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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

#3
women's college

in the USA^D

up to 66%

renewable tuition
scholarship opportunity

Top 35

Best value university in the USA^U

#4

Best College Locations in the USA^N

#165

National university in the USA^U

D: degreechoices.com 2024
N: niche.com 2025
U: U.S. News & World Report 2025
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



51%

of graduates from women's colleges or universities go on to earn a master's degree or PhD, compared to 27% of public university graduates (womenscolleges.org)

30%

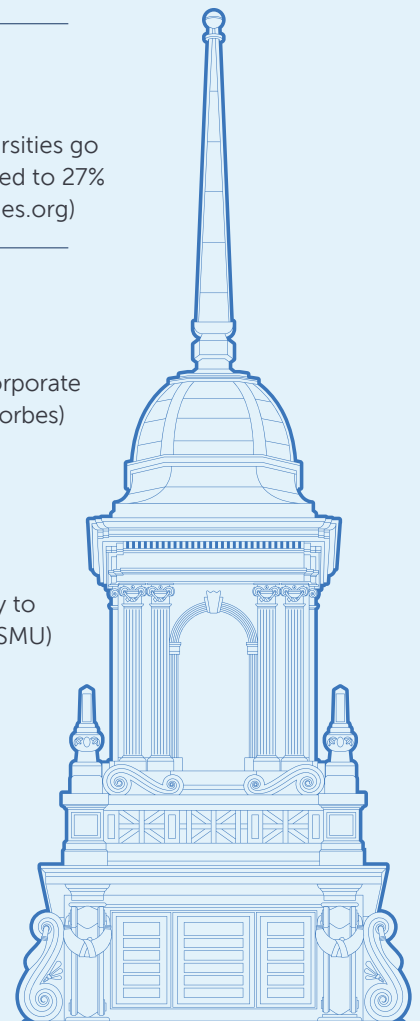
of the BusinessWeek list of rising women in corporate America are graduates of women's colleges (Forbes)

2x

Women's college graduates are twice as likely to be on boards of Fortune 1000 companies (MSMU)

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 two bachelor's degrees in five years by participating in the dual-degree program with Columbia University, Washington University in St. Louis, or Wentworth Institute of Technology (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

Graduated in 2024 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology at Simmons University



Founded in
1899

by John Simmons

1,760

undergraduate students and 3,938 graduate students

200+

full-time faculty members, of which 73% are women

18 countries

represented in the student population

35+

majors and programs to choose from

15

colleges within walking distance of Simmons University

16 students

average undergraduate class size

8:1

undergraduate student to faculty ratio

125+

years of empowering women scholars

Preparing women leaders for 125+ years

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.

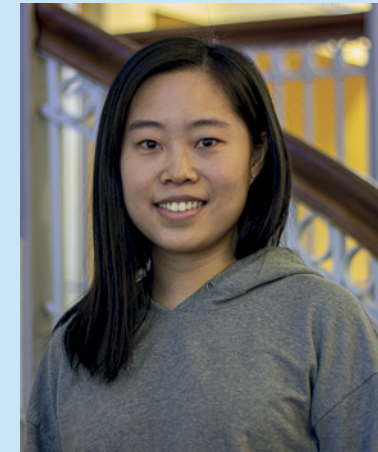


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There are lots of opportunities for leadership experience at a smaller university. It's also a very close community. I got two of my internships through Simmons alumni, so I've seen firsthand how women really want to help other women.

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

Seven-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. Because Simmons is located in Boston, students have internship opportunities at organizations like Harvard Medical School, The Boston Herald, WBZ, the Boston Ballet, and many more.

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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

Liberty Mutual

Massachusetts General Hospital

Museum of Fine Arts

Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Raytheon

Reebok

State Street

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 one year, or up to three years if your degree is in an eligible science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field.

100%

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

99%

of Simmons undergraduates are employed or in further study within six months of graduation

85%

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 #2 most walkable city in the USA (Condé Nast Traveler), 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 one 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



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for employer activity in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2025)

