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Summer Orientation 2018

Welcome to Summer Orientation

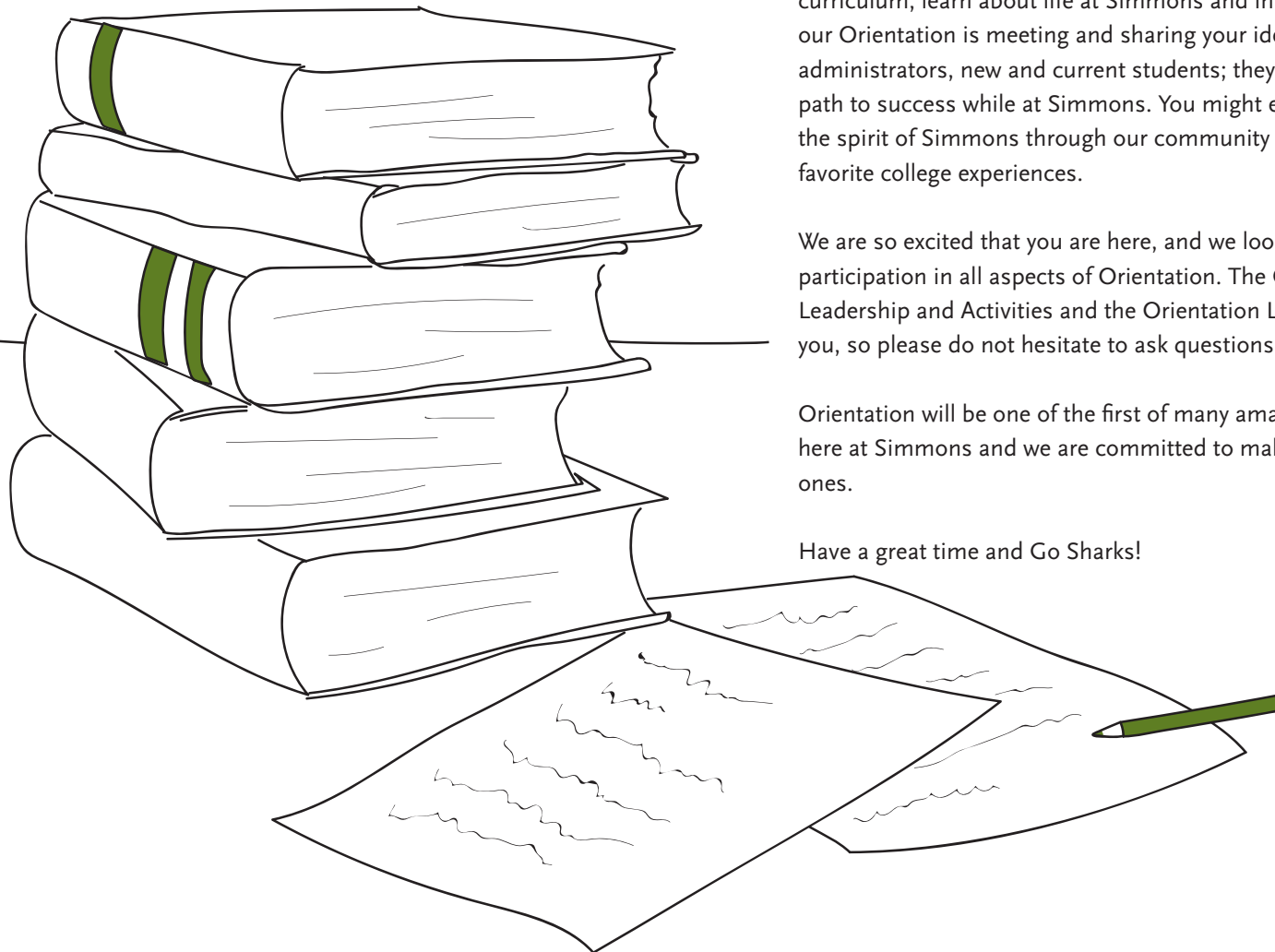
This year's Orientation theme is A NEW CHAPTER and we encourage you to embrace this theme throughout your college career at Simmons. Take advantage of all that Simmons has to offer by trying a new class, meeting new people, exploring Boston and allow yourself to try something completely new. At the same time, make Simmons your new home and let your own unique personality shine through.

