

Simmons University Student Guide to Summer

This guide will provide summer students with information on the services available for the summer on-campus and will provide guidance on campus COVID policies and expectations.

Campus Based Resources

Although the campus is not closed during the summer, many campus-based services are more limited. This guide will help provide you with the information you need to navigate the campus over the summer.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center will be closed from May 23th until August 29th. During that time:

- If you have a mental health **emergency**, please call **911** or go to your nearest emergency room. (If you are on campus, please call Public Safety).
- If you need to speak with someone about a mental health concern, or want help finding a therapist, please visit the [Student Assistance Program](#) and reach out to the appropriate service provider.
- Students who are current clients of Dr. Samuel Sheffield can reach him over the summer at samuel.sheffield@simmons.edu.

Health Center

If you are experiencing a medical emergency on-campus, please call Public Safety at 617-521-1111. If you are experiencing a medical emergency off-campus, please call 911. The Health Center will close for in-person appointments from May 23 - August 14, 2022. From May 23 - June 30, a provider will be available by telephone to address time-sensitive medical concerns during weekday business hours. This provider can be reached by contacting Public Safety. Non-urgent medical concerns, such as prescription refill or administrative requests, can be left on the Health Center voicemail or emailed to healthcenter@simmons.edu. These non-urgent concerns will be addressed on the next business day. The Health Center will be closed from July 1 - August 15, 2022. For medical care during this time period, please contact your local urgent care center or primary care physician. See the Health Center website for detailed information about local resources. See below information regarding COVID Testing.

Campus COVID Policies

We anticipate that the campus will be less populated during the summer. As a result of rising COVID-19 positivity rates on campus, we are reinstating the indoor mask requirement at Simmons – effective Friday, May 13, 2022, until further notice. Masks will be required indoors unless eating or drinking, or in a private office. This also applies to all on-campus events. Check the [Protecting our Community Website](#) for additional updates. <https://www.simmons.edu/return-to-simmons/protecting-our-community>The testing site will be open through the end of June, although weekly testing will not be required after May 13, 2022. Students who test positive

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between July 1 and August 30 should alert the Summer COVID Team at covidtesting@simmons.edu. The Summer COVID team includes:

Kaylen Addison
Jacob Bennett
Anna Debenedictis

The team can be reached at covidtesting@simmons.edu. Below are the steps you should follow if you test positive over the summer:

- Immediately begin isolating upon receiving your test result. You should isolate for 5 days (this period is calculated from the onset of symptoms, or if asymptomatic, from the date of a positive test). This means you do not leave your room for anything other than using the bathroom, picking up a food delivery, or getting medical attention, and you should wear a tight-fitting mask when doing so.
- After 5 days, if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving, you may end isolation. If symptoms have not improved, you should continue to isolate until symptoms dissipate.
- You should continue to wear a mask at all times for an additional 5 days after your isolation period ends.
- Masks are not required while sleeping during your isolation or post-isolation period, though if you have a roommate, your beds should be arranged so that your heads are six feet apart.

Contact tracing

The CDC has ended its recommendation for universal contact tracing, so the university will not conduct its own contact tracing for students and employees after May 20. Any student or employee who tests positive should do their best to notify anyone they spent any significant time with in the two days before a positive test or the onset of symptoms, whichever came first.

Students who are enrolled in summer classes are expected to inform their professors if they will need to miss class for isolation or quarantine, as they would for any other illness.

Residential students

Students living in the residence halls during the summer who test positive will be given the option of returning to their off-campus home to isolate or isolate in their summer residence room. Students who choose to remain on campus will be responsible for their own meals and will be able to pick up food from delivery drivers while wearing a tight-fitting mask. If students have a roommate, it is best to wear a mask when in their room when they can but are not required to wear their mask to sleep. Students in isolation will use an assigned bathroom designated for those in isolation. COVID-positive students should wear a mask anytime they're in the hallways. Residence Life will post signage on the bathroom door to notify the community that it is in use for isolation purposes.

Roommates of students who test positive and remain in their room will be given the option of remaining in the room or going home. Unfortunately, given the highly transmissible nature of the

current variants, and the fact that most people who test positive were contagious two days before symptoms appeared, it is likely that roommates will have already been exposed to the virus and must be treated as close contacts. If the close contact has not tested positive for COVID-19, is vaccinated, and has received a booster, they must continue to wear a mask around others for 10 days, then get tested for COVID-19 5 days following notification of a positive roommate. If the student is not boosted, they will need to quarantine for 5 days then continue wearing a mask at all times for an additional 5 days. If the contact develops symptoms, they should get tested and continue to isolate in place.