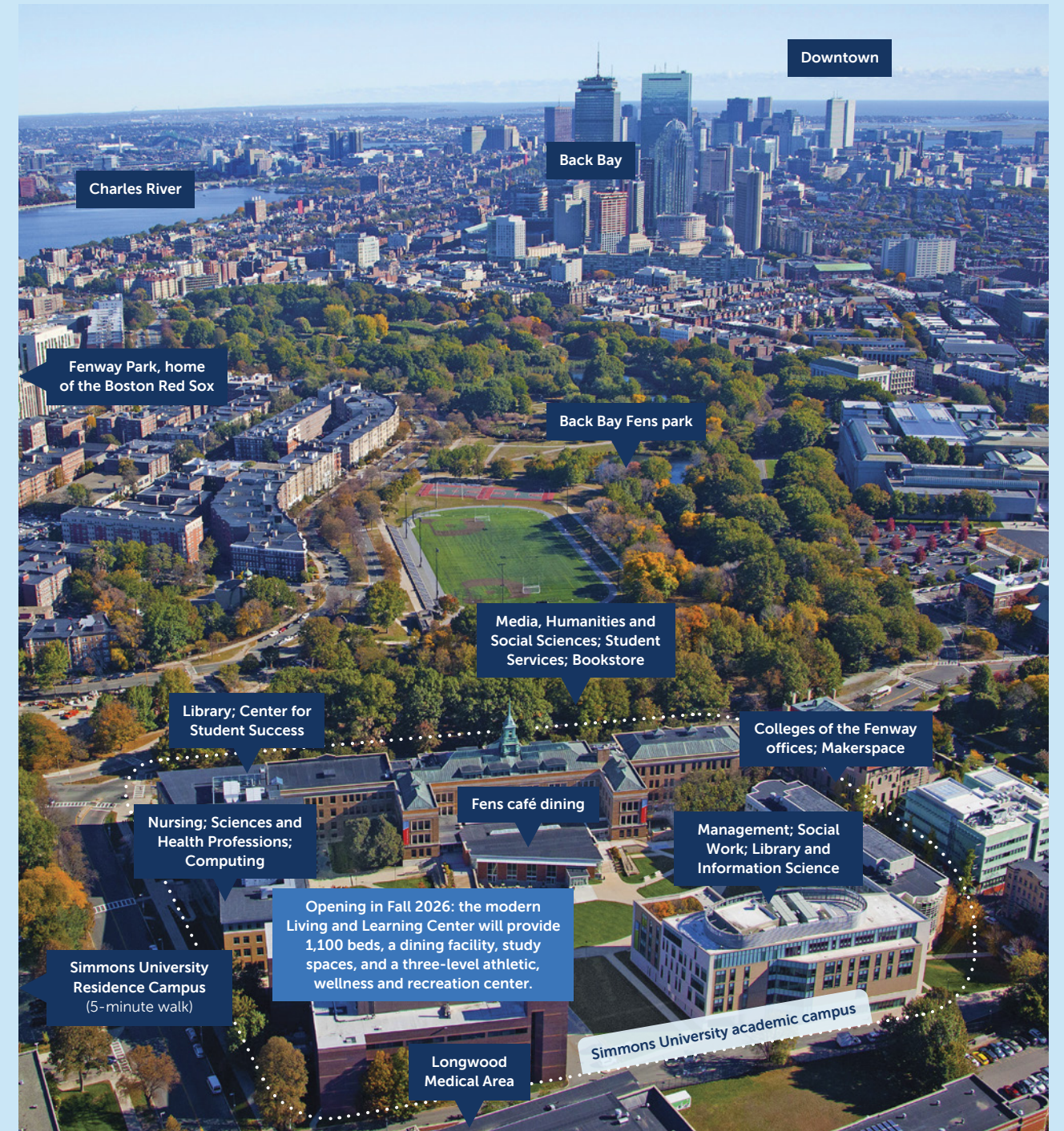
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best city for young professionals in the USA (niche.com 2024)

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 2025)

57,635

international students in metro Boston
 (ApplyBoard 2022)

130+

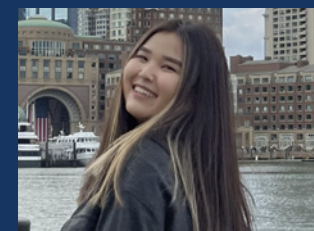
nations represented in Boston's international student population

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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 five 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 four 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 five-college system include:

Access to 2,300 courses at no additional cost

Belong to a combined undergraduate student community of 12,000+

Opportunity to join 100+ clubs and societies across all five 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 500+ 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 \$3,460, while on-campus options (including a meal plan) cost approximately \$2,202 per month!

You'll stay on the nearby Simmons residence campus, which is home to nine 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 five 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 students can apply for the on-campus housing lottery. 58% of Simmons undergraduate students continue to live in on-campus housing throughout their program.

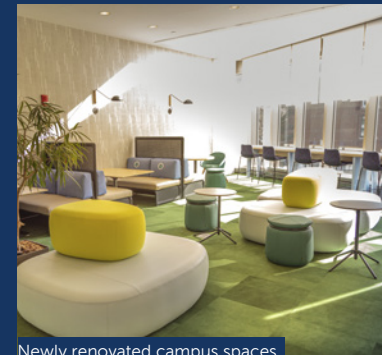
Excellent facilities

- 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
- Model UN
- 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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Themed Housing Communities

