



## 2023-2024 Freshman Information California

### I. Communication

Students are welcome to 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 not allowed in the classroom buildings, library, Commons or on the academic quadrangle during class hours. More information is available in the Student Handbook. Telephone contact with students may also be made through common residence hall phones:

St. Katherine Hall (Men)  
805-299-2915 West | 805-299-2916 South

St. Bernard Hall (Women)  
805-299-2917 South | 805-299-2918 East

Ss. Peter and Paul Hall (Men)  
805-299-2924 1<sup>st</sup> floor North  
805-299-2925 1<sup>st</sup> floor South  
805-299-2926 2<sup>nd</sup> floor North  
805-299-2927 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South

St. Therese Hall (Women)  
805-299-2919 North | 805-299-2920 South

St. Serra Hall (Men)  
805-299-2928 East | 805-299-2929 West

St. Monica Hall (Women)  
805-299-2921 2<sup>nd</sup> floor North  
805-299-2922 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South  
805-299-2923 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**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.) College email account access will be available through study room 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 16. 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:

- 1) Ventura County Airporter: [venturashuttle.com](http://venturashuttle.com), (805) 650-6600. Cost: \$45 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.
- 2) Rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft average ~\$100 for direct transport to the College. Due to the distance and time involved, the College couriers are unable to meet students at LAX.

IV. **Freshman Orientation**

On Thursday, August 17, freshmen will assemble in St. Cecilia Hall for Orientation and Registration. Orientation meetings and activities will continue through Saturday, by which time all tuition and room and board charges for the first semester must be paid. A Convocation Mass and Matriculation Ceremony for freshmen will be held on Monday, August 21, and classes will commence on Tuesday, August 22. 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 is also an urgent care clinic and a hospital in Santa Paula.

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. 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 (jeans or similar casual pants, e.g. trousers with exterior pockets, are not acceptable), 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 not be tight-fitting and should have sleeves and modest necklines. Slacks are not worn at these times.

*For sports, recreation, and casual wear:*

Men may wear jeans or shorts. Shirts are required at all times on campus, except during men's sports on the athletic field and basketball courts.

In informal settings, students may wear jeans or longer shorts. Clothing is modest and not tight-fitting. For swimming on campus, women's bathing suits should cover the midriff and have modest necklines.

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.
- Class and roommate assignments will be provided at move-in. Please ensure that your registration forms have been completed and submitted!
- Information on nearby accommodations and attractions may be found at [thomasaquinas.edu/ca-stay](http://thomasaquinas.edu/ca-stay).

The College cannot be responsible for the loss of personal valuables.

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