Summer Orientation is your first opportunity to create memorable moments at Simmons. Over the next two days you will meet other new students, select courses for the fall from our new general education curriculum, learn about life at Simmons and in Boston. A crucial part of our Orientation is meeting and sharing your ideas with faculty members, administrators, new and current students; they will help you develop a path to success while at Simmons. You might even find that discovering the spirit of Simmons through our community might be one of your favorite college experiences.

We are so excited that you are here, and we look forward to your participation in all aspects of Orientation. 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 the first of many amazing moments you'll have here at Simmons and we are committed to making it one of your fondest ones.

Have a great time and Go Sharks!



Chapter One, June 21 & 23



9:30 am **Orientation Check-In, Alumnae Hall, Residence Campus.**
11:00 am Check in and get all of the materials including your class t-shirt, folder of information and summer reading; you will need your materials while you are here for Orientation. You will also meet your Orientation Leader during this time. Get ready for a great two days!

Housing Check-In, Alumnae Hall, Residence Campus.
The Summer Conferences Team will check you in for your overnight stay. Afterwards you can drop off your luggage in your room. Don't forget to lock your room after dropping off your items.

Residential Tours, Morse & South Hall Lobbies, Residence Campus.
As you move into your home for the evening, the Office of Residence Life is pleased to offer room tours of our traditional double and expanded occupancy triples! Tour each space as you begin to envision your life here as a Shark!

10:30 am **Honors Program Welcome, Mesick Classroom, First Floor, Mesick Hall,**
11:00 am **Residence Campus.**
Incoming students in the Honors Program must attend this informational meeting where we will explain your first year in the Honors Program and help you to plan for your advising appointment. Mandatory for all students in the Honors Program.

Welcome Sharks, Alumnae Hall, Residence Campus. 11:15 am
Susan Antonelli, Dean of Students will welcome you to Orientation and kick off your two day experience here at Simmons. You will also meet the Orientation team who will be available to you over the next two days. 11:45 am

Meeting with Your Orientation Leader, Individual Locations. 12:00 pm
Your Orientation Leader will help you meet others in your group and become familiar with the Simmons community. During your group meeting, your Orientation Leader will review the entire Orientation schedule and be available to answer questions. Please have your Orientation folder with you. 12:45 pm

Luncheon & Simmons Traditions, Bartol Dining Hall, Residence Campus. 1:00 pm
Enjoy lunch with your Orientation Leaders as you learn about the traditions that make Simmons so special. From Convocation, Founder's Day, and Family Weekend, to the Simmons Soirée; our campus celebrates its legacy in fun and exciting ways. Check out a few of the ways we celebrate our Simmons pride! 2:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions: At Simmons, these sessions are available to help you receive information that will allow you to be successful here. Please look at the provided options and pick a session that interests you. Most sessions run during both blocks so don't be afraid about missing one! Do pay attention to mandatory sessions and sessions offered during only one block. (* signifies concurrent session)

*Block 1	2:15 pm
	3:00 pm
*Block 2	3:15 pm
	4:00 pm

***Help Wanted: Student Employment, SOM222, Second Floor, School of Management.**
Find out about the resources and opportunities available for you to find jobs both on and off campus! Learn how easy it is to apply for jobs using Workday and important information you need to know about Work-Study awards.

***First Generation Meet & Greet (Block 1 only) Kotzen Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall.**

While you might be the first in your family to attend college, you will not be alone. Join staff and other students who identify as first generation at this informal meet and greet. You will get connected with others while learning about what to expect throughout your college experience.

***Spiritual Life Meet & Greet (Block 2 only) Kotzen Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall.**

Interested in finding others who want to discuss Big Questions about Faith and Meaning? Stop by and meet our religious advisors who work with students from all religious backgrounds and non-religious perspectives. Learn about our Interfaith program and monthly field trips to different houses of worship.

