



Thomas Aquinas College
Summer Great Books Program, New England
July 12 - July 25, 2026
Male Student Information

○ **Communication**

Students may use personal cell phones for calling and texting.

- **In case of emergencies after hours, call (800) 634-9797 or (413) 846-1200 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
231 Main St.
Northfield, MA 01360

○ **Campus Arrival**

Students should arrive on campus on **Sunday, July 12.**

- 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 Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) 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 a flight that arrives into BOS before 3:00 p.m., please contact the Admissions Office at (413) 846-1200 or admissions@thomasaquinas.edu for information on alternative means of transportation to the College.
- **Summer Program staff will be at BOS until 3:00 p.m.** to greet students in the baggage claim area and to escort them to the College's chartered shuttles.

○ **Campus Departure**

Students will depart campus on **Saturday, July 25.**

- Students departing by car should plan to leave campus between 8:00 am and 11:00 am.
- For students departing from BOS, the College will provide transportation to BOS 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 share 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 of 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, grooming, and language should reflect respect for others, and standards of Christian decency should be observed 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, **tablets, laptops, portable movie players, etc. are not allowed on the program.** Cell phones may be brought to the program but should be left in students' rooms during all classes, study periods, and mealtimes.

Students may not leave the campus at any time without prior permission from a Summer Program staff member. The lower campus is off-limits after dark. 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 neat, clean khakis or slacks (jeans or similarly casual pants, i.e. pants with pockets on the outside, are not acceptable), collared shirts, and dress shoes. **Semi-formal attire:** Students may wish to bring a suit or coat and tie for the banquet at the end of the program.

○ **For sports, recreation, and casual wear:**

Men wear jeans or shorts. Shirts are required at all times outside the dorms, except on the basketball courts. Shoes must be worn when playing soccer and field sports. (Cleats are allowed on the field.)

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

Men wear pants or jeans and long- or short-sleeved shirts. Shorts may not be worn at these times.

○ **Excursions:**

In addition to kayaking on the Connecticut River, 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, and laundry detergent is 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 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.