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# SIMMONS

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Fall Undergraduate Orientation 2007

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## Welcome:

Members of the Class of 2011,  
Transfer Students,  
and Dix Scholars!



### LIVE, LEARN, LEAD:

Simmons College's fall orientation offers you the opportunity to meet both new and returning students, build your rapport with members of the faculty and staff, discover the numerous co-curricular activities awaiting you, and explore the city of Boston. However, discovering the spirit of Simmons through its people and community may be the most memorable part of your orientation experience. How will you LIVE in Boston, LEARN at Simmons, and LEAD during your time at Simmons—and long after you graduate? We are so excited that you are here, and we look forward to your participation in all aspects of the orientation program. The Office of Student Leadership and Activities and the Orientation Leaders are ready to assist you, so please do not hesitate to ask questions if you need help. Orientation will be one of your first memories of Simmons, and we are committed to making it one of your fondest, too!

**Welcome to Simmons College**

# New Student Orientation

## Sunday, September 2, 2007

### Brunch

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bartol Hall, Residence Campus  
Student meal plans begin with brunch on Sunday, September 2.

### Resident Student Check-In and Move-In (First-Year, Transfer, Dix Scholar)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Holmes Sports Center, Residence Campus  
Welcome to your new home! Following your resident student check-in and receipt of Orientation materials, you will be directed to your residence hall to begin your move-in process.

### Commuter Student Check-In (First-Year, Transfer, Dix Scholar)

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Holmes Sports Center, Residence Campus  
Welcome to the Simmons Community! Following Commuter student check-in and receipt of Orientation materials, join other Commuter Students for a special Commuter Student Orientation.

### Commuter Student Orientation

11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Team Room, Holmes Sports Center,  
Residence Campus

The Commuter Student Orientation will give you an opportunity to meet new and returning Commuter Students, learn about resources specific to the Commuter Student population, and start developing a strong community among your fellow Commuter Students. Following Commuter Student Orientation, join the rest of the Simmons Community for the Opening Address, College Welcome, and Picnic. Commuter students are encouraged to stay through dinner and all evening programs.

### Campus Card

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Holmes Sports Center, Residence Campus  
Still need to have your photo taken for your Fenway Card? Need to pick up your ID? Stop by the Fenway Card tables in the Holmes Sports Center.

### Opening Address, College Welcome, and Picnic

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Quad, Residence Campus  
Rain Location: Bartol Hall, Residence Campus  
The Simmons Community will gather for the official welcome to the 2007-2008 academic year, including introductory remarks from Susan Scrimshaw, President of Simmons College. New students and families are invited to meet student

leaders, faculty, staff, and other community members at a reception immediately following. At the close of the reception, families should say goodbye and new students will continue with the rest of the Orientation program.

### **First Hall Meeting (All Resident Students)**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Residence Hall Living Rooms

During this meeting, your Resident Adviser (RA) and Resident Director (RD) will cover important information regarding community living, fire safety regulations, and campus policies. Following the meeting, you will connect with your Orientation Leader who will answer your questions about Orientation and help you connect with other students in your Orientation group.

### **Commuter Student Meeting (All First-Year and Transfer Commuter Students)**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Quadside Café, Residence Campus

As a continuation of Commuter Student Orientation, this meeting will cover important information regarding commuting to Simmons and important services and resources for commuters. Following the meeting, you will connect with your Orientation Leader who will answer your questions about Orientation and help you connect with other students in your Orientation group.

### **Meeting with Your Orientation Leader (First-Year and Transfer students)**

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

See Orientation packet for meeting location.

Your Orientation Leader will help you connect with others in your group and become familiar with the Simmons Community. Your Orientation Leader will also review the complete Orientation schedule and provide time for you to ask questions. **Please have your Orientation folder with you.**

### **Dinner for All New Students**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bartol Hall, Residence Campus

Join your Orientation Leader for dinner in Bartol Hall.

### **Movie on the Quad: *Fever Pitch***

8:00 p.m.

Quad, Residence Campus

Rain Location: Holmes Sports Center,  
Residence Campus

Grab a blanket, get in the Boston spirit, and watch the movie *Fever Pitch* while spending time with new friends on the Quad.

# Monday, September 3, 2007

## **Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Bartol Hall

## **F.A.C.E.S. (First-Year Appreciation of Cultural Experiences at Simmons)**

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

F.A.C.E.S. Program, Holmes Sports Center,  
Residence Campus

Facilitated by staff and student leaders, this experiential program will demonstrate the importance of diversity in the Simmons community. F.A.C.E.S. will help prepare you to live, learn, and work in a diverse society and encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities presented during your time at Simmons. You will participate in group activities with members of your First-Year Experience (FYE) class, led by staff and student facilitators.

## **Dinner with your Orientation Group**

4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bartol Hall

Meet your Orientation group for dinner to catch up on your day.

