

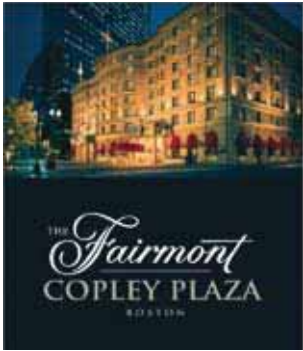
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# The Simmons Tradition

## A College that Puts Students First

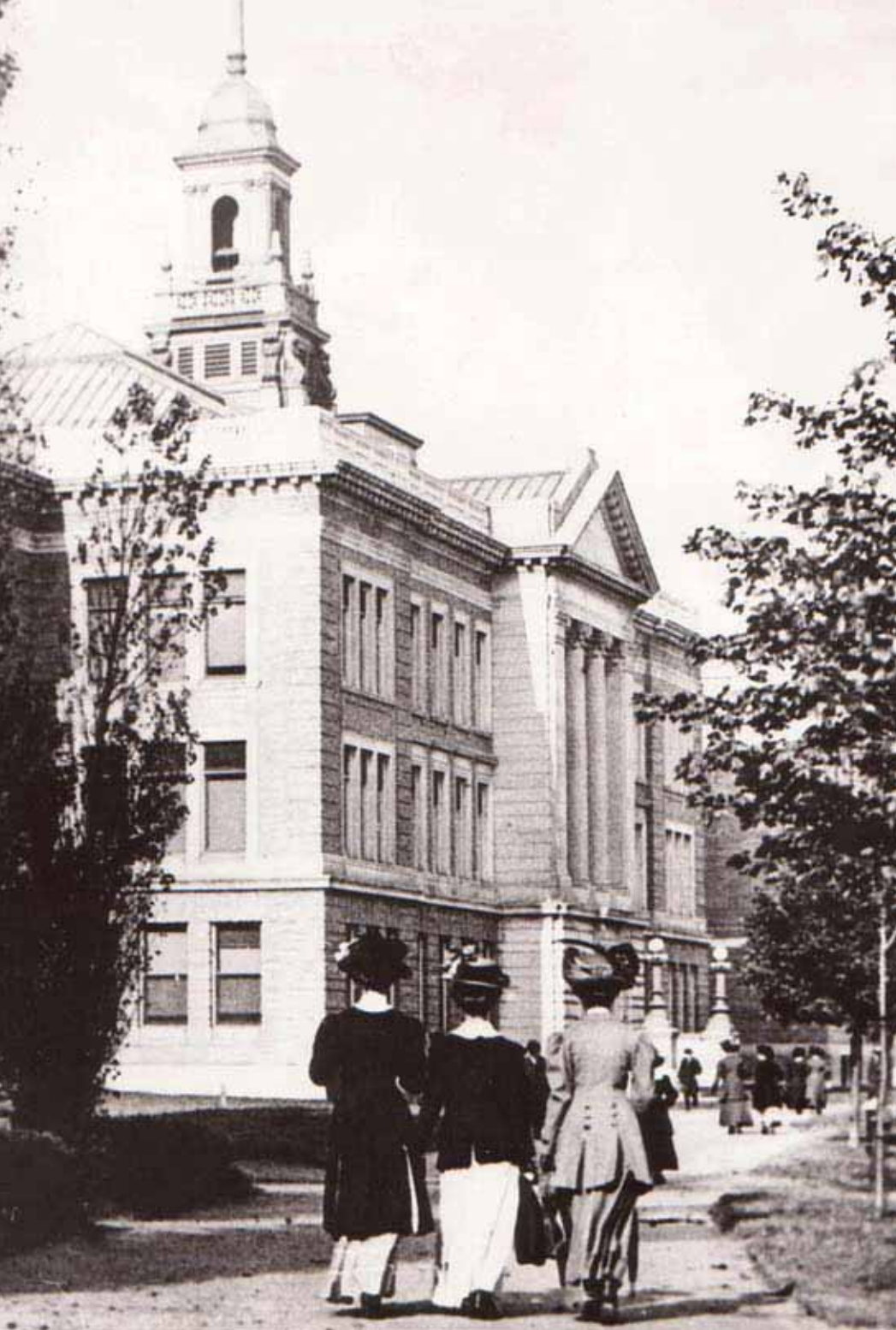
Steeped in a tradition of cultivating the intellectual and professional growth of women, Simmons College is a warm and engaging community with a national reputation of academic excellence.

Founded in 1899, Simmons was the first college in the United States to offer women a liberal arts education integrated with career preparation. Today, Simmons embraces the opportunity to provide a transformative learning experience for your daughter, fostering her intellectual growth alongside her passion to build a path to a meaningful career. Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is best known for its small classes, access to faculty, and internship and research opportunities. At Simmons, your daughter will live and learn in a setting that values academic rigor and collaboration, helping her to gain the skills and knowledge to transform her passion into life's work.



