learning to do
At Claremont McKenna College, our students are analytical thinkers and doers — high achievers who understand that learning and contemplation informs impact and that impact in turn inspires learning. We give them the tools they need for critical decision-making; the experiences they crave for intellectual and interpersonal development; and the community they seek for motivation, inspiration, and lifelong fulfillment.
doing to learn

Jamie Curran ’16 (third from left) taught English to these students outside of Shanghai, China, as part of an overseas studies program.
CMC UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
American Studies
Asian Studies
Biochemistry
Biophysics
Biology
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Economics
Economics-Accounting
Economics and Engineering
Environmental Analysis
Film Studies (dual major only)
French
Government
History
International Relations
Legal Studies (dual major only)
Literature
Management-Engineering
Mathematics
Middle East Studies
Molecular Biology
Neuroscience
Organismal Biology
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
Philosophy and Public Affairs
Psychology
Physics
Religious Studies
Science and Management
Spanish
in Business Insider’s Best College Campuses in America

#1 in U.S. News among national liberal arts colleges (2016)

#1 in Princeton Review’s Their Students Love These Colleges (2016)

#1 in Princeton Review’s Best-Run Colleges (2016)

#3 in Princeton Review’s Best Quality of Life (2016)
FAST FACTS

- The Claremont Colleges include Pomona, CMC, Scripps, Harvey Mudd and Pitzer Colleges, along with Claremont Graduate University and Keck Graduate Institute.
- 60% of CMC students conduct research with faculty, frequently co-authoring articles in academic journals.
- Our student-faculty ratio is 8 to 1; 82% of classes have fewer than 20 people.
- Princeton Review has ranked CMC #2 nationally in Most Accessible Professors and #4 in Best Classroom Experience.
- CMC offers 41 majors and sequences, as well as double, dual, individualized and off-campus majors.
- The Claremont Colleges collectively offer more than 2,000 courses for cross-enrollment.
LEARNING TO DO
“A CMC education leaps off the page. The professors here bring textbooks and lectures to life with hands-on applications and opportunities to practice the content of our learning. At CMC, the classroom is only the beginning. The education extends to internships, research, guest speaker discussions, field trips and numerous clubs and organizations. Perhaps other schools can offer an education, but CMC offers education with action.”

DOING TO LEARN
One of Stephanie’s areas of academic focus was the psychology and neurology behind autism. She applied her knowledge at the Claremont Autism Center, where she offered therapy to autistic children under the guidance of a CMC professor.
intellectual ignition
world-changing ambition

ZACHARIAH OQUENDA ‘16
Hometown: Henry, IL
Major: Philosophy, Politics and Economics

LEARNING TO DO
As an Edward J. Sexton Philosophy, Politics and Economics Fellow, Zachariah is part of a rigorous, Oxford-style tutorial with an interdisciplinary approach to the liberal arts. He is also the recipient of the Truman Scholarship, a prestigious national honor given to a select group of students recognized as future “change agents.”

DOING TO LEARN
“The Kravis Leadership Institute (KLI) and the Center for Human Rights Leadership sponsored my first-ever travel outside the United States, giving me the chance to study social entrepreneurship in a village outside of Kigali, Rwanda. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”
FAST FACTS

CMC ranks in the top 20 nationally among four-year colleges for students receiving Fulbrights.

Just last year many CMC students won Truman, Luce, Mitchell, Napier and other awards.

CMC offers 11 institutes supporting graduate-level research.

