. • Verify that the student has the required immunizations. If documentation is unavailable or the student has not received the required immunizations, they are able to obtain required immunizations for a fee at Student Health Services upon arrival. For additional information and FAQ's, visit the Student Health Services website.



ARRIVALS

Arrival Information	Students may fly into Los Angeles International Airport (approximately 51 miles west of Claremont) or Ontario International Airport (approximately 10 miles east of Claremont). Airport pickups and transportation to campus will be available. Students arriving in the US prior to the arrival date will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodations and transportation to campus.
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COST INFORMATION

The exchange agreement between Pitzer and the home university specifies which program costs are covered by Pitzer and which are the student's responsibility. Students should consult with their home institution and refer to their admission letter to verify which costs are covered and which are their responsibility. Estimated costs (by semester) are provided below and reflect 2025-26 rates.

Expense Item	Estimated Cost (Per Semester in USD)
Tuition	\$0
On-Campus Housing	\$6,492
On-Campus Meal Plan (19 meals, plus flex dollars)	\$4,971
Books & Supplies (materials may be available through university or lending libraries)	\$550
Health Insurance (costs will vary, depending on the required plan and duration of stay)	Approx. \$600 to \$1,882
Medical Costs (i.e., copays, deductibles, and medications)	Varies; students should budget up to \$500
Airfare	Varies by distance; \$500-\$2,000
Local Transportation (airport transportation may be provided, and students will not experience commuting costs; estimate is for rideshares and public transportation outside of Claremont; students receive 50% of Metrolink train fares)	Varies; students should budget up to \$200
Immigration Expenses	\$535
Personal Expenses (toiletries, laundry, mobile phone, furnishings, etc.) <i>Personal expenses can vary greatly depending on personal preferences and habits.</i>	\$650
Travel & Entertainment	Varies; students should budget up to \$500
Incidental Expenses (i.e., extra luggage fees, emergency funds, etc.)	Varies; students should budget up to \$200
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$14,298 - \$18,480