

# Simmons University Social Media Commenting Policy

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While we encourage our community to share thoughts and opinions on Simmons University's social media pages, we ask all commenters to engage in discussion with integrity, accuracy and respect for others.

We understand that social media is a 24/7 medium; however, our moderation capabilities are not. We may not see every inappropriate comment right away, and we are trusting our community to act responsibly and exercise restraint to allow the comment review process to run its course.

Simmons University does not agree with, endorse or condone every comment that individuals post on our pages. Simmons reserves the right to review comments after publishing and remove any comment that contains:

- Hate speech as defined as speech that attacks, threatens, or insults a person or group on the basis of national origin, ancestry, ethnicity, race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or disability
- Profanity, obscenity or vulgarity
- Nudity in profile pictures
- Defamation to a person or people
- Name calling and/or personal attacks
- Product or commercial venture promotions
- Petition solicitations
- Political campaigning
- Copyright infringement
- Spam, such as the same comment posted repeatedly
- Violations of intellectual property law
- Violations of the Simmons University [Social Media policy](#) or Simmons University [Acceptable Use Policy](#)
- Private information about an individual or group, including information which may be protected by state and federal regulations regarding privacy (medical information, for example)
- Other content that Simmons Lead Social Media Strategist deems inappropriate or inconsistent with Simmons's values and mission

Repeated violations of the Simmons University commenting policy may cause the author to be blocked from the Simmons University's social media profiles. Simmons students may be subject to the conduct standards and other policies set forth in the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and employees may be subject to provisions in the Simmons [Employee Handbook](#).

Please contact [social@simmons.edu](mailto:social@simmons.edu) if you have any questions.