***Don't Be Scared, Undeclared! SOM201, Second Floor, School of Management.**

Don't be scared, undeclared majors! This session is just for you. Come hear from faculty members about how you can navigate your way through exploring different majors and how they can help you, as well as how to decide what major is right for you.

***Welcome to the Neighborhood: Fenway Area Tour, Departs from the First Floor Lobby, Main College Building.** Simmons is fortunate to be in the Fenway area of Boston. Explore hidden gems in the Fenway area including the Rose Garden, the Museum of Fine Arts, the other Colleges of the Fenway, and some local area hot spots.

***Pictures from Abroad, SOM223, Second Floor, School of Management.**

Interested in studying, volunteering, or interning abroad? We're ready to talk with you and answer your questions about pursuing overseas opportunities during your time at Simmons. Come check out our exciting portfolio of Simmons learning abroad programming that can have profound impacts on your personal, academic, and professional goals.

***Home Away From Home: Residence Life, SOM202, Second Floor, School of Management.**

Living in a residence hall can be very different than you imagine. Come listen to current upperclassmen explain the ins and outs of residence hall living; from living with a roommate, what to bring with you in the Fall, and all the things that current students wished they knew before move in. Requesting a hall that suits your personality to selecting a theme community and the supports in place should you need a little help.

***Meet the Coaches and Athletes (Block 1 only), SOM301, Third Floor, School of Management.**

Ten NCAA Division III varsity intercollegiate teams form the core of the Simmons College Athletics program. Come be a part of the highly competitive and exciting Simmons Athletics. All students are welcome - whether you are thinking about or already planning to play a sport at Simmons. *This session is mandatory for all student athletes.*

Academic Panels, C101 & C103, First Floor, Main College Building.

Simmons offers a variety of academic programs whether you have declared a major, are interested in researching a minor or are still deciding on a program; join and meet faculty in each of these sessions to understand what majors are offered, how to get off to a good start in college, what a syllabus looks like, what types of assignments you will receive, and about research and internship opportunities available to you in your first year.

4:15 pm
5:15 pm

Barbecue on the Quad, Residence Quad, Residence Campus.

Join the Orientation Leaders for a barbecue.

5:15 pm
6:30 pm

Explore Boston, Depart from Residence Quad.

Put on your walking shoes and your Orientation t-shirt, grab your phone, and join your Orientation Group to explore Boston.

6:30 pm

9:00 pm **Evening Social, Residence Quad, Residence Campus.**
 11:30 pm When you return from your outing, the fun does not end. Join your fellow students and Orientation Leaders for a night of games and fun including s'mores and spin art frisbees.

9:30 pm **Picture Your Living Space, Simmons Hall Room 101, Residence Campus.**
 11:00 pm Posters, decals, curtains and carpet. These small details make such a big difference in making your room feel like a home! Drop by our model rooms to see how you can set up your living space. Talk to Summer Resident Advisors about what you should think about packing and what you should leave at home.

Chapter Two, June 22 & 24



Breakfast, Bartol Hall, Residence Campus. 7:00 am
 Start off the day right with breakfast at the beginning of your day. 8:30 am

ZUMBA: Butts & Gutts With FIT @ Simmons, Dance Studio, First Floor, Holmes Sports Center. 7:30 am
 Join FIT @ Simmons instructors for a fun morning workout. 8:00 am

Residence Hall Check-Out, Morse & South Lobbies, Residence Campus. 7:30 am
 After breakfast, please make sure to check out of your residence hall by 8:30 a.m. and bring your luggage, key, and temporary ID. A member from the check-out team will be located in the hall lobby. Please leave the towels and washcloth we provided to you. 8:30 am

Luggage Drop Off, C105, First Floor, Main College Building. 8:45 am
 Drop off your luggage in the storage room until the end of the day. 5:00 pm

Orientation Leader Group Meeting, Individual Room Location. 8:45 am
 Join your Orientation Leader to prepare for the day and receive any additional information you need. It is a great time to ask any questions you have about yesterday or the upcoming schedule. 9:30 am

***Block 1**
 9:45 am
 10:30 am

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***ALANA Meet & Greet, Kotzen, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall.**
 The ALANA Meet and Greet provides incoming African American, Latina, Asian, and Native American students with the opportunity to connect with current ALANA students, faculty, staff and affinity-based student organizations. Learn about student initiatives, collect resources, and get candid answers to your questions.

