

# *Special Programs and Opportunities*

There are many special study and experiential opportunities available at Pomona College, including The Writing Center, Study Abroad programs, Oldenborg Center, cooperative academic programs at other colleges/universities, career planning and volunteer programs.

## **THE WRITING CENTER**

The Writing Center provides students with a community of experienced readers and writers, offering free, one-on-one consultations at any stage of the writing process—from figuring out how to approach an assignment, through generating a thesis and structuring an argument to fine-tuning a draft. Consultations are free and confidential.

The Writing Fellows are Pomona students—sophomores, juniors and seniors—majoring in subjects as varied as Biology, English, Politics and Religious Studies. They are trained to work with writers at all levels, and on assignments in any discipline.

## **STUDY ABROAD**

### **Study Abroad Committee**

Pomona College offers qualified students a variety of opportunities for study abroad. The Study Abroad Committee, a standing committee of the faculty that includes two student representatives, has jurisdiction over all aspects of Pomona's Study Abroad programs. The committee identifies and approves programs, authorizes credit and selects participants.

### **Office of Study Abroad**

The Office of Study Abroad was established in 1973 to develop and supervise the overseas programs. The office staff assists and advises students who are interested in studying in other countries. Approximately one-half of each graduating class participates in a Pomona semester abroad. A booklet titled "Pomona College Study Abroad Guide," with detailed information on the programs described below, may be obtained from the Office of Study Abroad, Sumner Hall, Pomona College.

### **Pomona Programs**

The College sponsors programs in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, South Africa, Spain and Taiwan. These programs vary in content and format, and availability is subject to change. The range of subject matter reflects the particular opportunities and scholastic strengths available in each location. Language instruction is an integral part of the programs in foreign-language countries.

### **Non-Pomona Programs**

In cases where no appropriate Pomona program exists, a student may request that the Study Abroad Committee approve a specific program on an ad-hoc basis. The applicant must convince the committee of the academic merit of the request to study on a non-Pomona program based on the quality of the proposed overseas program and the student's own background and academic goals.

## Credit

The maximum allowable credit a student may receive for a semester abroad is four Pomona course credits. The evaluation process for work done abroad differs among Pomona programs and non-Pomona programs. Credit for study abroad is determined by the director of Study Abroad on the recommendation of the relevant overseas program director.

## Application Procedures

All students who wish to study abroad and receive Pomona course credits must submit an application to the Study Abroad Committee for acceptance and approval during the semester before the proposed study abroad. The necessary forms may be obtained online from the Study Abroad Website: [www.pomona.edu/ADWR/StudyAbroad](http://www.pomona.edu/ADWR/StudyAbroad). The forms must be returned to the Office of Study Abroad by the mid-September deadline for spring programs and by the early February deadline for programs beginning in the fall.

## Selection Criteria and Eligibility

Students must present evidence of the necessary academic strength, linguistic skills and special preparation in the area of the proposed course of study. They should make a persuasive case that the proposed program and destination are appropriate in terms of academic and cultural goals. They must also demonstrate the individual initiative and sense of responsibility necessary to complete the program abroad.

Competition may occur within the various programs since some have a limited number of spaces. It should be noted that some programs have specific course prerequisites and/or GPA requirements.

The student's adviser must support the applicant and indicate that the proposed foreign study will advance and not impede progress toward the degree. Applicants are also asked to complete a form indicating how they expect to complete graduation requirements.

Students may study abroad as second-semester sophomores, juniors or first-semester seniors. First-semester sophomores and second-semester seniors are not generally eligible for study abroad. Students on probation may not apply for or participate in programs abroad.

## Cost

Students accepted for study abroad programs are charged Pomona tuition, room and board. This amount covers the academic program fees abroad, room and board, as well as a travel stipend toward round-trip transportation between Los Angeles and the program site. In exceptional cases, a surcharge may be added. Students on financial aid normally receive their regular assistance while on a semester abroad.

Students who withdraw after submitting a signed contract accepting the offer to study abroad will be charged a withdrawal fee of \$350, plus all direct unrecoverable costs contracted on the student's behalf and a prorated share of the program's administrative costs. A reduction in course load of an overseas program will not result in any adjustment in the semester's fees as originally billed.

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The College encourages the active participation of students in research projects and independent study. A number of talented students are able to gain valuable inquiry, library, laboratory and/or field experience while working with professors or independently on research projects during the academic year and the summer break. Student research participation is made possible through external grants obtained by individual faculty members, support to the College from outside funding sources and College-supported grants