### FAST FACTS

- ▶ Approximately **1900** undergraduate women
- ▶ **13:1** student to faculty ratio
- ▶ More than **40** majors offered, with the option for students to create their own program of study
- ▶ **All** students live on campus during their freshman year.
- ▶ Within walking distance of **15** other colleges ■



# Academics

## Linking Passion with Lifelong Purpose

Nationally recognized, Simmons ranks among the nation's top private liberal arts colleges. In fact, *Forbes* named Simmons one of the best women's colleges in the United States, and each year the College is recognized by the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual survey and the *Princeton Review's* Best 376 Colleges.

What makes our academic standard so unique? Our belief is that a strong foundation in the liberal arts should be combined with an equally strong level of professional preparation in and for the real world. This approach offers great advantages: a broad education and a chance to develop a range of professional skills and strengths needed for an increasingly competitive job market with expertise in your daughter's area of choice.



### Combining Liberal Arts with Professional Preparation

First year core courses emphasize critical thinking and writing skills, while integrating two or more subjects—ranging from bioethics to history to physics to sociology. Your daughter may then choose from over 40 majors and have the option to combine diverse fields of interest to meet her academic and professional goals.

Our independent learning requirement ensures that each student gains hands-on experience within her major through internships, community service, applied research projects, or independent

study. Many students choose to do more than one independent learning project, and approximately 30 percent of students double major.

By attending Simmons, your daughter will graduate with more than a degree from a prestigious liberal arts college—she will also graduate with an impressive resume and an extensive professional network.

### Access to Renowned Faculty

While offering a rigorous curriculum over a broad scope is important at Simmons, having dedicated and renowned faculty teach to a high academic standard is equally significant. Simmons professors are distinguished researchers, published authors, Fulbright scholars, health professionals, and community leaders. Over two-thirds are women, and nearly 100 percent hold doctorate degrees in his or her field. Simmons faculty advises numerous government, nonprofit, and corporate organizations in the United States and around the world. Yet, professors passionately uphold their primary obligation to teach and mentor students.

As current student, Molly Bohannon '13 says, "College has been the beginning of the best mentor-mentee relationships of my life. My professors not only strive for students to learn the area of their expertise, but also use their experiences and connections to benefit us in our career aspirations." ■



### Majors

- Africana Studies
- Art
- Art & Music
- Arts Administration
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biostatistics
- Business and Management
- Chemistry
- Chemistry-Management
- **Communications:**
  - Graphic Design
  - Integrated Media
  - Writing
  - Public Relations/Marketing Communications
- Computer Science
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- Economics and Mathematics
- **Education:**
  - Elementary, Middle, or High School
  - Social Studies Education
  - Spanish, French, or English as a Second Language
  - Special Education
- English
- Environmental Science
- Exercise Science
- Finance
- Financial Mathematics
- French
- Health Informatics
- History
- Information Technology
- International Relations
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Nutrition and Food Science
- OPEN Program
- Pharmacy (dual degree in Chemistry & Pharmacy)
- Philosophy
- Physical Therapy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychobiology
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Retail Management
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Web Development
- Women's and Gender Studies

### Minors

Students may minor in any of the fields offered as a major above, in addition to the following:

- Behavior Analysis
- Business
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Emerging Global Markets
- Entrepreneurship
- Gender History
- Leadership
- Organizational Studies
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Physics of Materials
- Public History
- Public Policy Studies
- Scientific Computation
- Social Justice
- Statistics
- Sustainability

### Programs

- Accelerated Degree Programs
- Boston Semester
- Honors Program
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Veterinary
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- 3 Park Science Center
- 4 School of Management and Academic Building
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- 6 Simmons Hall
- 7 Dix Hall
- 8 Smith Hall
- 9 Arnold Hall
- 10 North Hall
- 11 Health Center
- 12 Holmes Sports Center
- 13 South Hall
- 14 Alumnae Hall
- 15 Bartol Dining Hall
- 16 Evans Hall
- 17 Mesick Hall
- 18 Morse Hall

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# Attending a Women's College

Think you may have a hard time convincing your daughter to consider a women's college? At Simmons we recognize that there are many stereotypes about single sex institutions—elitist, lack social opportunities, are more like “finishing schools” of yesteryear. Yet students at Simmons will tell you that attending a women's college is an unrivaled educational experience, where emphasis is placed upon leadership, individuality, and mentor relationships. And yes, a lively social life does exist as well!

“With all of the events going on at Simmons and around Boston, you would have to work hard to not meet anyone outside of the college!”

