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# Claremont McKenna College

(member of seven-institution Claremont Colleges)

500 East Ninth Street  
 Claremont, California 91711  
 Private college established in 1946, became coed in 1976.  
 Full-time undergraduates: 675 Men, 648 Women.  
 Part-time undergraduates: 2 Men.  
 Graduate enrollment: 18 Men, 3 Women.  
 Total campus enrollment: 1,346.  
 FICE #1170, FAFSA #001170, SAT/PROFILE #4054, ACT #0224,  
 OPEID #117000, IPEDS #112260.

## ADMISSIONS

### Requirements

Graduation from secondary school required; GED accepted. General college-preparatory program required. 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 2 units of lab science, 3 units of foreign language, 1 unit of social studies, and 1 unit of history required. 4 units of mathematics and 3 units of lab science recommended. SAT Reasoning or ACT required. SAT Subject (math and one of applicants choice) required of home-schooled students. No policy for SAT or ACT writing component. TOEFL required of international applicants. Campus visit and admissions interview recommended. Off-campus interview may be arranged with an admissions or alumni representative. Admission may be deferred up to two years. Application fee \$70 (may be waived in cases of financial need), nonrefundable.

### Basis for Candidate Selection

Academic: Secondary school record, class rank, recommendations, and standardized test scores very important. Essay important.  
 Non-academic: Extracurricular activities and character/personal qualities very important. Particular talent/ability important. Interview, alumni/ae relationship, geographical residence, minority affiliation, volunteer work, and work experience considered.

### Admissions Procedure

Normal sequence: Standardized test scores must be received by January 15. Application deadline is January 1. Common application form accepted. Notification of admission is sent by April 1. Reply is required by May 1. \$500 tuition deposit, nonrefundable. \$200 room deposit, nonrefundable. Freshmen may enter only in fall term. Admissions process is need-blind.

Special programs: Early decision program. For fall 2015, 185 of 735 early decision applicants were accepted. Early decision deadline is November 1.

Transfers: Transfer students are accepted. In fall 2015, 450 transfer applications were received, 74 were accepted. Application deadline is April 1 for fall; November 1 for spring. Secondary school transcript, college transcript, essay or personal statement, and statement of good standing from prior institutions required; interview recommended. Lowest course grade accepted is "C." Maximum number of transferable semester hours is 64. At least 64 semester hours must be completed at the school to earn a bachelor's degree.

International Students: 220 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 34 countries represented. Application deadline is January 1 for fall; November 1 for spring.

Learning Disabled Students: Diagnostic test and essay required. Support services available. Untimed standardized tests accepted. Additional time to complete degree permitted.

Placement Options: Placement may be granted for challenge exams. Credit and placement may be granted for International Baccalaureate.

### Freshman Class Profile

For fall 2015, 11% of 7,156 applicants were offered admission. 44% of those accepted matriculated. 919 applicants were put on a waiting list.

Secondary school class rank of freshmen (fall 2015):

Top tenth	76%
Top quarter	98%
Top half	100%

16% of freshmen submitted class rank.

58% of accepted applicants submitted SAT Reasoning; 56% submitted ACT.

SAT Reasoning scores of freshmen (fall 2015):

	Reading %	Math %	Writing %
700-800	61	65	73
600-699	38	33	25
500-599	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	100%	100%	100%

Range of SAT Reasoning scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2015):

Critical Reading: 670-750 Math: 670-780

ACT scores of freshmen (fall 2015):

	English %	Math %	Composite %
30-36	82	73	81
24-29	16	25	19
18-23	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	100%	100%	100%

Range of ACT scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2015):

English: 30-34 Math: 29-34

### Student Body Characteristics

55% are from out of state. Average age of full-time undergraduates is 20.

Composition of student body (fall 2015):

	Undergraduate	Freshman
Non-resident aliens	16.6	17.5
Hispanic/Latino	13.6	15.5
Black	4.3	3.8
White	42.3	38.2
American Indian	0.1	0.0
Asian American	10.3	10.8
Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0
Two or more races	6.6	6.1
Unknown	<u>6.0</u>	<u>8.1</u>
	100.0%	100.0%

## FINANCIAL

### Expenses

Tuition (2016-17): \$50,945 per year. Room: \$7,385-\$9,580. Board: \$6,100-\$7,270. Required fees: \$245. Books/misc. expenses (school's estimate): \$2,700.

### Financial Aid

Needs analysis based on federal and institutional methodology. FAFSA: Deadline is March 1. CSS/PROFILE: Priority filing date is November 1; deadline is January 1. State aid form, Divorced Parent's statement, and Business/Farm supplement. Notification of awards begins April 1. In 2015, the average aid package of full-time undergraduates with financial need was \$43,315; \$41,971 for full-time freshmen. School participates in Federal Work-Study Program. 22% of 2015 graduates incurred an average debt of \$25,462. Of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid, 100% of need was met.

### Scholarships and Grants

Need-based Federal Pell, SEOG, state, college/university, and private scholarships/grants. Non-need-based academic merit, ROTC, and leadership scholarships/grants. In 2015, \$20,706,760 in need-based scholarships/grants and \$1,760,301 in non-need-based scholarships/grants was awarded.

