



*The Thomas More College
of Liberal Arts*

ORIENTATION 2023

Welcome to Thomas More College

Dear Incoming Students,

The start of your first semester here at Thomas More College of Liberal Arts is just around the corner, and we look forward to welcoming you into our community. As you prepare for your arrival, we want to provide you with some useful information, including a packing list, arrival instructions, and orientation schedule.

Please feel free to contact me or our Resident Directors with any questions or concerns.

Safe travels and God Bless,



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Campus Life & Dormitories

Thomas More College is known for its unique student life and campus culture. To make the most of your time here, please read the following information carefully and keep it in mind as you prepare for your arrival.

For Stillman & Kopka

Please keep in mind that the dormitories are not air conditioned. The laundry rooms are equipped with irons and ironing boards, as well as washers and dryers. Laundry cards can be purchased for as little as \$5.00 (\$1.50 per cycle).

Necessary Items:

- Bedding: Twin size sheets, blankets, comforter, pillow and pillowcases
- Laundry: hamper, detergent
- Shower: bath, hand, and face towels; flip-flops; shower caddy
- Toiletries and medications (prescriptions, ibuprofen, allergy medication, etc.)
- Fan

Recommended Items:

- An extra lamp
- Reading light
- Coffee mug
- Umbrella
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Sleeping bag
- Mattress topper
- Musical instrument(s)
- Hair dryer

New Hampshire promises both warm and crisp fall days, cold and snowy winters, and hot spring afternoons. As St. Peter notes in his letter, *parati semper*: be prepared always.



For the Library & Classrooms

We strongly recommend that you bring your own laptop. Internet connection and printers are provided in the library and study halls only. There is no Internet available in the dormitories. Please note that electronics are not permitted in the classroom and are not to be used in the cafeteria during mealtimes.

- Laptop
- Notebooks, folders, paper
- Pens, pencils, highlighters
- Binders
- Stapler/3-hole punch
- Backpack



Clothing

Students are expected to dress modestly, respectfully, and appropriately for each occasion. For Chapel, class, and meals, women may wear dresses, blouses/formal shirts, sweaters, and skirts or trousers (not beach clothes or sportswear). Men may wear trousers (not jeans) and collared shirts. More formal dress wear is appropriate for special occasions such as feast days, banquets, dances, and lectures.

For more details, please consult the Student Life team.

Gentlemen

Necessary Items:

- Sports coat/blazer
- Collared shirts (button down/polo)
- Sweaters
- Khakis
- Ties and/or bowties
- Dress shoes
- Sneakers
- Activewear (hiking/sports)
- Winter gear: coat, hat, gloves, scarves, boots
- Rain gear: boots, light jacket

Recommended Items:

- Suit
- Modest swimwear
- Cleats
- Hiking boots
- Hats

Ladies

Necessary Items:

- Dresses
- Formal shirts/blouses
- Blazer or cardigan(s)
- Sweaters
- Skirts and slacks
- Dress shoes
- Sneakers
- Activewear (hiking/sports)
- Winter gear: coat, hat, gloves, scarves, boots
- Rain gear: boots, light jacket

Recommended Items:

- Floor-length formal gown
- Knee- or mid-length cocktail dress
- Modest swimwear
- Cleats
- Hiking boots
- Hats or head coverings

Getting to the College

By Car to 6 Manchester Street, Merrimack, NH 03054

From the North (Concord, NH area): Take US 3 Everett Turnpike South to exit 10, Industrial Dr. Left at the end of the ramp onto Industrial Dr. Right at second light onto Daniel Webster Hwy. (at Anheuser Busch plant). Drive 0.8 miles and turn right onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

From the South (Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut): (I495 and I95 intersect with Rte. 3.) Take US 3 North to exit 7E, Henri A. Burque Dr. Straight at the end of the ramp onto Henri A. Burque Dr. Left at second light onto Daniel Webster Hwy. Drive 1.5 miles and turn left onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

From Boston: Take I93 North (11 miles). Merge onto I95 South via exit 37B (5 miles). Merge onto US 3 North via exit 32A (27 miles). Exit at 7E, Henri A. Burque Dr. Straight at the end of the ramp onto Henri A. Burque Dr. Left at second light onto Daniel Webster Hwy. Drive 1.5 miles and turn left onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

From the East (Haverhill, MA area): Take I495 South to US 3 North via exit 35B. US 3 North to exit 7E, Henri A. Burque Dr. (17 miles). Straight at the end of the ramp onto Henri A. Burque Dr. Left at second light onto Daniel Webster Hwy. Drive 1.5 miles and turn left onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