—Arianna King,  
Class of 2013

## Educational Benefits

A recent study by the National Survey of Student Engagement\* found that students at women's colleges participated more in the classroom, reported higher levels of academic challenge, and collaborated more with their peers. Why? It's simple. By attending a women's college, students are given more access to female role models and mentors, both in and out of the classroom. In addition, student leadership positions are more available, and there is a greater feeling of cooperation rather than competition among peers. As Erika Howe '11 says, “Attending at an all women's college helped me grow and understand myself in ways I never imagined.”

## Social Opportunities

Our students say that Simmons is the best of both worlds—an excellent single-sex education surrounded by the social opportunities that only America's “best college town” can offer. Simmons is within walking distance of 15 other co-ed colleges, and is part of the Colleges of the Fenway (COF), a consortium of six schools in the area. The COF allows students to cross-register at other colleges, and hosts a variety of extracurricular activities and social events such as block parties, ski trips, comedy shows, intramurals, and more.

However, Simmons doesn't just rely on neighboring schools for social possibilities. We have an active campus life full of traditions, events, clubs, athletics, and community service. Students attend the Simmons Soiree (a winter ball held in exciting venues such as Fenway Park!), cheer on our ten NCAA Division III athletics teams, and enjoy the extra little touches, such as dining hall theme nights (from Hawaiian to Mardi Gras!). ■

\* [www.womenscolleges.org](http://www.womenscolleges.org)

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# Campus Resources

Simmons College embraces the opportunity to help your daughter succeed by providing a supportive yet appropriately challenging environment that will allow her to develop into a confident, successful, and healthy woman. Below you will find just a sampling of the resources available to our students.

## Residence Life

A short walk from the main campus, Simmons's gated residence campus offers a private refuge in the heart of the city. Nine brick residence halls enclose a grassy quad where students relax or study on sunny days. Bartol Dining Hall, Holmes Sports Center, the campus health center, and the student-run Quadside Cafe are located here. All first year students are required to live on campus, and are guaranteed housing. [www.simmons.edu/residencelife](http://www.simmons.edu/residencelife)

## Public Safety

Simmons offers an escort-on-request service between academic and residential campuses, in addition to safety awareness, education, and training for the Simmons community. The residence halls are staffed with professional resident directors as well as trained undergraduate resident advisors who provide ongoing support and programming for the resident student population. Parents and students can access Simmons's Security, Safety and Fire Safety Report by going to [www.simmons.edu/publicsafety](http://www.simmons.edu/publicsafety).

## Simmons Health Center

The Simmons Health Center is staffed by physicians, registered nurses, and nurse practitioners. All physicians are board certified and have appointments at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, both just down the street. If the Center is closed, an on-call system is available, providing

[www.universityparent.com/simmons](http://www.universityparent.com/simmons)



phone consultation with medical providers 24/7 during the academic year. [www.simmons.edu/healthcenter](http://www.simmons.edu/healthcenter)

## Center for Academic Achievement

The Center for Academic Achievement offers academic support, services, and resources to enhance the learning experience and encourage the highest ►

level of scholarship and achievement possible for all Simmons students. Some of the services the CAA offers include: placement exams, support for students with disabilities, peer tutoring, and the Writing Center, which helps students strengthen academic reading, writing, and critical thinking.

[www.simmons.edu/academicresources](http://www.simmons.edu/academicresources)

### Career Education Center

Starting her freshman year, the CEC will help your daughter develop a four-year plan of action designed to facilitate her path to a fulfilling career. Over her time at Simmons the CEC provides individualized career coaching to help her assess her skills and interests, choose a major, guide her through the job market and application process, and create a strategic plan to achieve her ultimate career goals. Your daughter will also have access to our extensive Career Resources Library.

[www.simmons.edu/cec](http://www.simmons.edu/cec)

### Simmons 101

This required course is designed to provide first-year students with awareness of, and access to, the many resources on campus while connecting them with an upperclass Simmons student, a staff member, and their peers. Your daughter will quickly become familiar with the city, the College, and her fellow classmates by taking this course.

### Scott/Ross Center for Community Service

The Scott/Ross Center works closely with nearly 60 community based organizations. Students volunteer at these partner sites through service-learning courses, student-led programs, federal work-study positions, and all college signature initiatives. The Center is a nationally recognized leader in the field. For the fifth consecutive year it was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; the only college in Massachusetts to have received the "Honor Roll with Distinction" four times since the honor roll began in 2006 and one of only 18 colleges nation-wide so honored.

