LEARN
LEAD
SUCCEED

IT STARTS AT CMC
The college search process is not easy. You will likely have many impressive institutions vying for your interest and consideration. What sets Claremont McKenna College apart from other highly selective, residential colleges and universities? We integrate the intellectual power of the liberal arts with dynamic innovation experience. We prepare our students to make a difference as thoughtful, productive, and responsible leaders in the private, public, and social sectors.

We are a community of 1,300 undergraduate students who are serious thinkers and effective doers who learn to solve complex problems through leadership in diverse settings. At CMC, you will put a rigorous liberal arts education to work through hands-on learning and real-world experience.

As you continue to think about your ambitions and the qualities you desire in a college, consider the following hallmarks of a CMC education and how that will help you to accomplish your intellectual, social, and professional goals.

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"Claremont McKenna College is a vibrant supportive environment that focuses on personal growth. Our students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom. As a result, there is no better place to define who you will be as a leader than CMC."

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Learn Through Robust Academic Opportunities

There are a variety of ways for you to analyze, question, discover, and achieve your goals. At CMC, learning to lead requires the application of your knowledge to real-world challenges and opportunities. Our students draw on a full range of intellectually challenging experiences to frame and address the questions of our time.

CMC faculty are dedicated to your intellectual growth. At CMC, students and faculty inspire one another inside and outside the classroom.

8:1 student-faculty ratio

MAJORS
American Studies
Asian Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Biophysics
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Economics
Economics-Accounting
Economics and Engineering (3/2 program)
Environment, Economics, and Politics (EEP)
Environmental Analysis Program (EAP)
Film Studies (dual major only)
French
Government
History
International Relations
Literature
Mathematical Sciences
Middle East Studies
Molecular Biology
Neuroscience
Organismal Biology
Philosophy
Philosophy and Public Affairs
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
Physics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science Management
Spanish

SEQUENCES
Asian American Studies
Computer Science
Ethics
Financial Economics
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Human Rights, Genocide, Holocaust Studies
Jewish Studies
Leadership
Legal Studies
Public Policy
Scientific Modeling

5C MAJORS
African American Studies
Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies
Media Studies
Theater

Average class size is 18 students

In-Depth Research and Leadership Opportunities

Research is a distinct and defining feature of the CMC experience. CMC’s research institutes provide you with graduate-level research opportunities in collaboration with distinguished faculty. Each institute or center has a specific mission and develops programs to meet academic and co-curricular objectives.

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
Provides resources for faculty and student research, projects, and start-up enterprises in innovation and entrepreneurship.

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE
Fosters education and research in financial economics by offering the Financial Economics Sequence, supporting state-of-the-art databases, and encouraging student-faculty interaction on research.

GOULD CENTER FOR HUMANISTIC STUDIES
Promotes the value of imagination as it provides opportunities for research, study, and experience in art, literature, history, philosophy, and other fields as a means to understand and develop the power and use of the imagination.

KECK CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES
Promotes scholarly research and undergraduate education focused on understanding critical geopolitical and economic developments, particularly in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

KEARNS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Focuses on teaching and research in the areas of leadership, social innovation, and organizational effectiveness.

LOWE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY
Advances research in all areas of economics with an emphasis on public policy and faculty-student collaboration.

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

ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
Conducts student-led research and community interaction on environmental and conservation issues, involving natural sciences and policy sciences.

ROSE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Provides students with the opportunity to engage in research on issues relevant to state and local government, particularly in California, to report the results of that research in various forums, and to do so in a way that furthers the education of the students and enhances the reputation of the College.

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.
We understand that leadership in today’s global society requires a global education. Whether you choose to study abroad, do an immersive internship, complete an international research project, or join an international academic travel program, you will come away with experiences that will change the way you see the world and yourself. The Center for Global Education provides an abundance of opportunities for you to expand your education in an international setting.

CMC’s emphasis on classroom and experiential learning attracts the top employers and graduate schools. At CMC, you will integrate real-world experiences and global perspectives with a rigorous liberal arts education that will prepare you to take on the careers and professions of the 21st century.

CMC STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED INTERNSHIPS AT

COMPANIES THAT HAVE RECRUITED AT CMC FOR INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOL DESTINATIONS
Columbia University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Stanford University
University of Chicago

STUDY ABROAD CMC students can spend at least one semester in Study Abroad programs in more than 40 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and the Middle East.

