



**Thomas Aquinas College
Summer Great Books Program, California
July 5 – 18, 2026
Student Information**

○ **Communication**

Students may use personal mobile phones for calling and messaging.

- **In case of emergencies after hours, call (800) 634-9797 or (805) 525-4417 and press 1.**
- Email and internet access are available through College computers in the Library.
- Mail should be addressed as follows:
Name of Student
c/o HS Summer Program
Thomas Aquinas College
10,000 Ojai Rd
Santa Paula, CA 93060

○ **Campus Arrival**

Students should arrive on campus on **Sunday, July 5.**

- If you are driving to the College, please plan to arrive between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- For those flying in, please make every effort to arrive at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to take advantage of the transportation to campus provided by the College. If you cannot schedule your flight into LAX before 3:00 p.m., please contact the Admissions Office at (805) 525-4417 or admissions@thomasaquinas.edu for information on alternative means of transportation to the College.
- **Summer Program staff will be at LAX until 3:00 p.m.** to greet students as they arrive at the baggage claim area and to escort them to our chartered buses.

○ **Campus Departure**

Students will depart campus on **Saturday, July 18.**

- Students departing by car should plan to leave campus between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- For students departing from LAX, the College will provide transportation to LAX on Saturday morning. Please make every effort to schedule your departure flight between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The last shuttle to the airport will depart campus at 12:00 p.m.**

○ **Summer Program Staff**

In addition to the College faculty and Admissions staff who run the Summer Program, current students and recent alumni serve on the program as prefects. They come from around the country and hold in common a deep appreciation for the College and for the intellectual life cultivated on the campus. These prefects live in the residence halls with the students and join them in their day-to-day activities outside class. They are also responsible for the comfort and safety of the students, and they ensure that program rules are observed.

○ **Campus Rules**

Simply put, students are expected to be considerate of one another at all times. Dress and language should reflect respect for others. Christian decency, neatness, and cleanliness are expected of all students both inside and outside their residence hall rooms.

The men's and women's residence halls are always off-limits to the opposite sex. The other residence halls on campus are also off-limits during the Summer Program. Dormitory doors will be locked at 10:30 p.m. each night — all students must be in their dorms by this time.

An important goal of the Summer Program is to provide an intellectually rich and stimulating environment in which students have the opportunity to get to know each other through conversation, both inside and outside the classroom. Our experience has been that electronic media can distract from meaningful conversation and building

friendships. For this reason, **we ask that students not bring tablets, laptops, portable speakers, movie players, etc. to the summer program.**

Students may use their phones (headphones/earbuds only) for music during individual exercise, except in the climbing wall room, where no music is allowed for safety reasons. The College has a custom of keeping the classrooms, library, and dining commons free of cell phones at most times. In keeping with this custom, we ask that you leave them in your rooms during classes, at Mass, during mealtimes, and during the study periods.

Students may not leave the campus at any time without prior permission of a Summer Program staff member. The lower campus is off-limits after dark. The use of marijuana, THC, or any illegal drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited. The civil law is to be obeyed on and off campus.

○ **Dress**

For the sake of formality in the classroom, as well as modesty, the College observes a dress code throughout the academic year, and during the Summer Program.

- **For classes, meals (except dinner), and Mass in the College chapel:**

Men wear chinos or slacks (not jeans or similar casual pants), shirts with collars, and dress shoes. **Semi-formal attire:** Men may wish to bring a suit or coat and tie for a semi-formal banquet at the end of the program.

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. **Semi-formal attire:** For the banquet at the end of the program, women may wish to bring semi-formal attire, which should follow the above code except that tops may be sleeveless with wide straps.

- **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 (non-racer back) that cover the midriff. Shirts must be worn at all times; shoes must be worn when playing soccer and field sports. For swimming on and off 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.

- **For Rosary in the College chapel and study hall:**

Students are welcome to dress more casually in pants, jeans (or capris for women), and shirts that cover the shoulders. Shorts are not to be worn at these times.

- **Excursions:**

In addition to a trip to the beach, there will be opportunities for hiking. Please bring comfortable hiking clothing and shoes, sunscreen, a beach towel, and swimwear.

○ **Miscellaneous**

Students will be provided with bath towels, washcloths, bed linens, blankets, and pillows. Washers and dryers are available for use in the residence halls free of charge; laundry detergent will be provided.

Students should bring:

- Toiletries
- Bible for seminars on the book of Genesis
(Bibles will be available for purchase in the College Bookstore as well)
- Sunscreen
- Beach towel
- Water bottle (Please label with your name!)

Students may also wish to bring:

- Spending money for bookstore and off-campus gift purchases
- Camera
- Acoustic musical instruments

Thomas Aquinas College is not responsible for loss of personal possessions. The administration of the College has the authority to determine how rules are to be applied in specific cases. Thomas Aquinas College reserves the right to dismiss students from the program if necessary.