Simmons UNIVERSITY

International Guide
Study in Boston
2021–22

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Welcome
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 first-hand the magic of Simmons and our legacy of empowering women-centered 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

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Why choose Simmons University?
When you join Simmons University, you’ll become part of a prestigious institution, which has been empowering women for over 120 years, and you’ll gain a leadership education to put you on your path to success.

The power of women’s colleges
Simmons University is a private, liberal arts university located in Boston, and its women-centered undergraduate education offers you the chance to join the University’s dynamic community of strong women leaders.

Founded in 1899, Simmons University was established to provide women with a meaningful education and professional work experience. This pioneering spirit of inclusion and empowerment is part of the reason why its graduates are so successful. According to womenscolleges.org, 81% of women’s college graduates feel they were well-prepared for their first job, compared to 65% of women graduates from public universities. They also report more overall satisfaction with their educational experience.

Incredible Boston location
Simmons’ campus is in the heart of Boston’s lively Fenway and Longwood Medical communities, and it’s just a 25-minute subway ride to Downtown. The neighborhood is home to many prestigious colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and research centers. You’ll also find museums, theaters, parks, restaurants, and the legendary Fenway Park, so there’s lots to explore.

A supportive academic community
Simmons is women-focused at the undergraduate level with a co-educational graduate school. With just 1,750 undergraduate students, small class sizes (8:1 student-faculty ratio), generous scholarships, and an inspiring alumni network, you’ll benefit from Simmons’ supportive community.

Top 135 university in the USA
50% renewable tuition scholarship opportunity
#6 women’s college in the USA
#31 “Best Value” university in the USA
#1 student city in the USA
Prefering women leaders

Simmons University’s long history of preparing women leaders makes it the ideal place to learn and thrive. Be inspired by the University’s successful alumni and impressive graduate statistics, and start on your own journey to career success.

Enhance your employability skills
At Simmons, you will have the opportunity to build your confidence and gain real-world experience. You will be encouraged to contribute to discussions and manage group projects, which are key skills that companies seek in potential employees. In addition, Simmons has an excellent reputation for partnering with employers, including over 450 clinics and hospitals. Every undergraduate student at Simmons completes at least one internship, research, clinical, fieldwork or other similar experience.

Simmons graduates have gone on to work for many businesses and organizations including:
- Amazon
- Dell / EMC
- Fidelity Investments
- Hub Spot
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Procter & Gamble
- Tripadvisor
- Walt Disney World

Leadership curriculum
Simmons’ PLAN (Purpose Leadership Action) will prepare you for 21st century career success. This core curriculum will help you find your purpose, practice leadership, and put your knowledge and skills into action. Through this framework, you’ll learn across disciplines, engage with the city of Boston and personalize key components of your academic experience. It will help you think about the world in new ways and approach complex problems creatively.

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Learn from professionals
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Student life in Boston

With over 100 colleges and universities, Boston attracts more than 250,000 students from around the world, making this famous and historic city an exciting place to spend your college years and make professional connections.

Discover Boston’s cultural heart
As the #1 student city in the USA (QS Best Student Cities 2019), Boston is a thriving cultural hotspot where you can enjoy world-class music, dance and theater companies, first-rate museums, and lively festivals. The city is also home to several famous sports teams including the Boston Red Sox (baseball), Boston Celtics (basketball), New England Patriots (American football) and Boston Bruins (ice hockey), as well as the country’s oldest running event, the Boston Marathon.

Make the most of great transport links
Boston’s reliable public transportation and relatively small size make it easy and affordable to travel around. In addition, it’s within 1 hour by plane from New York City, Philadelphia and Montreal. Meanwhile, New England has many options for day trips and charming historic towns and stunning natural parks.

Benefit from professional opportunities
Boston is a hub for major industries and start-ups, with many high-profile companies choosing to base their headquarters in the city. In addition, Simmons is located in Boston’s renowned Longwood Medical Area, which is home to more than 20 hospitals and medical institutions. This gives health science and nursing students excellent opportunities for gaining valuable work experience.

Be part of the Colleges of the Fenway
Collectively, the Colleges of the Fenway represent 12,000 undergraduate students, making it easy for you to meet new people and make lots of friends. You can take part in intramural sports, which are played against other teams from within the Colleges of the Fenway, and teams are encouraged to include members from across all 5 colleges, so there will be plenty of opportunities to join in!

