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International admission guide

Study abroad and shape your
future with a US degree

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A Warm Welcome Awaits

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At Simmons you will have a number of opportunities to challenge yourself personally and academically, to develop friendships with people from a variety of backgrounds, and to experience Boston.

You will also witness firsthand the magic of Simmons and our legacy of helping students grow and develop as leaders and social justice champions. Our study options for international students can be accessed via our global partner, Kaplan International, who can help you to join us at Simmons. I look forward to living, learning, and leading with all of you!

DR. LYNN PERRY WOOTEN
President of Simmons University



#3
best university

in the city of Boston^W

#8
women's college

in the USA^B

50%
renewable tuition
scholarship opportunity

Top 30
Best value university in the USA^U

Top 40
for learning experience in the USA^Q

Top 160
National university in the USA^U

B: bestcolleges.com 2023
Q: QS World University Rankings: USA 2021
U: U.S. News & World Report 2024
W: Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings 2022

The power of women's colleges

Located in Boston, Simmons University is a private, liberal arts university that was established to provide women with a meaningful education and professional work experience. The University's pioneering spirit of inclusion and opportunity creation is partly why its graduates are so successful.

Influential alumni connections

In America, women's colleges are often recognized for their strong alumni networks, which help connect students with internship and employment opportunities—giving students a powerful boost in their job search after graduation.

Better academic outcomes

Compared to women at other institutions, women's college undergraduates report higher levels of class participation and active learning, and are more likely to collaborate in faculty-led research projects, resulting in more confident and well-prepared graduates.



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In a field like computer science, which is so male-dominated, Simmons promotes a welcoming classroom atmosphere where I don't have to worry about being overshadowed or overlooked because of my gender. There's something so special about learning computer science in a room full of women, who could all see ourselves in our professor.

KAYA CHOU-KUDU

Graduated in 2020 with BS Computer Science

Currently employed as a full-stack software engineer



12x

Women's college students are 12 times more likely to get a degree in mathematics or hard science

81%

of graduates from women's colleges or universities go on to earn a master's degree or PhD

33%

of women on the boards of Fortune 1000 companies are graduates of women's colleges or universities

20%

of women in US Congress are graduates of women's colleges or universities



Why choose Simmons University?

When you join Simmons University, you'll become part of a compassionate institution that has been empowering women for more than a century. Plus, you'll gain a leadership education to help you build a more just world.



Incredible Boston location

Simmons University is located in the heart of Boston's lively Fenway neighborhood, and is just a 25-minute subway ride to downtown. This area of Boston features 15 universities and several hospitals and research centers. Greater Boston is home to a thriving and diverse community of 5 million people. From museums, theaters, and parks to restaurants and the legendary Fenway Park baseball stadium, there's so much for you to explore.



A tight-knit community in a big city

As an undergraduate student enrolled in smaller classes, you'll receive individual attention from your professors who are committed to helping everyone reach their full potential. At Simmons, your professors will know your name—and they'll be there to guide you through your academic journey and beyond. While Simmons provides a women-focused education at the undergraduate level, the University's graduate school is open to all genders.



Academic and professional opportunities

Simmons University is well connected in Boston's cutting-edge technology, education, and medical sectors, giving its students unparalleled access to opportunities. Enroll in courses at other universities in the "Colleges of the Fenway" group (see page 15); immerse yourself in the thriving community of doctors and researchers in the Longwood Medical Area (see page 12); and earn 2 bachelor's degrees in 5 years by participating in the dual-degree program with Columbia University or Washington University in St. Louis. (see pages 20–21).

Find out more
Discover Simmons at
▶ kaplanpathways.com/simmons-university

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I was nervous about moving so far away from home to study, but Simmons University welcomed me with open arms. The staff are kind, welcoming, and always ready to help, and so are the students.