***Getting Involved, SOM105, First Floor, School of Management.**
 What does it really mean to be an involved Simmons student? This will include an overview of the many opportunities to get involved in student organizations and liaisons, athletics, Colleges of the Fenway, and more. Learn about the multitude of resources available to you at Simmons and how you can participate in your own Class of 2022 Class Council.

***Strangers, Friends, Roommates, C101, First Floor, Main College Building.**
 Sharing a living space with someone you've never met before does not have to make you a nervous wreck. Come to this session to learn about how the Office of Residence Life assigns roommates, what to expect if there is a conflict, and ways to drama-proof your roommate relationship from day 1.

***Get Out & Do Something: Simmons Community Engagement, SOM104, First Floor, School of Management.**
 At Simmons, service is a College-wide commitment. The Scott/ Ross Center for Community Service is home to signature initiatives that unite the entire Simmons community in engaging volunteer activities. Our students serve as mentors and tutors for local youth while earning federal work-study, bringing their classroom learning to non-profit organizations in service-learning courses, and spend Spring Break with new friends working with Habitat for Humanity.

***Pre-Law Informational, L005, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall.**
 The information session provides students with information on Pre-Law. Pre-Law provides guidance to choose internships, and helps students through the process of applying to law school.

***Get More Done in Less Time! SOM202, Second Floor, School of Management.** Traditional college activities (classes, studying, activities, etc.) often lead students to neglect other aspects of health, like sleep and stress management. While it's impossible to add hours to the day, it is possible to get more done in less time by engaging in thoughtful self-care. In this interactive session, gain strategies to optimize self-care during your first year and beyond.

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***Block 2**
 10:45 am
 11:30 am

***LGBTQIA Meet & Greet, Kotzen Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall.**
 The LGBTQIA Meet and Greet provides lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, and allied students with the opportunity to connect with current LGBTQIA and allied students, faculty, and staff. Learn about student initiatives, collect resources, and get candid answers to your questions.

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***Strangers to Friends: Roommates 101, C101, First Floor, Main College Building.**

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11:45 am
12:45 pm **Lunch, Fens Cafe, Ground Floor, Main College Building.** At this lunch, you will dine with your peers and PLAN Advisors who will talk more about what to expect in your first semester at Simmons and the importance of the faculty/student relationship.

Simmons in a Nutshell, Linda K. Paresky, Third Floor, Main College Building. This presentation will introduce you to the many services and opportunities at Simmons. Members of the Simmons College administration will review a variety of resources that you will utilize during your time at Simmons; maybe in your first semester or you're entire college career. Panelists will include staff from the College of the Fenway, Public Safety, Dining Services, Health Center, Counseling Center, and Office of Disabilities Services.

1:00 pm
1:45 pm

Academic Advising & Course Selection, Please review your personalized sheet for your advising location.

During this session you will have the opportunity to meet PLAN Advisors as well as other students with similar academic interests. You will discuss general requirements, as well as requirements for your intended major(s), and ask any questions you have about your education at Simmons. By the end of the session, you will have chosen your preferred courses and alternate courses for the Fall 2018 semester. You will receive your final schedule over the summer.

2:00 pm
4:30 pm

Acknowledgments



Fall Orientation is for all first year and transfer students— whether you live on campus or not. Students are expected to attend the Orientation events on each day of Fall Orientation. Orientation will start on August 31st through September 3rd and begins with Move-in Day on the 31st. You do not need to register for Fall Orientation - all students are expected to attend.

Questions? Let us know! The Office of Student Leadership and Activities who coordinates Orientation and the Orientation Leaders are here to help you feel at home at Simmons. Don't hesitate to contact us at orientation@simmons.edu or 617-521-2429.

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