CMC’s hundreds of off-campus learning opportunities include study abroad and semesters in Washington D.C. and Silicon Valley.
FAST FACTS

- CMC is a central destination for students focused on social and business entrepreneurship.
- Entrepreneurial endeavors are supported by places like the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Kravis Leadership Institute, the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, the Henry R. Kravis Prize in Nonprofit Leadership and the Center for Community Engagement.
- CMC has been designated as a Changemaker Campus by Ashoka U., putting it in an elite group of institutions worldwide being recognized for leadership in social innovation.
MYLENE (MILLY) FOTSO ’16
Hometown: Libertyville, IL
Major: Organizational Studies

LEARNING TO DO
“I founded the Sustainable Healthcare Alliance for Recycled Equipment (SHARE) to provide the proper equipment and training to hospitals in developing nations. CMC’s alumni generosity not only enabled me to travel to Cameroon to introduce SHARE to under-served communities, it also allowed me to pursue my dream of developing a global organization and to realize something important about myself: that I can change the world.”

DOING TO LEARN
SHARE conducts on-the-ground needs assessments and partners with local organizations to deliver recycled medical equipment to hospitals in developing nations, train hospital staff on use and maintenance of equipment and conduct community health workshops and seminars.
intimate campus
inclusive atmosphere

CHRISTINA STRAEHLE ’16
Hometown: technically Singapore but originally Zurich, Switzerland
Major: International Relations and History

LEARNING TO DO
“I wanted a small, liberal arts college not much bigger than my high school, where I would recognize most faces and say ‘hi’ to ten people on the way to class; where social events would be non-discriminating and all-inclusive; where people would ask how you were and genuinely mean it. And CMC delivered on that promise.”

DOING TO LEARN
“My most memorable learning experiences have been both inside and outside the classroom, and in both settings it has been from other students, whose stories and experiences offer you glimpses into cultures and worlds you never even knew existed.”
FAST FACTS

 CMC students hail from 46 U.S. states and territories and 31 foreign countries.
 97% of CMC students live on campus, creating a tight-knit campus community.
 The Claremont Colleges offer more than 200 student clubs, spanning a wide array of pursuits and interests.
 There are 1,293 degree-seeking undergraduates at CMC and 7,500 students at the Claremont Colleges.
Athletics at CMC are vigorous, inclusive, and a key component of the College experience, whether you participate in varsity athletics, campus recreation or physical education activities.

Extensive fitness and recreational facilities are offered through CMC and The Claremont Colleges.

26 CMC students were highlighted in Runner's World magazine for running the 2015 LA Marathon to benefit student financial aid and programs.

CMS Athletics is 11th nationally in Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Division III, a ranking of athletic departments based on finishes at the NCAA Championships.

The Roberts Pavilion, set to open in 2016, will be the spectacular new fitness and events center for CMC and the athletic center for CMS teams, intramural and PE programs.
LEARNING TO DO
“CMC students are competitive and driven, but they also support each other. Same goes for my swim team. I am thankful that I can count on both my teammates and coaches to lift me up.”

DOING TO LEARN
Stephanie swims for the CMS varsity team. “CMS” stands for Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, a joint athletic program among the three colleges represented by the mascots the Athenas (women’s teams) and the Stags (men’s teams). There are 21 varsity NCAA Division III men’s and women’s teams.
LEARNING TO DO
As a student, Candace Adelberg ’10 served as a research assistant at CMC’s Lowe Institute of Political Economy and the Financial Economics Institute. Summer internships had her working on two Asian Development Bank risk reduction projects in the Pacific Rim and risk management workshops for health workers in the Philippines.

DOING TO LEARN
After graduating, Candace landed a position as a member of the Federal Reserve’s Macroeconomics and Quantitative Studies team. “Applying to work at the Fed, I was able to reference the large suite of research I had from CMC. Being exposed to the process of economic academic research from beginning to end was extremely useful.” Recently, Candace accepted a job at Google, where she now works as an economic strategist.
FAST FACTS

- 90% of CMC students participate in thousands of internship programs.
- Nerdscholar ranks CMC #3 in the nation when it comes to average starting salaries for liberal arts graduates.
- Princeton Review ranks CMC #2 in Top Internship Opportunities.
- Princeton Review ranks CMC #3 in the nation for Best Career Services.
Four nights a week, every week of the academic year, CMC students gather at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum for an evening of intellectual stimulation and social revelation. Guests have included:

