



## 2025-2026 Freshman Information New England

This information is meant to provide general information as well as a brief overview of some of the rules of residence found in the Student Handbook. More detailed information will be sent through the Assistant Dean's office. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Admissions Office, or to the Assistant Dean or Resident Directors at any point with questions! We are all very happy to help.

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### I. Communication

Public telephones are provided in the dorms for student use at no charge. Students may also bring mobile phones. Among major carriers, Verizon offers the best on-campus coverage. To ensure they do not detract from the academic program, cellphones and other devices with cellular data are not allowed in the classroom buildings, library, Commons during class hours. More information is available in the Student Handbook. **In case of an after-hours emergency, please call please call 413-846-1200 and press 1.**

Mail should be addressed as follows and may be sent as early as the beginning of August. You may also wish to ship larger items 1-2 weeks ahead of your arrival. The items will be delivered to your room.

Name of Student, Freshman  
Thomas Aquinas College, East Hall  
231 Main St  
Northfield, MA 01360

### II. Computers

Computer and internet access will be available the College Library. Students are also encouraged to bring their own laptops and may use the provided Ethernet cables to access the internet. USB-to-Ethernet adapters are available for purchase in the College bookstore. The College does not provide a Wi-Fi network for student use. College email account access is available through computers located in each residence hall.

### III. Transportation

Freshmen should plan to arrive on campus between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21. While we encourage most students to arrive at this time, students traveling farther distances may find it more feasible to arrive the evening prior and are welcome to do so. As College housing and food services will not be ready until then, please do not plan to arrive earlier than Thursday afternoon.

Students traveling by plane to the College typically fly into Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) or Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Hartford, CT. Shuttle transportation from BOS and BDL directly to campus will be available on both Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., and on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The cost of the shuttle is \$50 per person from BOS and \$40 per person from BDL and should be paid to the College no later than August 8. Should you wish to take advantage of one of these options, please complete the form at [thomasaquinas.edu/shuttle](http://thomasaquinas.edu/shuttle). The College will provide a similarly scheduled service before and after the Christmas break, and at the end of the school year. Contact Rosy Cosgrove at [receptionistne@thomasaquinas.edu](mailto:receptionistne@thomasaquinas.edu) if you have any questions.

IV. **Freshman Orientation**

Orientation activities will begin on Thursday, August 21, and continue through Monday, August 25. The schedule will include the Convocation Mass and Matriculation Ceremony on Saturday, August 23. Classes will commence on Tuesday, August 26, by which time all tuition and room and board charges for the first semester must be paid. See Freshman Orientation schedule for further details.

V. **Health**

The College's Healthcare Coordinator lives on campus and is available to advise students and aid them in getting medical care. The College's physician has an office in Gardner, MA, and is also able to provide consultation by phone. A nearby urgent care clinic may be utilized for any more immediate needs.

VI. **Clothing**

Massachusetts has a humid continental climate, with warm to hot (and often humid) summers and cold (sometimes very cold) winters. Winter clothing should include warm sweaters, winter coats, gloves, scarves, hats, and boots, as well as rain gear. Please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office ([admissions@thomasaquinas.edu](mailto:admissions@thomasaquinas.edu)) with any questions.

*For classes, meals, and Mass:*

Men wear presentable khakis or slacks (not jeans or similar casual pants), shirts with collars, and dress shoes. For more formal occasions, men often elect to wear a suit or coat and tie.

Women wear dress shoes or sandals (not casual or athletic styles) and skirts or dresses with hemlines below the knee. Tops should have sleeves, or cap-sleeves, with appropriately professional necklines and backs. Slacks are not worn at these times.

*For sports, recreation, and casual wear:*

In informal settings, students may wear jeans or longer shorts. Pants and shirts should not be tight fitting. Students may wear t-shirts or wide-strapped tank tops that cover the midriff. For swimming on campus, men should wear trunks or jammers reaching mid-thigh; women's swimsuits should have full coverage bottoms, modest necklines, and should cover the midriff.

VII. **Important items to bring**

- Pens, pencils, notebooks, flash drive
- Pillow, blankets, mattress cover/pad, bed linens (*extra-long twin recommended*)
- Towels and wash cloths
- Desk lamp
- Laundry detergent (*Washers and dryers are available for use in the residence halls at no charge.*)
- Personal toiletries, insect repellent

VIII. **Additional helpful notes**

- Class and roommate assignments will be provided at move-in. Please ensure that your registration forms have been completed and submitted!
- The College cannot be responsible for the loss of personal valuables.

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