9

Residence halls

3

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
 Applied Spanish BA
 Biochemistry BS ♦
 Biology BS ♦ →
 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 ♦ * *
 Finance BSBA
 Health and Exercise Science BS ♦ →
 History BA
 Humanities BA
 Information Technology and Cybersecurity BS ♦ →
 Literature BA
 Marketing BSBA
 Mathematical Sciences BS ♦
 Neuroscience and Behavior BS ♦
 Nursing BSN ♦ → *
 Nutrition and Dietetics BS ♦ →
 Nutrition and Wellness BS ♦ →
 Physics BS ♦
 Political Science BA →
 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, Gender and Sexuality 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 Biology or Health and Exercise Science or Nutrition or Public Health + MS Nutrition ♦ *
 4+1 BSN Nursing + MSN Nursing ♦ *
 3+3 BS Health and 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-Health advising

Pre-Health coursework that provides strong preparation for admission to medical, dental, optometry, podiatry, veterinary, and physician assistant programs

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 four-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

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, Wentworth Institute of Technology, or Washington University (see pages 20–21)

#11

in the USA for Library and Information Studies^U

#43

in the USA for Social Work^U

Top 3%

of best universities for Public Administration and Social Service in the USA^C

Top 4%

of best universities for Nursing in the USA^C

Top 3%

of best universities for health professions in the USA^C

Top 15%

in the USA for Physical Therapy^N

C: College Factual 2025
 U: U.S. News & World Report 2024
 N: Niche.com 2025

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 potentially study in another exciting location — either New York City or St. Louis, Missouri. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity and enhance your STEM career opportunities!

How it works

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

A Bachelor of Science from Simmons

A Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Columbia, WUSTL, or Wentworth Institute of Technology

This five-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:

Three 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, WUSTL, or Wentworth

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, Washington University in St. Louis, or Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston
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, WUSTL, or Wentworth entry requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Mathematics • Physics 	Choices include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Engineering • Biomedical Engineering • Civil Engineering • Computer Engineering • Electrical Engineering • Electromechanical Engineering • Mechanical Engineering

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.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings 2024-25)



Washington University in St. Louis ranked top 40

best university in the world (U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings 2024-25)



"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

Up to 66% scholarship

saving you \$96,000+ at Simmons University

How to apply

This program starts in the fall semester only. Submit an application by July 2, 2025 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 University academic scholarships

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

The Simmons merit-based scholarship is available to high-achieving female international students who submit a complete application for admission before the deadline:

- No separate scholarship application is required
- Awarded based on holistic review of your application, as well as your academic performance

If your application is successful, you will be awarded up to \$32,000 undergraduate tuition scholarship (or \$20,000 for transfer students). Scholarships are renewable annually if you maintain full-time enrollment and good academic standing. This saves you approximately \$90,000 over four 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.

Cost of attendance

	Most majors	Nursing major
Undergraduate tuition before scholarship	\$45,534	\$49,892
Standard college fees	\$1,340	
On-campus housing and food	\$17,618	
Student health insurance	\$4,951	
Books and supplies*	\$1,280	
Personal expenses*	\$1,700	
Local transportation*	\$2,700	
Estimated total cost before scholarship	\$75,123	\$79,481
Scholarship award range	\$22,000–\$32,000	
Estimated total cost with scholarship†	\$43,123–\$53,123	\$47,481–\$57,481

* These are estimated costs and will vary depending on your program and personal spending habits.
 † 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 2024–25 academic year. Please check online for updates.

Important dates and deadlines

	Fall 2025 semester*	Spring 2026 semester*
Honors Program application deadline	February 1, 2025	n/a
General admission application deadline	July 2, 2025	November 28, 2025
Deposit and I-20 request deadline	July 14, 2025	December 8, 2025
Orientation and move-in day	August 22, 2025	Mid-January 2026
First day of classes	August 28, 2025	January 20, 2026

* Please note: dates based on Simmons 2024–25 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
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 seven business days in most cases.

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.

English proficiency requirement

For first-year or transfer unconditional admission:

- IELTS / IELTS Indicator 6.5
- TOEFL / KiBT 83 / Essentials 8.0
- Duolingo DET 115
- PTE 55
- Kaplan International Languages Advanced Level

Conditional admission

May be offered to students with English scores of IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 75 / DET 105 or equivalent. The deadline to submit a qualifying English score is June 30, 2025 for the Fall intake. Conditional offers are valid for one calendar year.

Transfer admission academic requirements

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 a US high school 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.

Application checklist

- Application form completed and signed
- Copy of passport
- Official transcripts for the last three years of education (with official English translations, if needed)
- English test – PDF of official score report
- One letter of recommendation – from a teacher or high school counselor
- Written personal statement (word count 250–650) – include any leadership achievements, community service, co-curricular activities, and other talents

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

- International Student Supplement Form (ISSF). Complete the form in your Simmons student portal
- Recent bank statement or bank letter, showing no less than the estimated expenses on the ISSF form



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