



Introduction

Pomona College, one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the United States, provides an unparalleled environment for intellectual development and personal growth. Students studying at Pomona receive an excellent education in the natural and physical sciences, social sciences, humanities and fine arts. With a commitment to undergraduate study and a long history as a residential college, its distinguished faculty, accomplished students, extraordinary facilities and residential character ensure an educational experience second to none.

The College enrolls approximately 1,500 students (with roughly 100 studying abroad each semester) and has a student-to-faculty ratio of 7 to 1. The average class size of 15 offers students the opportunity to become full participants in the learning process. High value is placed on the interaction between teacher and student, with most classes taught as seminars. By challenging one another and their professors, Pomona students develop skills in analytical and critical thinking.

Located in Claremont, California, 35 miles east of Los Angeles, Pomona is the founding member of The Claremont Colleges. The five undergraduate colleges and two graduate universities are on adjacent campuses and cooperate to broaden the intellectual, social and cultural resources available to all students.

All students at Pomona are undergraduates. No graduate-level programs are offered, and the College does not enroll students who have already completed a bachelor's degree or the equivalent.

The College offers 45 majors in the natural and physical sciences, social sciences, humanities and fine arts. Four years of study at Pomona leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. No courses in applied fields such as journalism, business administration or nursing are offered.

The College offers no special speaking, reading or writing courses for those whose first language is not English. Therefore, all candidates for admission must be fluent in English and be academically prepared for a challenging college program.

International Student Support

As a recognized leader in international education among U.S. undergraduate institutions, Pomona offers international students a supportive environment in a community aware of many cultures and political systems around the world.

International relations has been a concentration at Pomona for over 40 years, existing long before many other institutions identified it as a discipline. Pomona's foreign language programs are exceptional in their breadth and depth for an undergraduate college. In addition, nearly 60 percent of all Pomona students study outside the U.S. for one or more semesters, contributing to the community's intellectual and personal sensitivity to the variations of life, culture, and scholarship throughout the world.

The Oldenburg Center for Modern Languages and International Relations provides a focus for international life for the entire Pomona community. Each year, 140 students live in one of six foreign language sections devoted to programs focusing upon a specific language and culture. Native speakers of Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish live in each language section as advisors to help organize activities and events. The Oldenburg Language Lunch Program invites students, faculty, and staff at all levels of fluency to converse informally in 35 languages during lunch every Monday through Friday. Students also come to Oldenburg for presentations on topics in international relations and to view one of the nightly international films in the International Theatre. Over three-fourths of Pomona students participate in some aspect of international life at the Oldenburg Center.

International students at Pomona also have the support of the International Place (I-Place) of The Claremont Colleges, which serves as a social and cultural center to more than 600 international students throughout the consortium. In addition to hosting regular lunches and other cultural events, I-Place organizes a special, week-long, orientation that helps international students prepare for and adapt to their new surroundings before they begin academic and social life at Pomona.

Financial Aid

Students who are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents ("green card" status) are eligible for federal assistance and should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Profile Registration Form with the College Scholarship Service (CSS). You may refer to www.pomona.edu/administration/financial-aid.

Permanent residents must submit copies of their Alien Registration Receipt Cards (Forms I-151 or I-551). The Financial Aid Office confirms all students claiming permanent resident status with the United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS). If admitted, permanent residents will have 100 percent of their demonstrated financial need met.

Applications from students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, or who graduate from a high school within the U.S. will be reviewed on a need-blind basis. Any admitted student with a demonstrated need will be offered a financial aid package that meets 100 percent of that need. Pomona College provides financial aid for about 8 to 12 freshman international students each year. International transfer students are ineligible for any form of financial aid.

Financial aid for international students meets 100% of demonstrated need and is based on tuition, fees, room, board and incidental expenses. Pomona does not provide for travel expenses to/from the U.S.

Foreign citizens requesting financial assistance are required to demonstrate financial need by submitting an International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA). All financial aid awards are based upon financial need. Pomona provides no financial assistance in such forms as athletic, music or merit scholarships. Students may seek employment on campus during the school year as well as in the summer, if eligible.

Once a student submits the application for admission to Pomona, his/her financial aid status may not be changed. Financial aid for international students is limited, and competition is intense. Financial need is taken into consideration by the Admissions Committee for all applicants who are not U.S. citizens, permanent residents or who have not graduated from a U.S. high school.

Application for Admission

Because Pomona College has a small enrollment and we receive a large number of applications each year, not all qualified candidates can be offered admission. Most applicants to Pomona are ranked among the top 10 percent of their classes in secondary school. Successful applicants have demonstrated a high level of achievement in a challenging schedule of courses and have also performed exceptionally well on final comprehensive examinations (such as 'O' or 'A' level examinations or International Baccalaureate examinations).

The College offers no remedial programs in English language, so all candidates must demonstrate fluency in English. Students whose native language is not English must have the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) submitted to the College. In order to be considered for admission, foreign applicants must have a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the paper-based test, 250 on the computer-based test or 100 on the internet-based test or, if taking the IELTS, a minimum score of 7.

In addition to the TOEFL or IELTS, international freshman applicants must submit the results of the SAT I and two SAT II exams.

Students who wish to transfer to Pomona may apply for entrance for the fall semester. If you are currently enrolled full time at a post-secondary institution, you must apply as a transfer applicant. Transfer students are required to spend at least four semesters enrolled at Pomona and transferred credit is granted on a course-by-course basis. The College is unable to provide any financial aid funds to transfer students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Transcripts must be sent to Pomona directly from the student's high school or college. Pomona only accepts official copies of transcripts. If the school sends photocopies, those copies must be signed or validated by a school official. Unofficial photocopies of transcripts will not be accepted.