### Loans

Direct subsidized Stafford, direct unsubsidized Stafford, direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, college/university, and private/alternative loans. Institutional payment plan. In 2015, \$1,939,205 in need-based self-help aid was awarded, including \$975,366 in student loans.

### Student Employment

Institutional employment. Off-campus part-time employment opportunities rated "fair."

## ACADEMIC

### Accreditation

Accredited by WASC.

### Instructional Faculty

Full-time: 104 men, 46 women; part-time: 10 men, 5 women.

Doctorates/Terminal 99% Masters 1%

FTE Student-Faculty ratio: 8 to 1.

### Degree Offerings

*Baccalaureate*: B.A. *Master's*: M.A.

### Majors Leading to Bachelor's Degree

Africana Studies, American Studies, Asian Studies, Biology, Biology/Chemistry, Biophysics, Chemistry, Chicano Studies, Classical Studies, Economics, Economics/Accounting, Economics/Engineering, Environment/Economics/Politics, Environmental Analysis, Environmental Science, Film Studies, French, Government, History, International Relations, Legal Studies, Literature, Management/Engineering, Mathematics, Media Studies, Middle East Studies, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, Organismal Biology, Philosophy, Philosophy/Politics/Economics, Philosophy/Public Affairs, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Science/Management, Spanish, Theatre.

### Academic Requirements

Three semester hours of physical education required. Core curriculum required.

### Academic Programs

Sequences offered in Asian American studies, computer science, ethics, financial economics, gender studies, human rights/genocide/Holocaust studies, Jewish studies, leadership, and scientific modeling. Self-designed majors. Double majors. Dual degrees. Independent study. Phi Beta Kappa. Pass/fail grading option. Internships. Graduate programs offered; qualified undergraduates may take graduate-level classes. 3-1 Robert Day Sch B.A./M.A. combined degree program. 3-2 B.A./B.S. in management-engineering; B.A./B.S. in economics and engineering. Member of The Claremont Colleges. Sea Semester. Washington, DC semester. Environmental Science Marine Biological Lab (Woods Hole, MA), Silicon Valley Semester Program. Study abroad in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, and Vietnam. 10 Research institutes. ROTC. AFROTC at U of Southern California.

### Facilities

220 microcomputers available to all students. Internet access. E-mail services/accounts. Computer equipment/network access provided in resid-

ence halls, library, and computer center/labs. Wireless network. Library of 1,135,052 titles, 980,340 microforms, 13,171 audiovisuals, 35,548 e-books. School is a member of library consortium. Athenaeum, theater, auditorium, hall of music.

### Academic Experience

95% of freshmen return for their sophomore year. 92% of freshmen graduate within six years. The most popular majors among recent graduates were economics, government, and psychology. 33% of graduates pursue further study within 20 years.

### Guidance Facilities/Student Services

Non-remedial tutoring. Placement service. Health service. Health insurance. Many career, counseling, international, LD, and handicapped student services. Most of campus is accessible to the physically handicapped.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Athletics

Intercollegiate baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field (outdoor), water polo for men. Intercollegiate basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field (outdoor), volleyball, water polo for women. Men's club archery, equestrian sports, fencing, field hockey, lacrosse, rugby, sailing, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball. Women's club archery, cheerleading, equestrian sports, fencing, field hockey, rugby, sailing, tennis, ultimate Frisbee. Intramural/recreational basketball, bocce, bowling, dodgeball, flag football, golf, homerun derby, inner-tube water polo, paintball, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, volleyball. 40% of students participate in intercollegiate sports. Member of Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Western Water Polo Association.

### Student Activities and Organizations

Student government, newspapers (*The Claremont Independent*; *The Forum*; *The Port Side*; *The Student Life*), literary magazine, yearbook, radio station. Six honor societies. Hillel, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Muslim Students Association. Asian Pacific American Mentoring Program, Office of Black Student Affairs, Chicano-Latino Student Affairs, Hawaiian club, Korean Student Association. International club. Ballroom Dance Company, Under the Lights, Shades, Without a Box, Democrats, Colleges Republicans, Debate Union, Amnesty International, Model UN, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Students Union, The Women's Forum, Bike Shop, Students Promoting Environmental Action/Responsibility, Student Health Advisory Committee, investment club; Accounting and Economics Associations. A total of 48 registered organizations. No social fraternities or sororities.

## GENERAL

### Housing

All first-year students must live on campus. Coed dormitories and student apartments; disabled student and substance-free housing. 97% of all undergraduates (100% of all freshmen) live in school-owned/-operated/-affiliated housing.

### Regulations and Policies

Alcohol permitted on campus for students of legal age; additional restrictions apply. Class attendance policies set by individual instructors. Hazing prohibited. Freshmen may not have cars on campus.

### Environment/Transportation

69-acre campus in Claremont (population: 35,824), 35 miles from Los Angeles. Served by bus and train; major airport serves Los Angeles; other airport serves Ontario (10 miles). Public transportation serves campus.

### Calendar

Semester system; classes begin in early September and mid-January. Orientation for new students held in August.