IVY FROM KENYA

Earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology at Simmons University



Founded in
1899

by John Simmons

1,788

undergraduate students and 4,539 graduate students

223

full-time faculty members, of which 75% are women

30 countries

represented in the student population

35+

majors and programs to choose from

450+

partnerships with clinics and hospitals

15 students

average undergraduate class size

7:1

undergraduate student to faculty ratio

125+

years of empowering women scholars

Preparing women leaders

Simmons University has a long history of equipping women with the skills needed for success, making it the ideal place to learn and thrive. Be inspired by the University's committed faculty and alumni and develop strong leadership skills that will last a lifetime.

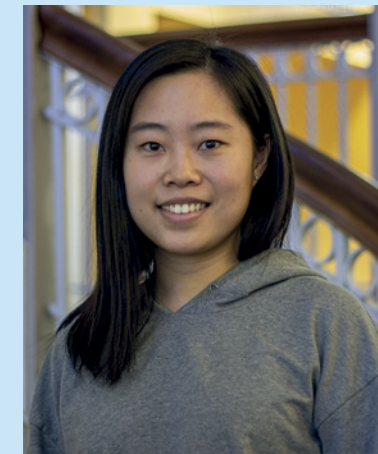


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There are lots of opportunities for leadership experience at a smaller university. It's also a very close community. I got two of my internships through Simmons alumni, so I've seen firsthand how women really want to help other women.

SCARLETT FROM CHINA

Graduated with bachelor's degrees in nursing and economics from Simmons University



Learn from professionals

Supporting women's professional development for over 40 years, the Simmons Leadership Conference is considered the premier women's leadership conference in the world. Each year, conference speakers include role models, thought leaders, and prominent women, such as Benazir Bhutto and Michelle Obama. These women tell their stories, discuss the experiences of women in the workplace, and motivate and inspire others to reach their dreams.

Leadership at its core

Simmons's PLAN (Purpose Leadership ActioN) will set you up for 21st century career success. Working closely with faculty mentors, this core curriculum will help you practice leadership, find your life's work, and apply your unique combination of passions and skills to help make the world work better. Through this framework, you'll learn across disciplines and personalize key components of your academic experience. The result? Seeing the world in new ways and approaching complex problems with creativity.

Driving justice forward

While leadership certainly has its place in the classroom and workforce, it's also important to foster "everyday leadership" skills that can be applied in your civic life. With social justice at the center of the Simmons experience, you'll learn to approach some of today's most-pressing social issues with knowledge, empathy, and confidence. The University is deeply committed to equal opportunity, accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Notable alumni

GWEN IFILL

Managing editor of Washington Week (public affairs TV program), journalist, television newscaster, author

DENISE DI NOVI

Film producer, whose work includes Edward Scissorhands and Crazy Stupid Love

NNENNA FREELON

Six-time Grammy Award nominee, jazz singer, composer, producer, arranger

PRINCESS SRINAGARINDRA

Member of the Thai Royal Family, humanitarian, founder of the Princess Mother's Medical Volunteer Foundation

BERTHA LETICIA NAVARRO OCHOA

Mexican entrepreneur who was Secretary of Tourism for Mexico, president of JAFRA Cosmetics and held high-ranking positions in the Gillette company

ANN M. FUDGE

Former CEO of Young & Rubicam

Get equipped for your rewarding career

With strong employer partnerships, a widespread alumni community, and top-notch career services, Simmons University provides a community where individual purpose and professional preparation converge.

Enhance your career readiness

Across all industries, leaders are in high-demand. To meet this demand, Simmons University believes in developing the 21st century's next generation of leaders through high-impact, experiential learning. You'll build confidence and gain real-world experience while participating in research, internships, practicums, and fieldwork opportunities. Simmons has an excellent reputation for partnering with employers, including 450+ clinics and hospitals.

“ Simmons University really contributed to who I am today. I felt like the leadership skills that I got from Simmons University helped me as a young woman to be more proactive and more confident in pursuing my goals. Simmons University really taught me to be brave in some of my actions and not to be afraid of asking questions. The leadership skills I have at this moment as an international civil servant really come from my time at Simmons University.



