

ORIENTATION ARRIVAL INFORMATION

April 2011

To All New Students:

The following information should be useful in your preparation for entering CMC this fall. Please take some time to review this information carefully and retain it for future reference. You will also be receiving information on a summer reading (freshmen only).

TIME SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

New Students have the option to move in on Wednesday August 24, rather than Thursday August 25. Limited services will be available. Students may use the morning for shopping, then pick up their residence hall room keys between 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm at Story House. Parents may pick up their Parent Orientation materials at the Hub. Please note: students must be present to sign for their room keys. Keys will not be issued to parents. Lunch and dinner will be available for purchase in Collins Dining Hall.

All students should report to the canopies on the lawn north of Phillips Hall and east of Collins Hall between 9:00 am and 11:00 am to pick up their orientation packet. Students who arrive on August 25 should pick up their keys in Story House.

Rooms will not be available before 1:00 pm on August 24. If you must arrive in the area before that date, we suggest that you make reservations at a nearby hotel (from the CMC home page click on "About CMC," then "Area Maps," then "Claremont Area Guide").

Full orientation activities officially begin on Thursday, August 25. Lunch for you and your parents will be served at Collins Dining Hall between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. There are afternoon programs for all new students and family members, followed by dinner at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 pm we'll allow a little time to say "goodbyes." The Office of Parent Relations (909-621-8098) will mail your parents detailed information about the Parents Orientation Day Program and an event reservation form (including sign-up for dinner) in a few weeks. The information is available [on-line](#).

No personal appointments should be made away from the campus during the Orientation period, which will extend through Tuesday, August 30. If your arrival must be delayed, you should make arrangements in advance with Jennifer Jimenez Marañá, Associate Dean of Students, who can be reached at (909) 621-8114. Any delay in your arrival after August 25 is likely to make your first week of classes quite rushed.

If you will be booking a return airplane flight home at the end of the semester, remember that you must sit for your final exams on the days they are scheduled (during the week of December 12-16). Because you will not know which days your finals are on until you register for classes, we strongly suggest that you purchase a ticket that you can reschedule with low change fees. If that is not possible, book a ticket to leave after finals, on the evening of December 16. The Academic Calendar for 2011-2012 and the CMC Master Calendar can be found on-line.

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

If you are arriving by car, please go to the following web address:

<http://www.cmc.edu/about/directions.asp>. For those arriving by plane, we recommend that you fly into Ontario International Airport in Ontario, California. The airport is about twenty minutes away from The Claremont Colleges, and a taxi to CMC will cost approximately \$30.00.

MAIL

The correct address for mail and shipping is:

Your First & Last Name - Box # (Unidentifiable mail will be returned to sender)
Story House - CMC
742 North Amherst Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711-6430

Please follow this format. Your mailbox number will be provided with your housing assignment. Trunks may be sent directly to Story House, but should not be shipped before August 17. All items must be prepaid or they will be returned. Please note that boxes, trunks, and luggage are shipped and stored at your own risk. The College does not assume responsibility for them. Please note: large furniture items cannot be accepted for delivery at Story House.

RESIDENCE HALL ARRANGEMENTS

Each student living in the residence halls is provided with a bed, mattress, mattress pad, pillow, desk, desk shelf, desk chair, dresser, and trash/recycling can. You will need to bring your own linen (pillow case, extra-long twin top and fitted bottom sheet), blankets, bedspreads, towels, study lamps (non-halogen), and personal effects. Students are responsible for making their own beds.

The College does not participate in a refrigerator or microwave rental program. However, after you have received your housing assignment you may wish to discuss purchasing a mini-refrigerator or microwave with your roommate. The refrigerator must not be larger than 4.5 cubic feet. Both the refrigerator and microwave must be UAL approved, and must not draw on more than 100 watts of power.

Air conditioners are not allowed in residence hall rooms and will be confiscated if found.

Limited storage is provided in some of the residence halls while classes are in session and closet space is sufficient for most students' needs. The residence halls are closed for one month during the winter break and during the entire summer. Students who choose to remain in the Claremont area during winter break or summer vacation are responsible for their own lodging, food, and storage of personal items. International Place normally tries to assist international students who need housing when the College is not in session.

CLOTHING & LAUNDRY

Dress at the College is generally casual, although a number of evening and special campus functions (especially those at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum) may call for more formal wear. There are washing machines and dryers in every residence hall, and there are several dry cleaners/laundries within walking distance.

