

Pomona College Info Guide

General Info

- Location: Claremont California
 - 35 miles east from downtown Los Angeles
- Private liberal Art
- Suburban setting
- Mascot: Cecil the Sagehen
- Signature line: *“let only the eager, thoughtful, and reverent enter here.”*
- Total undergraduate enrollment: 1700~
 - 54% women ; 46% men
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 8 to 1
 - 198 full time professors
- US ranking:
 - #4 national liberal art college
 - #7 best undergraduate education
 - #2 Best valued school
 - #29 Most innovative
 - #32 Undergraduate research/ Creative projects
 - #63 first year experience
 - #103 Performers on social mobility
- Acceptance Rate: 7%
 - EARLY acceptance rate: 15%
- Graduation Rate: 97%
- Founded in: 1887
- President: Gabrielle Starr
- Campus Wide: 140 acre
 - 14 resident halls
 - 3 dining halls
- Average Class Size: 15
- Tuition: ~\$55,000
 - After aids: ~\$13,000

Application Info

- Application Fee: \$70
- Deadline: January 8 (NORMAL decision)
 - (EARLY decision I : November 15)
- Decision: 4/1 (NORMAL)
 - (EARLY: 12/5)
- Standardized Test requirement? No.
 - Self-Report is available.
 - Average SAT : 1465
 - Average ACT : 32-35
- Types of Application Accepts: 3
 1. Coalition
 2. QuestBridge
 3. Common
- IELTS & TOEFL (for international students): Required
- High school transcript: Required
 - Includes mid year report of Senior year
- GPA: >4.0
- Interview: Optional
- Portfolio: Optional
- Recommendation Letters: 2 (academic teachers & counselor)
- Essays: Some questions are required & some not.
 - **(OPTIONAL) Short Answer Questions:**
 1. If there are aspects of your identity that you feel are not captured elsewhere in this application, please provide that information below. (50 words or less)
 2. Before jumping into the required essays, you have the option to show us a little more of your personality. You can answer one, two, three, or none of the following questions. (1-50 words each):
 - Marvel or DC? Pepsi or Coke? Instagram or TikTok? What's your favorite

“this or that” (you are not restricted to these three examples), and which side do you choose?

-What’s your favorite way to eat a potato?

-You’re relaxing on a Friday night. Suddenly, your favorite song pops into your head. What is it?

- (REQUIRED) supplemental essays: 3

1. We believe that everyone has something to contribute and receive from a diverse community. Why is belonging to a diverse and inclusive college community important to you?

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Academic

- Courses Taken in high school:
 - English : 4 years
 - Natural Science : 4 years
 - Recommend: lab sciences/ shows interested in STEM major
 - Math: 4 years
 - Foreign Language: 3 years
 - Social Science: 3 years
- (AT POMONA) Majors and Minors:
 - 48+ in total:
 1. African Studies

2. American Studies
3. Anthropology
4. Art
5. Art History
6. Asian American Studies
7. Asian Studies
8. Astronomy
9. Biology
10. Chemistry
11. Chicana / o-Latina / o-Studies
12. Chinese
13. Classic
14. Cognitive Science
15. Computer Science
16. Dance
17. Economics
18. English
19. Environmental Analysis
20. French
21. Gender & Women Studies
22. Geology
23. German Studies
24. History
25. International Relations
26. Japanese
27. Later Antique Medieval Studies
28. Latin american Studies
29. Linguistics
30. Math
31. Media Studies
32. Middle Eastern Studies

- 33. Molecular Biology
- 34. Music
- 35. Neuroscience
- 36. Philosophy
- 37. Philosophy & Politics & Economics
- 38. Physics & Astronomy
- 39. Politics
- 40. Psychological Science
- 41. Public Policy Analysis
- 42. Religious Studies
- 43. Romance Language & Literature
- 44. Russian
- 45. Russian & Eastern European Studies
- 46. Science & Technology & Society
- 47. Sociology
- 48. Spanish
- 49. Theatre.
- Do NOT offer Pre- Med/ Law/ Engineer. BUT offer support instead.
- Highlighted Majors include: **Social Science**, STEAM (Math, Computer Science, Physical Science), Interdisciplinary Studies.
- 650 courses
- Study Abroad Available? Yes.
 - 65 programs ; 36 countries

Student Life

- 250+ clubs ; associate with the 5C system (*liberal art colleges in California “combined” in one*)
 - Meaning, students from Pomona can (for example) join class/ activity from Claremont Mckenna ; in general any other colleges associate with 5C.
 - They’re categorized into these:
 1. Music
 2. Celebrating culture

3. Helping (services)
4. Writing and photography
5. Performing
6. Outdoors
7. Connecting
8. Deep Discussions
9. Sustainability
10. Leading

- 25% of students are athletes ; again, associate with the other 5C athletes/ system
- Almost everyday, there are events to enjoy (i.e. popular concerts, films, etc.)
- Greek Life? Yes, there are 2 fraternities
 1. Sigma Tau
 2. Kappa Delta

Living/ Dorm/ Dining

- 12+ resident halls
 - Can be doubled, single, and suites style
 - Mainly divided into North and South Residence Halls:

North (for Juniors and Seniors):

1. Clark 1
2. Clark V
3. Lawry Court
4. Norton-Clark III
5. Dialynas and Sontag Hall
6. Walker Hall

South (for sophomores and freshmen):

1. Gibson Hall
2. Harwood Court
3. Lyon Court
4. Mudd-Blaisdell
5. Oldenborg Center

6. Smiley Hall
7. Wig Hall

- 3 main dining halls:
 1. Frank Dining Hall (for South Campus)
 2. Frary Dining Hall
 3. Oldenborg Dining Hall
 - Monday- Friday: Full meal with Breakfast
 - Weekends: Full meal without Breakfast
- Foods in their dining hall guaranteed sustainability, naturally grown, and cage-free cooking materials.
- Must use meal plan for on campus dining
- food credits goes to **Flex Dollars** (give access to food sources around the 5C)

Opportunities

- Student and community support:
 - Tutoring center
 - Volunteer Spring Break
 - Mentor lower classes student and be an ESL tutors
- Jobs and Internships:
 - Campus job:
 1. Lead Orientation and events
 2. Sponsor or residential advisor
 3. Work at organization: Coop Foundation / Coop Store
 4. Coordinator
 5. Work at museums, admission offices, etc.
 6. Academic tutors/ liaison.
 - Generally you can have access to many job opportunities revolving around Los Angeles and Pomona provide excellent student support.
- Pomona college scholar? Yes.