GULYALEK FROM TURKMENISTAN
 Graduated with a Simmons University master's degree in 2004
 Now Head of Communications at UNICEF

Access resources for professional success

Connecting students' passions with their career goals, Simmons's Career Education Center (CEC) empowers students with the expertise and skills needed to become a valuable member of any organization. CEC career coaches can help students and alumni with:

- Resumes and cover letters
- Internship searching
- Interviewing and negotiation
- Job searching

Go to work for a top US company

Simmons graduates have gone on to work or intern for many businesses and organizations including:

Amazon

The Boston Globe

Boston Children's Hospital

Converse

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Fidelity Investments

Harvard Medical School

Houghton Mifflin & Co.

HubSpot

Lockheed Martin

Massachusetts General Hospital

Museum of Fine Arts

Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Raytheon

Reebok

State Street

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Optional Practical Training (OPT) allows international students with an F-1 visa to stay in the USA and do paid work related to their degree after graduation. You can work for up to 1 year, or up to 3 years if your degree is in an eligible science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field.



100%

of Simmons students complete an internship, clinical placement, research project, or independent study

92%

of Simmons graduates are employed or pursuing additional education within 6 months of graduation

93%

of Simmons graduates are employed in a field related to their major or program

Welcome to Boston: “America’s College Town”

Boston has rightly earned its reputation as the epicenter of American higher education, making it a truly exciting place for you to build your future.

Discover Boston’s cultural heart

Boston is a thriving cultural hotspot where you can enjoy world-class music, dance, and theater, first-rate museums, and lively festivals. The city is also home to the country’s oldest running event, the Boston Marathon.

Get around with ease

Boston is ranked the most walkable city in the USA (insidermonkey.com), which means it’s super easy to get around by foot. In addition, Boston’s public transportation makes it convenient and affordable to travel throughout the city. Boston is also within 1 hour by plane from New York City, Philadelphia and Washington DC.

Benefit from professional opportunities

Boston is a hub for major industries and businesses, with many high-profile companies and promising start-ups choosing to base their headquarters in the city. As a result, Boston has a thriving economy and a steady stream of career opportunities.

Global center of medical research

Simmons’s academic campus sits in the Longwood Medical Area (Longwood) of Fenway. Longwood is known for its high concentration of schools, hospitals, and research institutions. At Simmons, you’ll be immersed in the bustling community of students, researchers, and healthcare workers that work and study in the area.

Watch a video about Boston

► kpln.org/boston-video



#3

for employer activity in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2024)

#6

best city for young professionals in the USA (niche.com 2023)

5

national sports teams spanning the NBA, MLB, NFL, MLS, and NHL

Simmons University and the surrounding area:



Student life in Boston

With over 40 colleges and universities, Boston attracts more than 300,000 students from around the world, making this famous and historic city an exciting place to spend your college years and make professional connections.

Watch Student Ambassador videos

Check out student life at Simmons in Boston
 ▶ kpln.org/simmons-videos

Favorite student activities in Boston:

Shop on Newbury Street in Back Bay, visiting one-of-a-kind boutiques and chic sidewalk cafés.

Walk, run, cycle, or skate along Charles River Esplanade, one of Boston's favorite public parks.

Follow the Freedom Trail to explore some of the USA's most famous historical sites on foot.

Kick back and relax with friends or go ice-staking in the winter in the USA's oldest park, the Boston Common.

Take in the sights of Boston's beautiful harbor and enjoy a night out in the Seaport district.



#1

student city in the USA
 (QS Best Cities 2024)

47,800+

international students in Boston

130+

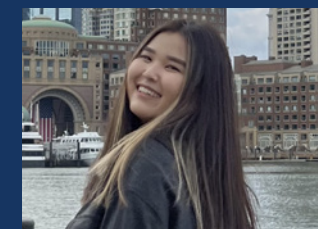
nations represented in Boston's international student population

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Boston will always stay in my heart as a city where I experienced totally new emotions and spent my youth while studying at university. I think I will remember Boston as a city in which I was not afraid to grow up and develop in the direction I truly wanted.

