



## 2025-2026 Freshman Information California

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 Assistant 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, AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon offer the best on-campus coverage. To ensure they do not detract from the academic program, cellphones and other devices with cellular data are generally not allowed in the classroom buildings, library, Commons or on the academic quadrangle. More information is available in the Student Handbook. **In case of an after-hours emergency, please call (800) 634-9797 or (805) 525-4417 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  
10,000 Ojai Rd  
Santa Paula, CA 93060

### II. Computers

Computer and internet access will be available in St. Bernardine Library and the Student Mail Room in St. Joseph Commons. 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 WiFi network for student use.

College email account access is available through computers located in each residence hall.

### III. Transportation

Freshmen should arrive on campus between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20. As College housing and food services will not be ready until that day, please do not plan to arrive earlier.

Students traveling by plane to the College typically fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), then take a shuttle from LAX. The two most popular transport options are:

- Ventura County Airporter: [venturashuttle.com](http://venturashuttle.com), (805) 650-6600. Cost: \$50 pre-paid. The Airporter takes students to Ventura: Four Points by Sheraton where a College courier can meet them and bring them to campus. Students who use the Ventura County Airporter should contact the College receptionist at (805) 525-4417 at least one week in advance of the day of travel to arrange for a College courier to meet them at Ventura: Four Points by Sheraton.
- Rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft can be as low as ~\$100 for direct transport to the College, but are sometimes significantly more. Due to the distance and time involved, the College couriers are unable to meet students at LAX.

IV. **Freshman Orientation**

On Thursday, August 21, freshmen will assemble in St. Cecilia Hall for Orientation and Registration. Orientation meetings and activities will continue through Saturday, by which time all tuition, housing, and food charges for the first semester must be paid. A Convocation Mass and Matriculation Ceremony for freshmen will be held on Monday, August 25, and classes will commence on Tuesday, August 26. Please consult the Freshman Orientation Schedule for further details.

V. **Health**

The College nurse visits the campus on a regular schedule and the College physician has an office in nearby Santa Paula. There are also urgent care clinics and hospitals in Santa Paula and Ventura.

VI. **Clothing**

Southern California has a moderate climate. Warm days may occur at any time of the year, and several weeks of hot weather can be expected in the fall. Winter clothing should include warm sweaters, coats, closed-toe shoes, and rain wear. Temperatures occasionally drop to freezing during the winter.

*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

VIII. **Additional helpful notes**

- All required books will be provided upon the students' arrival. Students' accounts will be charged ~\$100 per year for "course materials," manuals which are required for classes.
- 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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