You’ll also be able to get involved in theater and performing arts events at all 5 colleges, and there are nearly 100 clubs and societies to join too. As well as activities organized by the many clubs and societies, the Colleges of the Fenway arrange several major annual events for all students to enjoy, including a Block Party in September. Finally, there is the Campus Movie Fest, which is the world’s largest student film festival, attracting over 200 participants every year!
A welcoming place to live and study

When you live on campus at Simmons, you’ll be surrounded by likeminded students, who will help you feel at home. You’ll benefit from excellent facilities and a great location close to your classes.

Live on campus
All first-year undergraduates live on campus at 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 $3,400, while on-campus options (including a meal plan) cost approximately $1,555 per month!

You’ll stay at the Simmons Residence Campus, which is very close to the main campus and is home to 9 residence halls, the Bartol Dining Hall, the Holmes Sports Center and the campus health center.

Your housing options
As a first-year student, you’ll live in either Meswick Hall, Morse Hall, Simmons Hall or South Hall. You’ll share with first-year roommates, usually in double or triple rooms. All of these residence halls have a living room, kitchen(s), laundry facilities, and shared bathrooms on each floor.

You can also take advantage of the Residence Campus’ theme communities, which bring students with common interests together, making it easy to get to know people.

Great choices for dining
First-year students sign up for a meal plan, which means you can choose from a wide variety of flexible and great-value 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.

Excellent resources and facilities
You’ll enjoy a state-of-the-art learning and living environment, with professional staff who can offer you specialized resources to support and inspire you, including these services and 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

• Simmons Interfaith Team

Student clubs at Simmons
Simmons has 80+ 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
What can I study?

Kaplan can help you apply for year 1 or transfer admission to a Simmons bachelor’s degree, with 50+ majors to choose from.

**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 (see page 12)

**Bachelor’s degrees**

**College of Natural, Behavioural and Health Sciences**
- Biochemistry BS
- Biology BS
- Biostatistics BS
- Chemistry BS
- Chemistry Management BS
- Engineering BS
- Environmental Science BS
- Exercise Science BS
- Neuroscience and Behavior BS
- Nursing BSN
- Nutrition and Dietetics BS
- Nutrition and Food (Food Service Management) BS
- Nutrition and Food (Nutrition, Wellness, and Health Promotion) BS
- Physics BS
- Psychology BS

**College of Social Sciences, Policy and Practice**
- Economics BA
- Economics and Mathematics BS
- International Relations BA
- Political Science BA
- Public Health BA
- Public Health BS
- Social Work BS
- Sociology BA

**The Gwen Ifill College of Media, Arts, and Humanities**
- Africana Studies BA
- Art BA
- Arts Administration BA
- Asian Studies BA
- Communications BA
- Communications (Graphic Design) BA
- Communications (Journalism) BA
- Communications (Media Arts) BA
- Graphic Design BA
- English BA
- French BA
- History BA
- Journalism BA
- Media Arts BA
- Music BA
- Philosophy BA
- Public Relations and Marketing Communications BA
- Spanish BA
- Web Design and Development BS
- Women’s and Gender Studies BA

**College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences**
- Accounting BSBA
- Business Management BSBA
- Computer Science BS
- Data Science and Analytics BS
- Finance BSBA
- Financial Mathematics BS
- Health Informatics BS
- Information Technology BS
- Marketing BSBA
- Mathematics BS
- Retail Management BSBA

**Special academic programs**

Discover additional academic opportunities available at Simmons University.

**Accelerated (undergraduate and graduate) programs**

Simmons’ 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 studied each program separately. This saves you money on tuition and living costs, as well as preparing you to enter 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
4+1 BS Biology or Exercise Science or Nutrition or Public Health + MS Nutrition and Health Promotion
4+1 BSN Nursing + MSN Nursing
3+3 BS Exercise Science + DPT Physical Therapy

Look for this symbol “•” on the adjacent program listings.

**Pre-professional advising programs**

If you want to continue your graduate education in law or medical school, you should register with these programs alongside your choice of major:

**Pre-Law**

During this Pre-Law program, you’ll enjoy extra-curricular activities relevant to your law studies, including lectures, meetings with lawyers who are Simmons alumni, and field studies or internships related to law. You’ll also receive help with law school applications.

**Pre-Health**

This Pre-Health program offers you strong preparation for admission to medical, dental, optometry, podiatry, veterinary, and physician assistant programs, so it’s a great option if you are considering applying to competitive medical schools in the USA.