DANA FROM KAZAKHSTAN

Earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Simmons University



Be part of the Colleges of the Fenway

Simmons University is part of the Colleges of the Fenway, a group of 5 universities in the Fenway area of Boston's Back Bay. As a Simmons student, you can take classes at any of the other Fenway colleges, giving you an opportunity to meet new people and make friends outside of Simmons University. The other 4 universities are: Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MCPHS (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences), and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

▶ colleges-fenway.org

Benefits of this 5-college system include:

Access to 2,300 courses at no additional cost

Interaction with the 12,000+ undergraduate students across all 5 colleges

Opportunity to join 100+ clubs and societies across all 5 colleges

Chance to play intramural sports with other students from the Colleges of the Fenway

Participation in cross-campus events like the annual Block Party held each September and the Campus Movie Fest, which attracts 200 participants every year!



The campus experience

When you live on campus at Simmons, you'll be surrounded by like-minded students who will help you feel at home. You'll also benefit from a great location close to your classes.

Live on campus

First-year and second-year students are guaranteed a place in one of the university's affordable residence halls. Living on campus is a great way to save money on housing during your studies: the average monthly rent in Boston is \$2,630, while on-campus options (including a meal plan) cost approximately \$2,138 per month!

You'll stay on the nearby Simmons residence campus, which is home to 9 residence halls, the Bartol Dining Hall, the Holmes Sports Center, and the Health Center.

Great choices for dining

First-year students sign up for a meal plan, which means you can choose from a wide variety of flexible dining options, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and authentic international menu offerings. Your meal plan gives you access to 5 dining locations across the residence and academic campuses.

Your housing options

As a first- or second-year student, you'll live in either Mesick Hall, Morse Hall, Simmons Hall, or South Hall. You'll share a dorm room with your first-year roommate(s), usually in double or triple rooms. All residence halls have a living room, kitchen(s), laundry facilities, and shared bathrooms on each floor.

Third- and fourth-year year students can apply for the on-campus housing lottery. 60% of Simmons undergraduate students continue to live in on-campus housing throughout their program.

Excellent facilities

- Center for Student Success
 - Office of Undergraduate Advising
 - Center for Global Education
 - Career Education Center
 - Tutoring Center
 - Writing Center
- Multicultural Center
- Counseling Center
- Health Center
- Technology Support Center
- The Office of Spiritual Life

Student clubs at Simmons

Simmons has many clubs and organizations for students, including:

African Caribbean Student Union

Asian Students Association

Black Student Organization

Kababayan Filipino Club

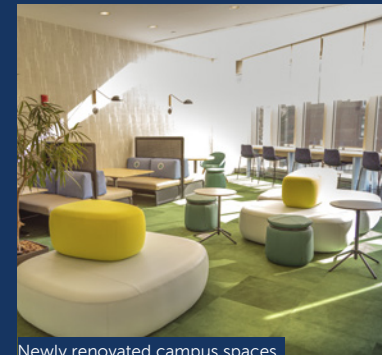
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Multicultural International Student Organization

Organization Latino America

Simmons Islamic Society

South Asian Society at Simmons



Newly renovated campus spaces



Dorm life: creating a cozy new home

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Living-Learning Communities

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Residence halls

5

Campus dining locations

70+

Student clubs



Wide range of food choices at Bartol Dining Hall



Simmons Residence Campus

What can I study?

Kaplan can help you apply for undergraduate or transfer admission to a Simmons bachelor's degree program, with 35 majors as well as special academic programs to choose from.