[www.simmons.edu/communityservice](http://www.simmons.edu/communityservice)

### Education Abroad

Simmons will encourage your daughter to travel to the ends of the earth. The Office of Education abroad will also help her choose an appropriate program, school, and country in which to study abroad, in addition to assisting with scholarship applications, applying for visas, and general preparation for study abroad. For those who are unsure about spending an entire semester abroad, Simmons offers many travel courses, in which students study a particular culture or issue during the year and then travel with their class and faculty at the end of the semester.

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# BOSTON— A World-Class College Town

Simmons's students say it's the best of both worlds—a quintessential brick-and-ivy New England campus in the middle of a thriving city. Simmons's beautiful campus is literally surrounded by music and fine arts, medical care and research, politics, grassroots activism, and the resounding cheers of Red Sox fans at legendary Fenway Park.

### The Fenway Neighborhood

The historic Fenway neighborhood consists of turn-of-the-century brownstones, with independently owned shops and restaurants scattered throughout. Just down the street from Simmons is Fenway Park, home to the Boston Red Sox. This area is surrounded by restaurants, cafes, and shops. The neighborhood borders the Longwood Medical Area, home to nationally recognized research hospitals, where many Simmons students intern, conduct research, or complete clinical rotations. Thousands of students from nearby colleges and universities reside in the neighborhood. Your daughter could spend a morning at the Museum of Fine Arts, eat lunch at a sidewalk café, take in performances by live bands at a local music festival, and spend the evening with friends at the theatre or a comedy club—all within easy access from Simmons.

### Public Transportation

Simmons College is within walking distance of many forms of public transportation, including several subway lines and buses. Resident students are not allowed to have a car on campus, and really there is no need. The airport and bus terminal are accessible from public transportation, and cabs are easily hailed on any of the main thoroughfares near the school. However, day parking is available on our academic campus for commuting upperclasswomen and graduate students.

### Access to Professional Opportunities

Boston offers our students not only the chance to experience social and cultural opportunities, but professional and academic possibilities as well. As an urban institution deeply committed to the city, Simmons offers programs that support and encourage partnerships between the College and Boston. For instance, your daughter could complete an internship at the Boston Globe, a clinical rotation at Massachusetts General Hospital, community service partnerships with Boston public schools, or a research project with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. ■

# Affordability

At Simmons, we want your family's investment to yield an enduring return. Student Financial Services works with students and their families to explain tuition, payment plans, loans, and scholarships. We are committed to working with families to explore all possibilities. In fact, 96% of the Class of 2015 received some form of financial assistance or scholarship.



## Financing a Simmons Education

Academic excellence and financial need are used to determine each student's financial-aid package. Academic merit awards range from \$2,000 to full tuition awards, renewable for four years. Students are automatically considered for merit awards upon application to the College, with the exception of the Gilbert & Marcia Kotzen Scholarship ([www.simmons.edu/kotzen](http://www.simmons.edu/kotzen)). Just submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for

"It was through the Simmons network that I found out about an opening as the Director of Constituent Services in Boston City Councilor Felix Arroyo's office. After a week's worth of interviews I was fortunate enough to be offered the position, and before I even graduated!"

—Rosy Gonzalez,  
Class of 2011

## The Result of Your Investment

scholarships, loans, grants, and federal work-study. In addition, Simmons's Career Education Center assists students with finding part-time jobs both on- and off-campus, whether they have work study funding or not.

Career support starts as soon as students step on [campus](#) and continues as an ongoing, lifelong service. Located in one of the world's great career capitols, Simmons provides a multitude of inroads to the city's array of professions. Internships, mentor guidance, workshops, and one-on-one counseling ensure that students graduate with a strong foundation in the liberal arts as well as the skills, knowledge, and confidence to pursue meaningful careers. Approximately 97% of the Class of 2010 was employed (either full or part time) or in graduate school within one year of graduation. Of those working full-time, more than 89% are employed at jobs in a field related, or closely related to their major while at Simmons. ■



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Honors Program Deadline	March 1
Priority Financial Aid Deadline	March 1
Deposit Deadline	May 1
Summer Orientation for Students	late-June
Parent Orientation	late-June
Fall Orientation	early-September
Family Weekend	mid-October

## EVENT DATES

Undergraduate Open House	November 6
Early Action Brunch by invitation only	December 3
President's Reception for Applicants by invitation only	February 11
President's Reception for Applicants by invitation only	March 18
Multicultural Open-Door Student Travel by invitation only	April 13
President's Reception for Admitted Student by invitation only	April 14
College Exploration Day for juniors and sophomores in high school	April 20

[www.simmons.edu/events](http://www.simmons.edu/events)

## APPLYING TO SIMMONS

The Simmons admission committee will review your daughter's application to learn not only what she has accomplished, but also who she is. She can apply online at [www.simmons.edu/apply](http://www.simmons.edu/apply) or through the Common Application.

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