CAMPUS DINING

You will find a brochure on Campus Dining at <http://www.cafebonappetit.com/collins-cmc/>. Click on "Meal Plans."

PROPERTY INSURANCE

The College does not assume responsibility for students' personal property, other than the loss of or damage to items by a College employee acting within the scope of their duties. Losses incurred by theft, fire, interruption of utilities, and other causes are your responsibility. You should have property and theft insurance. Many students are covered by their parents' "homeowners" or "renters" insurance. You should inquire whether your belongings would be protected under the terms of such a policy while you are at the College.

ACCIDENT & SICKNESS INSURANCE

The Claremont Colleges have an outstanding on-campus student health center. However, Student Health Service cannot treat all possible medical conditions. All students are required to have a medical insurance plan. You can fulfill this requirement one of two ways:

- 1) If you are already insured, provide us with the name, Group & ID number, and your insurance company's phone number for treatment authorization.
- 2) Authorize us to charge your Student Account for an annual health plan which has been negotiated with a private insurance company. (More information about this plan can be found at www.renstudent.com/claremont.) We will submit your name and payment to the insurer, and the cost of the program will be put on your Student Account.

Please complete the Student Medical Insurance form so that we'll know which option you have selected.

TELEPHONE

There will be one active phone jack in your room (double or single) if you (or your roommate) have requested it. No phone instrument will be provided. You may either bring a phone with you or purchase one locally upon your arrival. If you will be bringing a cordless phone, please be aware that 1) it will take hours to fully charge the phone and 2) that if it is not working immediately it probably has not been fully charged. You will receive an email at your CMC address with your phone number (the last five numerals will be your extension) along with information on setting up free voice mail service. For phone activation/deactivation requests contact the Dean of Students Office at dcastro@cmc.edu.

All campus phones may be dialed directly from off campus. The campus switchboard (909-621-8000) is staffed Monday through Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday, 9am to 4pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Incoming calls can be transferred; however, student phone numbers are not released by the switchboard staff.

There are two options for student long distance dialing: 1) purchase a prepaid calling card available through local merchants, 2) your cellular phone.

For questions regarding the campus telephone service, please contact the CUC Office of Information Technology at (909) 621-8297, e-mail lauram@cuc.claremont.edu, or visit their web page at www.cuc.claremont.edu/phone.

BOOKS & PERSONAL EXPENSES/COMPUTING

You should anticipate spending approximately \$1,200 per year for books, and you should arrive on campus prepared to spend more than half of this amount in the first month. The website for the Claremont Colleges Huntley Bookstore (a Follett store) is <http://www.claremont.bkstr.com>. Other personal expenses are likely to run about \$1,000 or more for the academic year.

The link under Student Resources to our Student Technology Services department has information on computing at CMC and lists websites for computing purchases.

CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Bank of America, California Bank and Trust, Chase, Citibank, Community Commerce Bank, First City Credit Union, USbank, and Wells Fargo have offices within walking distance of the College. The Claremont Chamber of Commerce website (claremontchamber.org) has member listings for other businesses and services within the city.

ADVISORS

After you arrive you will receive a registration packet containing the name of your faculty advisor. Prior to registration you will have the opportunity to meet with your advisor. You are also encouraged to meet with your advisor for any academic assistance or counseling you may need throughout the year.

ACCOMMODATION FOR LEARNING & PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES

The Dean of Students staff works with students who have physical needs and/or learning differences (LD) on a case-by-case basis. For more information on our accommodations, see <http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/dos/PhysicalLearningDiff.php>.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Freshmen students are not permitted to bring cars on campus. Transfer students should refer to the Parking and Motor Vehicles memo.

BICYCLES

Many CMC students own bicycles. City regulations require registration of all bicycles for a small yearly fee. You may register your bicycle at the Department of Campus Safety or the Claremont City Hall (cashier's office). When not in use, bicycles should be locked in one of the bicycle racks provided. Bicycles are not to be stored in residence hall corridors or lounges. Students who own expensive bicycles are advised to obtain insurance on them. All bicycles must be taken home at the end of the spring semester.

The CMC Bike Shop offers free bike rental and repairs done at cost. The Bike Shop is located in the basement of Wohlford Residence Hall and is open seven days a week.

Any questions about Orientation or other arrangements may be directed to the Dean of Students Office at (909) 621-8114. We look forward to meeting you soon!