

## Campus Life

Pomona College students, who pursue many academic and extracurricular interests, come from various social and geographic backgrounds. Their daily life is characterized by an easy informality natural to the climate and character of Southern California.

Students at Pomona enjoy both the intimacy of a small residential college and the university atmosphere of The Claremont Colleges. Interaction with Pomona professors is greater and more frequent than at a large university; at the same time, Pomona students have the libraries and multiple student services of the colleges in Claremont, which together enroll more than 7,000 students.

Students are expected to live on campus and take their meals in campus dining halls. Life outside the classroom is centered in the residence halls, which are coeducational. Although students have the biggest say in regulating life within the residence halls, the faculty and administration also participate in their governance.

### RESOURCES AND SERVICES

#### Campus Living and Dining

There are 12 coeducational residence halls. Various types of accommodations include single and double rooms and suites. First-year students are assigned rooms on south campus. The residence halls staff includes deans, student resident advisors and sponsors. The Residence Hall Committee—a group of students and administrators—is responsible for proposing changes in residence hall policy to the Student Affairs Committee.

The board program options for 2009-10 range from 12 meals per week to 19 meals per week, with “board plus dollars” ranging from \$80 per semester to \$240 per semester. Find details online at [www.pomona.edu/administration/campus-life](http://www.pomona.edu/administration/campus-life).

A faculty meal plan provides for faculty to join students in the dining halls at the expense of the College, for one meal a week.

#### Health and Counseling

The Student Health Service and Monsour Counseling and Psychological Services are located in the Robert E. Tranquada Student Services Center, which is in front of Honnold Library. Both services are open each semester when classes are in session. The Student Health Service stresses preventative medicine and health awareness. Consultation and outpatient treatment by the physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses are available to students by appointment at no charge. There are minimal charges for walk-in visits, medications, X-rays, laboratory tests, special procedures and supplies. These charges do not have to be paid for at the time of service. Referral for subspecialty consultation, hospitalization and surgery can be arranged by the Student Health Service but will not be financed by the



College—payment is the student's responsibility. All students must have a health history and entrance physical on file to use the services. These forms are required for initial admission to Pomona College as a first year or transfer student. Forms completed by a family member/relative who is an M.D./nurse practitioner will not be accepted. All students' records are confidential. Medical records are not made available to anyone without the student's permission. The Student Health Service maintains a Website where more information about medical services can be accessed at [www.cuc.claremont.edu/sbs](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/sbs).

Monsour Counseling and Psychological Services helps students with personal and emotional problems. The Center provides brief individual therapy, medication evaluation, group therapy and referrals to other mental health resources. Workshops and groups are offered on topics such as sexual abuse, eating disorders, relationship issues, stress management, grief and self-esteem issues. Students who have personal concerns, psychological or emotional distress or who simply wish to talk with someone are welcome. There is no charge for the services of psychologists or a consulting psychiatrist at the center. It is understood that a relationship formed with the center is confidential.

The College does not assume responsibility for medical or psychological care of its students beyond the capacity of its health and counseling facilities. A student accident and sickness medical-expense insurance plan is available to students for purchase through the Claremont University Consortium (CUC). Effective fall 2008, all incoming students are automatically enrolled in the CUC Student Health Insurance Plan. Student may waive out of the plan by submitting proof of comparable insurance. International students are required to purchase the CUC plan. Designed to supplement the care provided by the health and counseling services, the CUC Student Health Insurance Plan includes benefits for psychological services, accidental injuries, hospitalization, surgery, doctor visits in the hospital, emergency care and ambulance services. Premiums for coverage are listed in an insurance-plan brochure mailed to each student. Information is also available from the Student Health Service.