Bachelor's degrees

- Accounting BSBA
- Africana Studies BA
- NEW!** Applied Spanish Language and Culture BA
- Biochemistry BS ♦
- Biology BS ♦ →
- NEW!** Environmental Science track
- Business and Management BSBA
- Chemistry BS ♦
- Communications BA
 - Design concentration
 - Integrated Media concentration
 - Journalism concentration
- Computer Science BS ♦ →
- Data Science and Analytics BS ♦
- Economics BA →
- Engineering BS ♦ * *
- Exercise Science BS ♦ →
- Finance BSBA
- History BA
- NEW!** Humanities BA
- Information Technology BS ♦ →
 - Business track
 - Cybersecurity track
 - Health Informatics track
- Literature BA
- Marketing BSBA
- NEW!** Mathematical Sciences BS ♦
- Neuroscience BS ♦
- Nursing BSN ♦ → *
- Nutrition and Dietetics BS ♦ →
- Nutrition and Wellness BS ♦ →
- Physics BS ♦
- Political Science BA →
- NEW!** International Relations track

- Psychology BA
- Public Health BS ♦ →
- Public Relations and Marketing Communications BA
- Retail Management BSBA
- Social Work BSW →
- Sociology BA →
- Web Design and Development BS ♦
- Women's and Gender Studies BA
- Writing BA

Accelerated (undergraduate and graduate) programs

Simmons's accelerated programs offer you the opportunity to earn a bachelor's and master's degree (or, in one option, a doctorate) in less time than it would take if you completed each program separately. This saves you money on tuition and living costs, and prepares you to begin a rewarding career sooner.

Accelerated degree combinations

- 3+1 BA Economics or Political Science or Sociology + MPP Public Policy *
- 3+1 BS Computer Science or Information Technology + MS Library and Information Science ♦ *
- 3+1 BSW Social Work + MSW Social Work *
- 3+1 BS Public Health + MPH Health Equity *
- 4+1 BS Exercise Science or Nutrition or Public Health + MS Nutrition ♦ *
- 4+1 BSN Nursing + MSN Nursing ♦ *
- 3+3 BS Exercise Science + DPT Physical Therapy ♦ *

Look for this symbol "→" on the program listings to the left.

Pathways to medicine and law

If you plan to continue your education in law or medical school after your bachelor's degree, you can join these programs alongside your choice of major:

Pre-medical pathway

4+4 partnership with St George's University (SGU) School of Medicine in Grenada. Study a Bachelor of Science with the pre-medical program at Simmons, then continue with a Doctor of Medicine program at SGU.

Pre-Law advising

Extra-curricular activities relevant to law studies, plus help with law school applications.

Honors Program

The Simmons Honors Program is an interdisciplinary 4-year academic enrichment program for all undergraduate majors. Honors students receive an extra \$1,000 scholarship per semester and benefit from a mentorship program and additional leadership opportunities.

To join this highly selective program, you'll need to graduate near the top of your high school class and have a solid record of honors, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

Stay up to date

Check online for the latest degree list:
[▶ kaplanpathways.com /degrees-simmons](https://kaplanpathways.com/degrees-simmons)

KEY

- ♦ STEM classified (graduates are eligible for 3 years of Optional Practical Training)
- Accelerated program available
- * Fall start only
- 3+2 dual-degree with Columbia University or Washington University (see pages 20–21)

#11

for Library and Information Studies^U

#42

in the USA for Social Work^U

Top 9%

in the USA for Public Administration and Social Service^C

Top 5%

for Nursing^C

Top 4%

for highest paid health profession graduates^C

Top 14%

in the USA for Public Policy^N

C: College Factual 2022 Best Colleges in the United States
 U: U.S. News & World Report 2023–24
 N: Niche.com 2023

Dual-degree in Engineering at world-class universities

Through Simmons's dual-degree program in Engineering, you'll get the chance to earn two bachelor's degrees and study in two exciting locations — Boston and either New York City or St. Louis. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity and enhance your STEM career opportunities!

How it works

You can earn a dual-degree by studying for 3 years at Simmons University in Boston and 2 years at either Columbia University in New York City or Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL). You'll graduate with 2 bachelor's degrees:

A Bachelor of Science from Simmons

A Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Columbia or WUSTL

This 5-year dual-degree program combines the intimate, supportive academic environment at Simmons University with a world-class education, giving you great career opportunities in STEM.