## **Sex 101: Surviving the Weekend**

8:00 p.m.

Quadside Café, Residence Campus

Comedian and performer River Huston will share her personal experiences in a funny, interactive, and provocative performance about sex, alcohol, and communication.

# Tuesday, September 4, 2007

## **Breakfast**

6:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Bartol Hall, Residence Campus

The following activities are offered all day. You are encouraged to drop by at your convenience and see what each one has to offer. If you complete your College business, enjoy relaxing in the College Center before attending the afternoon information sessions.

## **Vendor Fair**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Quad, Residence Campus

Rain Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Do you need plants, posters, carpets, and other things to help make your residence hall room or apartment look and feel more like home? If so, check out the vendor fair.

### Technology at Simmons

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Information Commons Technology Desk,  
Beatley Library

Stop by this resource room for answers from the experts. Staff from Technology will be present to answer questions and provide information about what technology is available to you, how you may protect your computer from viruses, and the advantages of using a network to back up your work.

### Beatley Library

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beatley Library, Level 1

We invite you to meet the library staff, learn about services, and enjoy some refreshments in the library. Small group library tours are available on the half hour. To participate, gather at the reference desk. Please join us, so we may welcome you to Simmons!

### Taking Care of Business

For your convenience, the following resources are available from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Main College Building.

Bookstore	C-001
Campus Card Office (photo ids)	W-201 and W-203
Registrar's Office	C-210
Student Financial Services	W-207, W-201 and W-203

### Pre-Medical and Health Professions Advising Seminar

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. S-183, First Floor, Park Science Center

This is a required session for all students who are interested in pursuing careers in medicine (dentistry, medicine, optometry, podiatry, and veterinary science) or the allied health professions (genetic counseling, occupational therapy, physician assistant, public health, etc.). Students will register for the pre-medical program at this time and will be given an introduction to the health professions advising resources at Simmons. An overview of the four-year undergraduate preparation for these professions will be provided and students will have the opportunity to ask questions of Mary H. Owen, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor of Biology and the Health Professions Adviser. **Please note that this session is not for students who are accepted into the Simmons undergraduate nursing, nutrition, or physical therapy programs; those students will be advised by their respective departments.**

### Math Competency Assessment

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

L-003, L-012, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

(See Orientation packet for assigned time)

You do not need to attend if you have taken this exam previously or if you have already fulfilled the basic mathematics competency requirement.

Every Simmons graduate must have demonstrated competency in basic mathematics; beginning in fall 2006, students must satisfy the math competency requirement during their first year at Simmons. This skill evaluation has two purposes: to determine if you have met the math competency requirement and to recommend a math placement that is appropriate to your level of experience in mathematics.

### Language Placement Exam

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

S-150, First Floor, Park Science Center

(French/Spanish)

S-251B, Second Floor, Park Science Center

(French/Spanish)

Exams other than French or Spanish – as assigned

You do not have to attend if you have taken the language exam previously or if you are exempt from the language requirement at Simmons. The purpose of this placement exam is twofold. First, the exam helps determine if you have demonstrated competency in a language at a level that satisfies the Simmons College Language Requirement. Second, the exam serves as a tool that aids you and your academic advisor in selecting courses appropriate for your level of competency.

### College Student Inventory

#### (First-Year Students)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

C-103, First Floor, Main College Building

All traditional first-year students should take this survey designed to help them get the most out of college. The inventory consists of a series of questions that will result in an individualized student profile intended to give them insight into areas of strength and areas appropriate for additional support. You do not need to attend if you have already taken this survey during June Orientation.

### Academic Campus Tours

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet in Main Lobby, First Floor,

Main College Building

Tours leave every half hour.

## Dix Scholars Luncheon

(Dix Scholars)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Special Functions Room, First Floor,  
Main College Building

Dix Scholars are invited to have lunch with representatives from the Dix Scholars community. Over lunch, members of the Simmons College community will offer guidance and introduce resources which will prove useful during this time of transition.

## Lunch

(First-Year and Transfer Students)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bartol Hall, Residence Campus

## Educational Sessions Part 1

Each session is offered at the following times. Please note that all students must attend one of the Honor Board sessions.

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

## Honor Code

C-103, First Floor, Main College Building

All students are expected to fully understand the principles of the Honor Code, which has been in practice at Simmons since 1907. This session will outline the Honor Code, and the policies and procedures for both the Honor and Judicial Boards. **This session is mandatory.**

## Taking Credit for Your Own Success

C-101, First Floor, Main College Building

During this interactive session you will learn about academic deadlines, the add/drop period, the pass/fail grading option, and Credit for Prior Learning. All of this information and more will make your course registration process at Simmons easier and less stressful.

## Achieving Success at Simmons College

L-305, Third Floor, Lefavour Hall

In this session, led by members of the Center for Academic Achievement (CAA), learn about the ways in which the CAA can help you succeed at Simmons.