Campus Services over the Summer

The Center for Student Success

The **Center for Student Success (CSS)** will institute a summer operating schedule beginning **Monday, June 6 and ending Friday, August 5, 2022:**

- Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm
- Friday, 8:30am - 12:00pm

The CSS Includes the Following Offices:

- Career Education Center
- Center for Global Education
- Office of Accessibility Services
- Office of Undergraduate Advising
- Tutoring and Writing Center
- Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships

Students can schedule a virtual or in person appointment with these offices Monday-Thursday 8:30am- 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am-12:00 p.m. Below is a list of the offices including instructions for scheduling an appointment and contact information.

Career Education Center

Students can schedule an appointment with the Career Education Center through Handshake. Please visit simmons.joinhandshake.com and visit the "Career Center" tab to book an appointment that works with your schedule. If you have any questions or need more assistance please email us at careers@simmons.edu.

Center for Global Education

To book an appointment with the Center for Global Education please reach out to cge@simmons.edu with information on how to schedule appointments for international students or study abroad advising.

Office of Accessibility Services

Students can access Accessibility Services by email at access@simmons.edu to make appointments and via virtual drop in hours on Monday 11:00pm-12:00am and Thursday 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Office of Undergraduate Advising

The [Office of Undergraduate Advising](#) will be available to support students throughout the summer months. Students are encouraged to utilize Starfish (instructions below) to schedule an appointment with a professional advisor. Professional advisors offer appointments virtually, over the phone, or in person within the Center for Student Success.

Students also have the option to attend virtual summer drop-ins ([click here for details](#)) to meet with the first available advisor. Please feel free to email advising@simmons.edu if you have any questions.

Schedule a meeting with an Advisor on Starfish! Here's how:

1. Log in to starfish.simmons.edu.
2. Click "My Success Network" in the menu on the left.
3. Click "Schedule" at the bottom of the yellow "Academic Advising (Undergraduate)" box.
4. Search the calendar for available appointments with an Academic Advisor.

Tutoring and Writing Center

To book an appointment with a course content tutor in the Tutoring Center, please visit [our online schedule](#) and select an appointment with a tutor for the appropriate undergraduate course.

To book an appointment with a writing tutor in the Writing Center, please visit [our online schedule](#) and select an available appointment with a writing tutor. These appointments are for undergraduate or graduate courses. Graduate students also may use the [email feedback option](#).

Please direct all questions to the Assistant Director over the Summer:
christopher.strand@simmons.edu

Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships

To schedule an appointment with the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and if you need further assistance please reach out to Jaime Libowitz at jaime.libowitz@simmons.edu or Rachel Oshinsky at rachel.oshinsky@simmons.edu.

One Stop Center for Enrollment Student Services

Rooted in the University's mission to put the needs of our students first, The One Stop Center for Enrollment Student Services supports students as they navigate the business of being a student - from registration and billing to financial aid, student employment and support for veterans and military affiliated students.

The One Stop Center is open Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Staff are available to speak with you in person, over the phone, via email or through zoom. Contact information for each office in the One Stop can be found below:

[Student Financial Services](#)

sfs@simmons.edu/617.521.2001

[Registrar's Office](#)

registrar@simmons.edu/617.521.2111

[Student Employment](#)

studentemployment@simmons.edu/617.521.2630

[Cashier's Office](#)

Questions can be directed to sfs@simmons.edu

[Veteran & Military Services](#)

Stephen.pusateri@simmons.edu/617.521.2885

[ID Card Office](#)

Questions can be directed to Kevin Leonard in the Card Office at kevin.leonard@simmons.edu
The card office is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. during the summer.

The REEF Support Services

Summer hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30pm

[Visit their website](#) to learn about resources specific to food, housing and off-campus living, commuter student support, emergency financial support, as well as violence prevention,

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education, and outreach. You will find Simmons-specific resources, as well as our [Resources Beyond Simmons Guide!](#)

[Simmons Student Assistance Program](#), services are free and available 24/7 from any location to you and all members of your household

Utilize the SAP this summer in accessing:

- Student Assistance Program (SAP) for Confidential Counseling
- School-Life Solutions
- Legal Support
- Financial Information

GuidanceResources® Online SupportMay Spotlight: [Mental Health Awareness Toolkit](#).
Email reef@simmons.edu to connect with a 1 on 1 Support Specialist.