- can be awarded based on their semester average points
- Honors/ Special Programs
 - Writing Center
 - Study Abroad
 - Model U.N.
 - Research
 - Academic Cooperative
 1. Exchange Program
 2. 3-2 plan/ semester & variety of program in other institutions
 - Practical training of finding a jobs
 - Self- Instructional Language Program
 - Pre-Professional Education
 1. Business
 2. Engineer
 3. Law
 4. Medicine
 5. Teaching
 - Curricular Support
 - Center to support with community partnership
 - Career Development.
- Double major? Yes.
- Academic awards and distinction:
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Sigma Xi
 - Graduation Honors
 - Rena Gurley Archibald High Scholarship prize
 - Mary Ford Bacon Memorial Prizes
 - Bernard Charnwut Chan Award
 - Ada May Fitts Prize
 - Ted Gleason Award
 - Kappa Delta Award

- Blair Nixon Memorial Award
- Phi Beta Kappa Award
- John Stauffer Scholarship for Academic Merit
- Mark Syverson Memorial Book Prize
- Avid Pierre Zetterberg, Jr. Award
- American Studies Prize
- Anthropology Prize
- Corinne Gilbert Beaver Art Prize
- Drew Art Prize Fund
- Matthew Klopfleisch Prize in Art
- Louisa Moseley Fine Arts Prizes
- Rembrandt Club Junior Art Prize
- Prize in Chinese Languages and Literature
- Prize in Japanese Languages and Literature
- Asian Studies Prize
- Frank Parkhurst Brackett Junior and Davida Wark Brackett Prize
- Moncrieff Astronomy Prize
- Walter Bertsch Prize (Molecular Biology)
- Vaile Prizes
- Black studies Prize
- Robert Rowan III ('68) Memorial Award in Chemistry
- Stanley D. Wilson Prize.
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- Mudge Latin Prize.
- Paul B. Yale Computer Science Prize.
- Stella M. King Prizes.
- Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Awards in Economics.
- Lorne D. Cook Memorial Awards.
- Morris B. Pendleton Prizes.
- Virginia Clauser Prize
- Dole Prizes.

- John Dye Award.
- F.S. Jennings Memorial Prizes.
- Matthew Klopfleisch Prize in English or Media Studies.
- Frederick L. Mulhauser Memorial Award.
- Toni Clark Thesis Award in Environmental Analysis.
- Gene Fowler Thesis Award in Environmental Analysis.
- Jane Jacobs Thesis Award in Environmental Analysis.
- Tony Clark Prize in Gender and Women's Studies
- Mason L. Hill Memorial Award in Geology.
- D.B. McIntyre-H. Stanton Hill Award.
- Richard E. Strehle Memorial Award.
- John Hayes Beaver History Prize.
- Ada F. Hartog Memorial Prize in History.
- John H. Kemble Senior Thesis Award in History.
- Vincent Learnihan Western Civilization Prize.
- Cordell Hull Prize.
- John A. Vieg Prize in International Relations.
- Hans-Dieter Brueckner Memorial Summer Grant.
- Languages and Literatures Prize in Russian.
- Ulitin Travel Grant.
- Latin American Studies Prize.
- Eda May Haskell Library Prize.
- Glass Linguistics Prize.
- Llewellyn Bixby Mathematics Prize.
- Hugh J. Hamilton Prize.
- Jaeger Mathematics Prize.
- Bruce Jay Levy Prize in Mathematics.
- Scott Winslow Award in Media Studies.
- Matthew Klopfleisch Prize in English or Media Studies.
- Michael H. Rosen Memorial Premedical Award.
- Dwight L. Ryerson Premedical Award.

- Curtain Raisers Scholarship Fund.
- David Ken Schoell Prize.
- Marguerite Pearson Award in Drama.
- Virginia Princehouse Allen Prizes in Drama.
- Robert D. Herman Prize in Sociology.
- Science, Technology and Society Prize.
- Phyllis Johnson Memorial Prize.
- Iberian Grant.
- Hager Grant.
- Psychology Prize.
- Lee Cameron McDonald Prize in Political Theory.
- Fred Krinsky Prize in Comparative Politics.
- Edward M. Sait Prize
- Russell M. Story Prize
- George S. Burgess Prize
- John A. Vieg Prize.
- The Tileston Physics Prizes.
- Richard P. Edmunds Physics Prize.
- Senior Prize in Neuroscience. T
- Morton O. Beckner Prize
- Cecil H. Short Memorial Prizes.
- William F. Russell Prize.
- Rudolph Polk Memorial Award
- Bertha Clendenen McCord Memorial Prize.
- Gordon A. Hogan Memorial Prize.
- Philip Goldberg Memorial Prize.
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Unique Features

- Pomona students have access to 50% of classes from other institutions (mainly part of the 5C)
- Very diverse community. 64% are international or people of color.
- Famous tradition of “Ski Beach Day”: students go skiing locally.