What you need to know

In addition to meeting Simmons entry requirements (see page 27), you will need to complete:

3 years at Simmons with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher

Foundational science and mathematics coursework, and major-specific prerequisite courses

A successful application to Columbia or WUSTL

You'll pay Simmons University tuition rates in years 1, 2 and 3* (see page 24), and the tuition rate of your second university in years 4 and 5.

	Years 1, 2 and 3	Years 4 and 5
Study at	Simmons University in Boston	Columbia University in New York City or Washington University in St. Louis
Earn a	Bachelor of Science degree	Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering
Major in	Typically, one of the following subject areas, all of which overlap with Columbia University or WUSTL entry requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Mathematics • Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical Engineering • Chemical Engineering • Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics (Columbia) • Earth and Environmental Engineering • Electrical Engineering • Materials Science and Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Systems Science and Engineering (WUSTL)

Both degrees are STEM-designated, so you will be eligible for 3 years of Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the USA after you graduate!

* Please note: the Simmons scholarship is only available in years 1, 2, and 3.



Columbia University
ranked top 10
best university in the world ^U



Washington University
in St. Louis ranked top 40
best university in the world ^U



“ I chose 3+2 engineering program with Columbia University because it will broaden my job opportunities when I graduate. Also living in two cities during my studies will expand my network.

GISELLE FROM TAIWAN
Earning a bachelor's degree in Mathematics at Simmons University

50% scholarship

saving you \$66,000+ at Simmons University

How to apply

This program starts in the fall semester only. Submit an application by July 3, 2024 at: [▶ kaplanpathways.com/simmons-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/simmons-apply)

Helping you apply

You'll receive outstanding support — often from a local education advisor in your own language — when you apply to Simmons University with Kaplan. Our staff will be there to help you every step of the way.



Simple application process

You don't need to pay an application fee or get outside assessments of your transcripts* when you apply to Simmons University through Kaplan. You'll also enjoy the following:

- an easy-to-use, streamlined application form
- extended deadlines
- review of your application within 24 hours of our staff receiving it



Expert admission guidance

The US university admissions process can be complex, so we're here to answer any questions you may have, to check your English and academic qualifications meet the minimum requirements of your preferred program, and to make sure your application best reflects your unique skills and strengths. We also provide free advice on how to apply for your US student visa, and will remind you about important deadlines and actions to keep you on track for enrollment.



Raise your English proficiency

If you need to improve your English level for admission to Simmons University, you can first complete a course at a Kaplan International Languages (KIL) school in Boston or elsewhere in the USA. A KIL Advanced Level certificate will satisfy the English requirement for full admission to a Simmons degree program. For details, please visit:

► kaplaninternational.com/united-states

* If you are a transfer student, an external assessment is required for international university/college transcripts.

Simmons Kaplan Women's Leadership Scholarship

Simmons University has a long history of opening education up to women.

The Simmons Kaplan Women's Leadership Scholarship is available to high-achieving female international students who:

- are open-minded
- are intellectually curious
- are involved in their community
- have leadership potential and have passion and drive

To be considered, you'll need to submit your complete undergraduate application, and then describe your interest in women's leadership by either writing an essay or attending a 15-minute online interview.

If your application is successful, you will be awarded a 50% scholarship

for undergraduate tuition, which is renewable annually if you maintain full-time enrollment and good academic standing.

This saves you approximately \$88,000 over 4 years, offering incredible value!

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This scholarship has not only helped me financially, but also with building my hopes high, in order to achieve what I always dreamt of — to become a strong, independent woman some day. Not to mention, it also gives me the opportunity to study abroad as a first-generation college student and to learn more from this experience.

AFSANA FROM KUWAIT

Earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Simmons University



Tuition and dates

The cost of attendance is the estimated cost of completing your first year as a full-time student. Costs will vary depending on personal spending habits and program of study.