## What's next for you? Discover Resources for Student Employment, Choosing a Major, and the Job Search

S-183, First Floor, Park Science Center

Whether you are looking for on-campus or off-campus employment, are undecided on a major, or need to write a resume, the Career Education Center can help! Come meet the staff and find out about

services and programs offered at the CEC! The session will cover student employment opportunities found on both the CASH system (<http://cash.simmons.edu>) and CareerLink (<http://careerlink.simmons.edu>). This is particularly helpful for students receiving a work-study award. Fill out a registration form after the session and get started early on your career!

### **Finding a Balance: Living a Healthy Life as a Simmons Student**

C-106, First Floor, Main College Building

As you transition into your new community, you will experience changes in your daily routine, lifestyle, and priorities. This interactive session, led by Elise Phillips, Director of Health Education and a panel of student health and peer educators, will uncover some of the natural changes students face during the first year. Learn how you as a student can find time to balance your academic, social, recreational, spiritual, and work lives. Discover strategies that will help you stay balanced this fall and learn ways to be involved with the health education program at Simmons.

### **Educational Sessions Part 2**

Each session is offered at the following times:

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### **Succeeding in Writing at Simmons**

C-103, First Floor, Main College Building

During this session, Cathryn Mercier, Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, will discuss writing at Simmons College. Topics will range from writing in the “Multidisciplinary Core Course (MCC): Culture Matters” to writing across academic disciplines and professions. Dean Mercier will also discuss working with course-assigned writing assistants and walk-in writing tutors as well as various other kinds of support available to help you strengthen your writing.

### **Succeeding in Math and Science at Simmons**

S-183, First Floor, Park Science Center

Returning students will share what to expect in your math and science courses at Simmons and clarify the ways in which college math and science courses differ from high school classes.

### **Quick Start for Technology at Simmons College**

Information Commons Technology Desk, Beatley Library

The “Quick Start Guide” to Technology at Simmons College is a useful

tool to assist you with your technology needs for the first days of classes. The presentation will include accessing email, logging on to Simmons computers, and the Simmons network, and using WebCT and Vista.

### Study Beyond Simmons College

L-305, Third Floor, Lefavour Hall

Many students study abroad during their time at Simmons in programs ranging from travel courses during vacations to intensive, year-long programs. In this session, learn about the many opportunities to study abroad and what you need to do to make studying abroad easier.

### Academic Advising and Registration

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Faculty Staff Dining Room, Ground Floor,  
Main College Building

(See Orientation Packet for appointment time)

If you have not yet completed your fall registration, you will be scheduled to meet with your academic adviser. Your adviser is available to help you not only with the obvious tasks of course selection and planning, but also to discuss your academic goals and interests, identify your strengths and weaknesses, and think about choosing a major and/or minor. **Your appointment with your adviser is a priority in the orientation schedule and takes precedence over other sessions.**

If you have already registered for fall classes, you are encouraged to contact your adviser directly during the first few weeks of the semester to discuss how classes are going, which resources you might find helpful, and how you are adjusting to college life in general.

### College Barbecue

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Quad, Residence Campus

Rain Location: Bartol Hall, Residence Campus

Join the entire Simmons College community at the College Barbecue. Take time to meet faculty, staff and upper-class students while eating dinner. Enjoy the evening as Orientation and summer come to a close.



# UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

## Colleges of the Fenway International Social

**Monday, September 10**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Simmons College, Linda K. Paresky  
Conference Center

All are invited to attend the Colleges of the Fenway reception for international students.

## Colleges of the Fenway Students, Staff, and Faculty of Color Reception

**Thursday, September 13**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Wentworth Institute of Technology, Watson Hall

All are invited to attend the Colleges of the Fenway reception for students, staff, and faculty of color.

## Colleges of the Fenway LGBTQ Reception

**Monday, September 17**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Wheelock College, Alumnae Room

All Colleges of the Fenway members and allies of the LGBTQ community are invited to attend the Colleges of the Fenway LGBTQ (COFA) reception.

## Colleges of the Fenway Block Party

**Wednesday, September 19**

**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Wentworth Institute of Technology

This annual event provides an opportunity for all Colleges of the Fenway students to learn more about the consortium resources and take advantage of meeting one another over food, music, and activities. Many area vendors participate, offering various services and freebies.

## Opening Our Doors Day

**Monday, October 8**

Take advantage of this day of FREE cultural events throughout the Fenway Cultural District for college students and the general public.

## Family Weekend

**Friday, October 19 - Sunday, October 21**

Mark your calendars now for our traditional Family Weekend. This is a great opportunity to show your family around Boston and to share with them your experiences at Simmons. Look for registration materials in early September.

Among the Offerings:

Vinny T's Family Style Dinner

Broadway Play *Wicked*

Tailgate Lunch

President's Brunch at the Charles Hotel

For information on any of these events, please visit the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, Main College Building, W-002, or call 617-521-2423.