**Honors Program**

The Simmons Honors Program is an interdisciplinary 4-year academic enrichment program for all 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. The Honors Program is available to incoming first-year undergraduate students.
Earn a dual-degree in engineering with Columbia University

With this dual-degree in engineering, you’ll have the chance to study in two of the USA's most exciting cities: New York and Boston. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity and enhance your STEM career opportunities.

Ranked 3rd best university in the USA²

50% scholarship saving you $60,000+ at Simmons University

Apply now
This program starts in the Fall semester only. Submit a complete application at kaplanpathways.com/apply-simmons by July 7, 2021. Or, contact us to ask a question (details on back cover).

How it works
You can earn a dual degree by studying for 3 years at Simmons University in Boston and 2 years at Columbia University in New York City. You’ll graduate with 2 bachelor’s degrees: a Bachelor of Science from Simmons and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Columbia.

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

Years 1, 2 and 3

Study at: Simmons University in Boston
Earn a: Bachelor of Science degree
Major in: Typically, one of the following subject areas, which overlap with Columbia University entry requirements:
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Mathematics
• Physics

Years 4 and 5

Study at: Columbia University in New York City
Earn a: Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering
Major in: • Biomedical Engineering
• Chemical Engineering
• Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics
• Earth and Environmental Engineering
• Electrical Engineering
• Materials Science and 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!

What you need to know
In addition to meeting Simmons entry requirements (see page 16), 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 pre-requisite courses
• a successful application to Columbia

You’ll pay Simmons University tuition rates in years 1, 2 and 3* (see page 16), and Columbia University tuition rates in years 4 and 5 (currently $58,920 per year).

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

You’ll receive outstanding support when you apply to Simmons University with Kaplan, and 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 study at Simmons University through Kaplan. You’ll also enjoy extended deadlines and an easy-to-use streamlined application form. In addition, your initial application will be reviewed 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 are conditionally admitted 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. See kaplaninternational.com/united-states for details.

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

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<td>Undergraduate tuition before scholarship*</td>
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<td>Campus housing and meals</td>
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<td>Standard college fees</td>
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<td>Student health insurance</td>
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<td>Transport and personal expenses (estimated)</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated total cost before scholarship</strong></td>
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<td>Tuition with 50% scholarship deduction</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated total cost with tuition scholarship†</strong></td>
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* All majors except nursing. Undergraduate nursing tuition rate is $44,760
† 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 2020–21 academic year.

Important dates and deadlines

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<th>Spring 2022 semester*</th>
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<td>Honors Program application deadline</td>
<td>February 1, 2021</td>
<td>November 1, 2021</td>
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<td>General admission application deadline</td>
<td>July 7, 2021</td>
<td>December 1, 2021</td>
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<td>Deposit and I-20 request deadline</td>
<td>July 19, 2021</td>
<td>December 10, 2021</td>
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<td>Orientation and move-in day</td>
<td>Early September</td>
<td>Mid-January</td>
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<td>First day of classes</td>
<td>September 7, 2021</td>
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*Please note: at the time of publication, Simmons has not released its academic calendar for 2021-22, so these dates are based on previous academic years and are subject to change.

Contact us

For more about any of the information here, please contact us: kaplanpathways.com/contact-simmons

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
• have leadership potential
• are involved in the community
• have passion and drive.

To apply, you’ll need to record a video or write an essay describing your interest in women’s leadership and submit it with your undergraduate application.

If your application is successful then 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 amounts to approximately $80,000 over 4 years, offering you incredible savings!
Next steps: application and admission

1. Submit your application to Kaplan
   Go to: kaplanpathways.com/apply-simmons
   Also upload copies of supporting documents, including passport, academic transcripts, test scores, a letter of recommendation, and a personal statement.

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.

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

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 120 days before the start date on your I-20.

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

7. Start your program at Simmons
   Make travel arrangements to arrive the USA in time for international student orientation. The schedule of welcome events will help you meet new friends and learn about Simmons.

Scholarship application
Don't forget that you can apply for a 50% tuition award by including a video or essay in your application for admission (see page 17 for details).
Where is Simmons University?

Kaplan International works in partnership with Simmons University to provide application counselling and admissions support to international students. This prospectus has been drafted in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publishing, but some changes (for example to university rankings, accommodation and program options, teaching delivery, etc.) are likely to occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of the program. It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply. Once you have applied, any change which has an impact on the terms and conditions of your offer or a significant part of your program will be communicated to you.

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