

Graduate Studies Admission

Financing Your Education

Tuition

Tuition at Simmons is based on a tuition charge per credit; most courses are valued at four credits. When budgeting, consider that tuition typically rises each year and that some expenses listed are approximated.

Student Financial Services

Simmons makes educational opportunities available to as many qualified students as possible, and welcomes applications from students who can not meet their educational expenses without financial assistance. The Office of Student Financial Services offers financial advising and will answer questions concerning aid available at Simmons College or through other sources.

Merit Aid

Merit-based scholarships are available in all programs; awards can range from \$500 - \$5000 per semester. There is no additional paperwork required beyond the application for admission; applicants will be automatically considered for scholarships. Qualified applicants should apply early to ensure the availability of funding.

Federal Financial Aid

To be considered for federal aid, Simmons requires two forms, the Simmons supplemental information form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Simmons form is available in the Office of Graduate Studies Admission, Student Financial Services, or can be downloaded from <http://my.simmons.edu/services/sfs/apply/graduate.shtml>. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at Student Financial Services or at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Once admitted to an academic program, you will be considered for various subsidized and unsubsidized federal and state loans.

Graduate PLUS Loan

The Graduate PLUS Loan is a federally funded loan that enables graduate students to borrow up to the full cost of attendance less any other financial aid received. Repayment begins within 60 days after full disbursement of the loan, with disbursement made in equal installments, one half during each semester of a student's enrollment. You can apply for the Graduate PLUS Loan online through ELM Select. (<https://www.elmselect.com/oll/SchoolLenderList/?schoolId=4870>)

Teaching/Research Assistantships

Available starting in the student's second semester of study, teaching and research assistantships are granted to qualified graduate students. Students must apply for assistantships, and are selected by the graduate program director. TAs are assigned to a specific course and work under the close supervision of a graduate faculty member. Assistantships award \$2000 of taxable award per semester, distributed by payroll checks.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

TUITION

EDUCATION PROGRAMS*	\$775/CREDIT
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS	\$900/CREDIT
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT	\$900/CREDIT
LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAMS	\$900/CREDIT
PH.D. PROGRAMS	\$900/CREDIT

*EXCLUDES URBAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

REQUIRED EXPENSES

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE (PER SEMESTER)	\$40
BOOKS/SUPPLIES PER COURSE (ESTIMATED)	\$200

OTHER EXPENSES

ROOM AND BOARD (PER SEMESTER)	\$6750
HEALTH INSURANCE (PER YEAR)	\$2500#
HEALTH CENTER FEE* (PER SEMESTER)	\$350

*REQUIRED FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

ESTIMATED. 2009-2010 RATES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE

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