SOLL CENTER FOR STUDENT OPPORTUNITY offers programs and career advisories to help you recognize, cultivate, and translate your interests and strengths into meaningful and exciting real-world opportunities.

CAREER SERVICES provides individualized career counseling, unraveled networking trips, internship funding, and on-campus recruiting. Many of the nation’s best organizations come to campus to recruit CMC students for internship and employment opportunities.

ROBERT DAY SCHOLARS PROGRAM prepares highly motivated students for leadership roles in a variety of industries including financial services, consulting, and not-for-profit organizations. You can apply for this unique opportunity during your sophomore year.

SCHOLAR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM supports several scholar cohorts with first-year internships, mentoring, advising, and other opportunities. Selection into the Scholar Communities is determined at the time of admission.

NEARLY 95% of students have at least one internship

CMC is a designated Ashoka U. Changemaker Campus

$1 million funding available for sponsored internships & experiences

95% CMC students spend at least one semester in an off-campus study program
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. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (CMS) is a top-10 NCAA Division III athletics program, comprised of student-athletes from three Claremont Colleges: CMC, Harvey Mudd and Scripps.

- CMS teams have won over 300 conference championships and five team national championships since the program’s inception in 1958, including national titles in each of the last three years (men’s tennis, men’s golf, and women’s volleyball).
- 16 of 21 sports have finished in the top-10 in the nation
- 11 women’s and 10 men’s varsity NCAA Division III teams
- Mascots: Athenas (women) and Stags (men)
- 47 P.E. courses offered, along with walk-in fitness classes
- Approximately 20 club teams and intramural sports to participate in

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Amnesty International
Claremont Accounting Association
Claremont Consulting Group
Claremont Radius
CREATE Club
Film History and Appreciation Club
 ¡Mi Gente!
Model United Nations
Outdoor Initiative
Sexuality and Gender Alliance
Student Investment Fund
Sustainable Students Promoting Environmental Awareness & Responsibility
Women’s Forum
... and more!

CARE CENTER

CIVILITY, ACCESS, RESOURCES, AND EXPRESSION

The CARE Center is a space for expression, study, dialogue, and exploration of our intersecting social identities, and how they inform the ways in which we live within, learn from, and engage with the world. Each year, current student CARE Fellows host programs designed to bring in a wide range of perspectives and provide space for diverse opinions.

97% of students live on campus

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17% international students

17%

36% students of color among US students

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Success After CMC

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Engage with Today’s Leaders

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The Claremont Colleges

The Claremont Colleges are a consortium of five undergraduate schools and two graduate institutions, in which the five undergraduate schools and Claremont Graduate University are contiguous within one square mile. At CMC, you will be a part of a diverse, talented, and dynamic community of students, faculty, and staff. Yet, a simple stroll across the street will quickly expand your community in manifold ways, meeting more than 7,000 colleagues from across the Claremont Colleges: taking classes together, eating in each other’s dining facilities, mingling at parties and events, and joining cross-disciplinary, cross-campus organizations.

So Cal Living

CMC is located 35 miles east of Los Angeles in the city of Claremont. Famous for its tree-lined streets and world-renowned colleges, Claremont offers unique warmth, engaged charm, and community spirit. Claremont Village has a wide array of restaurants and shops as well as a movie theater and art museum. You can explore further by attending one of the many college-sponsored trips to cultural and entertainment destinations in Los Angeles as well as various outdoor excursions in the local mountains, desert, and beaches.

12 minute walk to the Claremont Village

2,300 5C courses

OVER 1.9 million volumes in the Claremont Colleges Library

284 sunny days per year

10 miles to Ontario International Airport

One-hour drive to Southern California beaches, Joshua Tree National Park, and Disneyland.

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7 dining halls

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You have read about the power of a Claremont McKenna College experience,

Now we want to hear from you!

To receive more exciting info about CMC, add your name to our mailing list at:
connect.cmc.edu/learn

Start gaining insight into CMC by exploring our website and following our students on the Office of Admission Instagram and Facebook group. You will gain a first-person perspective of the dynamic and diverse community that awaits you during your four years as a CMC student.