Pomona accepts results from the SAT I, SAT II, TOEFL and IELTS only on official report forms sent directly to Pomona College from the Educational Testing Service. Photocopies are not acceptable. We will accept a facsimile transmission (a "fax") of scores and transcripts provided that the original copies of all such materials are also

sent to us immediately. The fax number for the Office of Admissions is (909) 621-8952.

Applications remain incomplete until all original copies of required documents reach the Office of Admissions and we cannot respond to students' inquiries or applications via fax.

The SAT, TOEFL and IELTS are given several times during the year. Registration must be filed approximately seven weeks before the test date; score reports take about five weeks to reach the College. Students applying for regular freshman admission should take the SAT no later than November and the TOEFL or IELTS no later than October to ensure that their applications will be completed in time to meet the College's deadline.

Students applying for transfer standing are also required to submit SAT I results. If the headmaster or principal of your school does not have the necessary registration information, write directly to the following agencies:

For TOEFL information:

www.toefl.org

For IELTS information:

www.ielts.org

For SAT information:

www.collegeboard.com

SAT II Tests, also offered through the College Board, are strongly recommended for transfer applicants.

Students from the People's Republic of China are not required to take the SAT or the ACT, but are expected to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) results.

Academic Programs

American Studies
Anthropology
Art and Art History
Asian American Studies
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Biology
Black Studies
Chemistry
Chicano Studies
Chinese
Classics
Cognitive Sciences
Computer Science
Economics

English (Writing option)
Environmental Analysis
Foreign Literatures: German, Russian
and Romance Languages
French
Geology
German
German Studies
History
International Relations
Japanese
Latin American Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Media Studies
Molecular Biology
Music
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Public Policy Analysis
Religious Studies
Russian
Science, Technology and Society
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre/Dance
Women's Studies

Admissions Deadlines

November 1:

Early Decision 1 application deadline.

International students requesting financial aid may not apply for Early Decision.

December 15:

Regular Decision freshman and Early Decision 2 application deadline.

International students requesting financial aid may not apply for Early Decision.

February 1:

Financial Aid Application deadline.

Students who do not submit all financial aid materials by this deadline may be ineligible to receive aid.

March 1:

Transfer application deadline.

Financial aid is not available to transfer candidates who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Pomona College Facts

Overview

History:

Founded in 1887 as an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian, comprehensive, undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences.

Location:

Claremont, California; 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

Student Body:

Approximately 1,500 students with an equal number of men and women from 46 states, the District of Columbia and 22 foreign countries. Minority representation is approximately 44 percent. International students comprise nearly 6 percent of the student body.

Faculty:

217 members. All courses are taught by professors. All faculty above the rank of instructor hold Ph.D. degrees except in fields where a doctorate is not customary.

Student-to-Faculty Ratio:

7 to 1.

Average Class Size:

15 Students.

Classes:

650 classes are offered at Pomona each year. A total of 2,500 classes are available throughout the Claremont College Consortium; cross-registration is allowed within the colleges. A College catalog detailing programs and course offerings may be viewed online.

Calendar:

Semester system. The first semester begins in early September and ends in late December; the second semester begins in mid-January and ends in mid-May. The College has no summer session.

Pomona College Graduates

Retention:

99.5 percent of the class entering Fall 2007 returned.

89.5 percent of the class entering Fall 2004 completed their bachelor's degree within four years.

94 percent of the class entering Fall 2003 completed their bachelor's degree within five years.

Postgraduate Study:

Approximately 80 percent of all Pomona College graduates go on to graduate or professional schools within five years of graduation.

Alumni Careers:

Business & Finance: 24%

Health & Medicine: 15%

Law & Government: 15%

Education: 13%

Science & Technology: 10%

Arts & Media: 10%

Other Professions: 13%

Campus Facilities

Pomona Campus:

62 buildings on 140 acres, including 12 residence halls, Pomona College Museum, Bridges Hall of Music, Smith Campus Center, Thatcher Music Building, Brackett Observatory, Seaver Computer Center, Seaver Science Center, Seaver Memorial Theatre, Rains Center for Sport and Recreation, Asian American Resource Center, Oldenborg Center for Modern Languages and International Relations, Andrew Science Building, Seaver Biology Building, Lincoln Building, Edmunds Building and Mabel Shaw Bridges Auditorium.

Housing:

98 percent of Pomona's students live in college residence halls on campus, and the College guarantees housing for all four years of a student's education. First-year students are required to live on campus.

The Claremont Colleges' Facilities:

Honnold-Mudd Library (over two million bound volumes), Office of Black Student Affairs, Chicano Studies Center, McAlister Center for Religious Activities, Monsour Counseling Center, Tranquada Student Services Building, Huntley Bookstore, and Bernard Biological Field Station.

Affiliated Institutions:

Blaisdell Institute for Advanced Study in World Cultures and Religions, California Institute of Public Affairs, International Place, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, the Claremont School of Theology, and the Pacific Basin Institute.

The Claremont Colleges:

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A Note about Applying to Colleges and Universities in the United States

The United States has over 3,000 institutions of higher education, which vary greatly in size, programs offered and degree of academic difficulty. Because of this variety, it is important that you evaluate programs and admission requirements carefully.

Applying to colleges and universities in the United States is both time-consuming and expensive, and competition for admission to some U.S. colleges, including Pomona College, is great. File applications only with those colleges that are realistic options for you and will offer you appropriate educational programs.

We encourage you to consult one or more of the publications that are available for foreign students intending to apply to colleges and universities in the United States. To obtain them, contact an Overseas Education Advising Center sponsored by the United States Information Service. These centers are found in major cities and are often attached to United States embassies.

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