- President Bill Clinton
- Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia
- Playwright and screenwriter Tony Kushner
- Musician and activist Bono
- Bishop Desmond Tutu
- Google Executive Jonathan Rosenberg ’83 P’14
- Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
- Journalist Anderson Cooper
- Historian William Dalrymple
- Philosopher J. David Velleman
- Writer Jonathan Franzen
- Legal Expert Anita Hill
- Activist Jesse Jackson
- Financier Henry R. Kravis ’67
- Commentator William Kristol
- Novelist Anne Rice
- Novelist Zadie Smith
- Scholar-Activist Cornel West
Welcome to The Claremont Colleges — a consortium of five undergraduate schools and two graduate institutions located within one square mile. At CMC, you will know your professors, and they will know you. Yet, a simple stroll across the street will enable you to expand your network exponentially, meeting more than 7,000 colleagues from across the Claremont Colleges: taking classes with them, eating in their dining facilities, mingling at their parties and events and joining myriad cross-disciplinary, cross-campus organizations.
CMC’s research institutes provide undergraduates with graduate-level research opportunities, working with distinguished faculty.

BERGER INSTITUTE FOR WORK, FAMILY, AND CHILDREN Educates students, scholars, lawmakers, and the community about a wide range of work and family issues.

CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP The center provides resources for faculty and student research and projects related to innovation and entrepreneurship.

KECK CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES Promotes research, debate, and undergraduate education focused on the challenges and impact of strategy and diplomacy, particularly in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE Furthers education and research in capital markets, financial institutions, corporate finance, and corporate governance.

GOULD CENTER FOR HUMANISTIC STUDIES Studies the major forces that have gone into, and are still at work in, the formation of the modern world, integrating knowledge from the humanities, social sciences, and science.

KRAVIS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Focuses on teaching and research in the areas of leadership, entrepreneurism, and organizational effectiveness.

LOWE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY Advances research on contemporary public policy issues, including globalization, regional economic integration, and international financial instability.

MGRUBLIAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP Explores the causes of genocide and human rights abuses, as well as the policies and processes necessary to oppose them.

ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER Fosters faculty-student collaboration in the analysis of corporate environmental and social transparency and performance, and in field biology research.

ROSE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Advances knowledge about politics and government, and works to make the political process more democratic.

SALVATORI CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN THE MODERN WORLD Engages in the study of political philosophy and freedom as they relate to American constitutionalism and the founding of the United States.
FAST FACTS

- Beyond the institutes, there are myriad centers and programs that support student-faculty research and hands-on learning through CMC and The Claremont Colleges.

- All classes at CMC are taught by faculty, not graduate teaching assistants, giving students a high-degree of interaction with their professors.

- Every CMC student completes a senior thesis of independent research under the guidance of top-notch faculty.

FAST FACTS

- CMC meets 100% of financial need.
- Admission at CMC is need-blind for all U.S. citizens and permanent residents.
- Almost half of CMC students receive grants or other forms of aid.
- For more information, visit cmc.edu/admission.

IMPORTANT DATES

**November 1** Early Decision I application, financial aid deadline. Spring Transfer deadline.

**December 1** Application deadline for Merit Scholarship candidates (Seaver Leadership Scholarships and McKenna Achievement Awards).

**January 1** Application and financial aid deadline for Early Decision II candidates and Regular Decision candidates.

**April 1** Application deadline for Fall Transfer candidates.
put yourself in the picture

Located in an idyllic college town, minutes from Los Angeles, beaches and mountains, CMC offers a vibrant and dynamic experience that ranks it in the top five colleges in terms of happiest students and quality of life, according to Princeton Review.

Once they arrive, our students soak up CMC’s full array of offerings while taking full advantage of California’s amazing climate and recreational opportunities.

Drop by and see for yourself. We welcome visitors throughout the year for student-led tours, information sessions led by an admission officer, team and overnight stays to see firsthand what life at CMC can bring.

Come for a tour, information meeting, or overnight stay.

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