Cost of attendance

Undergraduate tuition before scholarship*	\$44,208
Campus housing and meals	\$17,104
Standard college fees	\$1,330
Student health insurance	\$5,071
Estimated total cost before scholarship	\$67,713
Tuition with 50% scholarship deduction	-\$22,104
Estimated total cost with tuition scholarship†	\$45,609

* All majors except nursing. Undergraduate nursing tuition rate is \$48,438.

† For visa purposes, students must show the availability of sufficient funds to cover one year of study: the combined cost of tuition, fees, health insurance, personal expenses, housing, and transportation. Tuition rate and estimated costs are for the 2023–24 academic year.

Important dates and deadlines

	Fall 2024 semester*	Spring 2025 semester*
Honors Program application deadline	February 1, 2024	n/a
General admission application deadline	July 3, 2024	November 29, 2024
Deposit and I-20 request deadline	July 15, 2024	December 9, 2024
Orientation and move-in day	August 31, 2024	Mid-January 2025
First day of classes	September 3, 2024	January 21, 2025

* Please note: dates based on Simmons 2023–24 academic calendar so may be subject to change.

Contact us

If you have questions about any of the information here, please contact us at

▶ kaplanpathways.com/simmons-contact



Next steps: application and admission

1 Submit your application to Kaplan

Complete the form at: [▶ kaplanpathways.com/apply-simmons](https://kaplanpathways.com/apply-simmons) and upload copies of supporting documents (see "application checklist" opposite for more details).

2 Application review

Kaplan will notify you of any missing documents or information, and check specific requirements for your desired program. Once complete, Kaplan will submit your application to Simmons University.

3 Receive admission decision from Simmons

When Simmons receives all of your official supporting documents, they will make an admission decision within 7 business days.

6 Complete pre-arrival tasks

Once you have your visa, you must confirm your housing and complete forms and placement tests before you arrive. It is important that you read all the pre-arrival information you are given by Simmons University.

5 Request your I-20 and apply for a visa

After Simmons receives the required financial documents from you, they issue a visa eligibility document (Form I-20). Visa appointment and processing wait times vary greatly. Apply up to 365 days before the start date on your I-20.

4 Accept your place at Simmons

To secure your place at Simmons, pay a deposit of \$1,500 before the I-20 deadline.

7 Start your degree program at Simmons

Make travel arrangements to arrive in Boston in time for international student orientation. The schedule of welcome events will help you make new friends and learn about Simmons and life in the USA before classes start.

Entry requirements

To be considered for first-year admission to Simmons, you must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 or local equivalent.

Application checklist

- Application form completed and signed
- Copy of passport
- Official transcripts for the last 3 years of education (with official English translations, if needed)
- English test – PDF of official score report
- 1 letter of recommendation – from a teacher or high school counselor
- Written personal statement (word count 250–650)
- Scholarship application – describe your interest in women's leadership by writing an essay or attending a 15-minute online interview (see page 23)

After admission, submit financial documents for your I-20 request:

- International Student Supplement Form (ISSF)
- Copy of scholarship award letter from Simmons
- Recent bank statement or bank letter, showing no less than the estimated expenses on the ISSF form

English proficiency requirement for year 1 or transfer admission:

- IELTS / IELTS Indicator 6.5
- TOEFL / KiBT 83 / Essentials 8.0
- Duolingo DET 115
- PTE 60
- Kaplan International Languages Advanced Level

Transfer admission: recommended GPA of 2.8, with minimum 17 and maximum of 96 transferable undergraduate credits.

Free English language test

If you don't have an English test score, you can take the Kaplan iBT (KiBT) for free.

English test waivers

You may not need to submit a test score if your first language is English or you have completed an English-based curriculum.

No need for an SAT score!

You can apply for undergraduate admission to Simmons without taking the SAT or ACT, but they can be submitted instead of an English test score.



Where is Simmons University?



Contact us

kaplanpathways.com/simmons-contact

simmons@kaplan.com

+44 20 7045 4925 (Global Application and Admissions Center in the UK)

Or, contact your regional representative or your local Kaplan office:

kaplanpathways.com/offices

kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

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