## Chaplains

Dedicated to empowering and enhancing spiritual life at The Claremont Colleges, the Interfaith Office of the Chaplains directs the programs of McAlister Center for Religious Activities. Assisting students in making contact with members of their community of belief, the chaplains, a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi coordinate a wide range of events, programs and provide pastoral counseling for the Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Zen, Latter-Day Saints, Christian Science, Unitarian and other communities. The chaplains also direct The Claremont Colleges Community Service Center, which provides diverse volunteer opportunities in the local area.

Located within McAlister Center are the Community Service Center, a meditation chapel, a library, a fireside lounge and the chaplains' offices.

## Services for Students of African Descent

The Office of Black Student Affairs (OBSA) addresses the educational needs of students of African descent. The office, through its cultural programs and academic services, seeks to create a supportive environment for students that will help them attain their undergraduate and graduate degrees. OBSA also hopes to help students develop emotional autonomy, coping skills, feelings of self-worth and independence, a positive ethnic identity, mature relationships with peers, appropriate educational plans, mature career paths and responsible lifestyles.

The Office of Black Student Affairs is committed to diversity, and its programs and services are open to all students of The Claremont Colleges. It sponsors numerous activities, including the New Student Retreat, Black History Month programs, leadership training, cross-cultural programs, speaker's series, poetry readings and other programs to

enhance students' interpersonal skills.

OBSA is located at 139 E. Seventh Street and can be reached by phone at (909) 607-3669; fax (909) 621-8969.

## Services for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students

The Asian American Resource Center's (AARC's) mission is to build a stronger sense of Asian Pacific Islander community, raise awareness of issues affecting Asian American and Pacific Islanders, develop student leadership and act as a resource for the campus community. AARC collaborates with other ethnic groups, academic departments and campus offices on a wide range of social and educational programs such as Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, leadership development retreats, the Asian Pacific Islander Arts Initiative, Social Justice Lecture Series and faculty lecture series. Working in conjunction with the five-college Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies, AARC also houses the multimedia Yuri Kochiyama Asian American Studies Library and Off-Campus Placement Program that provides information on internship and scholarship opportunities.

The Asian American Mentor Program (AAMP) is a student-run peer mentoring program established to meet the specific needs of first-year and transfer Asian American students in adjusting to college life. AAMP provides a solid base of social, academic and emotional support for Asian American students by fostering one-on-one relationships and organizing small-group activities and campus-wide events. The AARC is located at the Smith Campus Center. For information about programs, contact (909) 621-8639.

## Services for Chicano/Latino Students

The Chicano/Latino Student Affairs Center (CLSA) is an educational support service that addresses student issues through academic, social and cultural programs. CLSA seeks to build community through a variety of activities and events designed to bring students together from the five colleges. Specifically, the New Student Retreat, Latino Heritage Month, Día de la Familia, monthly lunches, study breaks, movie series, guest lectures and César Chávez Commemoration Program help students to network and form bonds of friendship and support. Moreover, every new student is mentored through the CLSA Sponsor Program. Programs are provided that enrich student cultural identity and promote social awareness. CLSA offers services and activities that celebrate the history, heritage and culture of Chicanos and Latinos. CLSA is located at 757 College Way, on the second floor of the Robert E. Tranquada Student Services Center. To contact CLSA, please call (909) 621-8044 or visit our Website at: [www.cuc.claremont.edu/chicano](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/chicano).

## Services for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning and Allied Students

Located in Walton Commons, the Queer Resource Center (QRC) of The Claremont Colleges is a seven-college organization providing resources for students, faculty and staff of all sexual orientations and genders. The mission of the QRC is to empower each lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning person to have a positive college experience, grow as a self-aware individual and be a responsible community member. The QRC has a large collection of LGBT-related books which can be checked out as textbooks, research material or just for fun as well as a wide selection of movies that can be checked out for free; the QRC's student staff plan social, educational and political programs throughout the year in addition to co-sponsoring many events with various other organizations; and the QRC lounge can be used for meetings, doing homework, practicing piano, playing foosball or simply hanging out with friends in a safe space.

## POLICY MAKING, STUDENT CONDUCT AND REGULATIONS