The Campus Recreation Center

SUMMER A SESSION HOURS: Monday, May 23, 2022 through to Saturday, July 2, 2022

- Monday: 6:00am - 8:00pm
- Tuesday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
- Wednesday: 6:00am - 8:00pm
- Thursday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
- Friday: 6:00am - 6:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Sunday: CLOSED

SUMMER B SESSION HOURS: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 through to Friday, September 2, 2022

- Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
- Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm
- Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

SUMMER A LAP SWIM HOURS: (May 23 to July 1, 2022)

- Monday - Friday: 12pm - 1:30pm (8 lanes)
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:00am - 8:00am (4 lanes)

SUMMER B LAP SWIM HOURS: (July 5 to September 2, 2022)

- Monday - Friday: 12pm - 1:30pm (8 lanes)
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm (4 lanes)

Public Safety

The Public Safety Department provides police and security services to the Simmons University community. Public Safety is an around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week operation.

Emergencies: 617-521-1111 or 911

Non-emergencies: 617-521-1112

Safety Escorts

The Simmons University community is generally a safe and secure area. We provide safety walking escorts in the event a student, faculty member, or staff member does not feel safe. Simmons Public Safety provides walking escorts to Simmons University Community Members to/from the Academic and Residence campus, during evening hours. To request a walking escort, please contact Public Safety at 617-521-1112.

Other Public Safety Services

- Lost and Found
- The Simmons University Police Department offers free fingerprinting to members of the Simmons community, by appointment only.
- Contact Public Safety to hire Police details for events.

Multicultural center and Spiritual Life at Simmons

The Multicultural Center and Spiritual Life are open during the summer session. Simmons Multicultural Center Staff, includes both full time and part time staff. (**Note: As of October 1, Spiritual Life at Simmons has moved to join the Student Experience units within the Division of Student Affairs, under the oversight of the Multicultural Center.*)

[Multicultural Center](mailto:Multicultural@simmons.edu) - Multicultural@simmons.edu

[Spiritual Life](mailto:Spirtualife@simmons.edu) - Spirtualife@simmons.edu

[Social Media](#) - Multicultural Center's Instagram (This platform is checked frequently for questions and or concerns)

Summer Center Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Staffing/ Office hours

**Starting in July, Malachi will host “Collective Drop In Hours” every Wednesday from 10 AM - 12 PM (Virtually). These hours will allow Cultural Affinity, Identity and Religious-Based Organizations the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming academic year.*

Erika

Assistant Dean of Student
Experience/ Multicultural Center
Director
She, Her, Hers
Office: 617-521-2024
Email: Erika.monfort@simmons.edu

8:30AM - 4:30PM: Monday through Friday
1PM - 3PM: Drop In Virtual Office Hours
On campus: Mondays and Tuesdays
Remote: Wednesdays - Fridays

Malachi

Assistant Director, Multicultural
Center
He, Him, His
Office: 617-521-2044
Email:
Malachi.robinson@simmons.edu

8:30AM - 4:30PM: Monday through Friday
10AM - 12PM: *Collective Drop In Hours (Virtually)
every Wednesday*
On campus: Tuesdays
Remote: Mondays, Wednesdays - Fridays

Julia

Simmons Hillel Advisor
She, Her, Hers
Email: julia.barron@simmons.edu

Remote:

Tuesdays: 10-12pm (virtual office hours)
Thursdays: 10-12pm (virtual office hours)

**Available after June 7th (Birthright Israel Trip with
Hillel Council of New England)*

Sumaira Afzal

Simmons Muslim Advisor
She, Her, Hers
Email: sumaira.Afzal@simmons.edu

Remote:

Tuesdays: 1-3pm (virtual office hours)
Wednesdays: 1-3pm (virtual office hours)
**Dates/times may be subject to change*

Karla

Student Affairs Jennifer Eckert DEI
Fellow
She, Her, Hers
karla.alba@simmons.edu

Before Classes Start: (June 1st - June 22nd)

Mondays: 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Tuesdays: 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Wednesdays: 9:30 AM - 12 PM

After Classes Start: (June 28th - July 29th)

Mondays & Fridays: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