From the West (Keene, NH area): Take NH 101 East to NH 101A East. Left onto Continental Blvd. Right onto Industrial Dr. Right onto Daniel Webster Hwy. (at Anheuser Busch plant). Drive 0.8 miles and turn right onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

By Air to Boston Logan or Manchester Airports

Please use the Pick-up Request Form to let the Admissions Department know of your travel arrangements so we can coordinate the shuttle service. The College will provide two shuttles for arrival in Boston (from Logan Airport and South Station for train arrivals) and frequent shuttles from Manchester Airport and Nashua Exit 8. Should you arrive in Boston, we encourage you to use the Boston Express, which runs conveniently and frequently from both Logan Airport and South Station to Nashua Exit 8 (bostonexpressbus.com). Please contact Admissions with any questions.

Manchester Boston Regional Airport—MHT (15 minutes north of the College)
1 Airport Rd., Manchester, NH 03103 | flymanchester.com

Directions from Manchester Airport: North on Airport Rd. Continue on Airport Rd. At the first traffic circle, take first exit onto Raymond Wieczorek Dr. At the second traffic circle, straight to stay on Raymond Wieczorek Dr. Follow signs to the Everett Turnpike S toward Nashua/Boston. Take exit 10 for Industrial Dr. toward US 3 (there will be a sign for Thomas More College). Turn left at Industrial Dr. Turn right at Daniel Webster Hwy./US 3 S. Turn right onto Manchester St. The College entrance is the second driveway on the left.

Boston Logan International Airport—BOS (60 minutes south of the College)
1 Harborside Dr., East Boston, MA 02128 | massport.com/logan-airport

Directions from Logan Airport: Leave the airport following signs for I90 W. Merge onto I90 W from the right lane (1.5 miles) and take the right hand exit onto I93 N (13 miles). Take exit 28B to merge onto I-95 S toward Waltham (5.4 miles) then take exit 50A for US-3 N toward Lowell (27 miles). Entering New Hampshire, continue on US-3 N and take exit 7E. Go straight at the light onto Henry Clay Dr. (0.8 miles) and take a left at the light onto Manchester St. (1.7 miles). After you pass the intersection with Henry Clay Dr., the College entrance will be on the right.

Local Information

Cafes & Dining

Buckley's Bakery & Cafe

436 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack
(603) 262-5929
buckleysbakerycafe.com/merrimack

The Common Man

304 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack
(603) 429-3463
thecman.com/common-man-merrimack

Buckley's Great Steaks

438 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack
(603) 424-0995
buckleysgreatsteaks.com

The Peddler's Daughter

48 Main St., Nashua
(603) 821-7535
thepeddlersdaughter.com

Hotels in the area

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

4 Amherst Rd., Merrimack
(3 miles away)
(603) 429-3600
Mention the College for a reduced rate.

Quality Inn

242 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack
(2 miles away)
(603) 429 4600

Cell service

While other carriers also work, Verizon provides the best coverage on campus. The closest Verizon store is at 258 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua: (855) 702-1519.

Banking

Saint Mary's Bank

14 Spruce St., Nashua
(603) 821-2005
stmarysbank.com

Bank of America

157 Main St., Nashua
(603) 594-1900
bankofamerica.com

Local Catholic Churches

During the academic year, Mass is offered on campus throughout the week (excluding Saturdays) and Confession is offered Monday through Friday. In addition, Nashua and Manchester offer a variety of Catholic communities for TMC students to explore, some of which are listed below along with their Sunday Mass times. The Student Life team also provides transportation to certain off-campus Sunday Masses. Please ask the Resident Directors for more information.

Nashua:

Saint Patrick Parish (Diocesan)

stpatricksnashua.org

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday vigil
- 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Saint Stanislaus Church (FSSP, Latin Mass)

latinmassnashua.org

- 7:00 a.m. Low Mass
- 9:00 a.m. High Mass
- 11:00 a.m. High Mass

Saint Christopher Catholic Church (Diocesan)

stchrisparishnh.org

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday vigil
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Manchester:

Our Lady of the Cedars Church (Melkite Catholic)

olocnh.org

- 4:30 p.m. Saturday vigil
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy



More Friendly Faces

In addition to Dr. Taylor and the Admissions Officers you have already come to know, we'd like to introduce you some other members of the faculty and staff—as well as our Student Life Team—who will be helping you get settled into life at the College.



William E. Fahey, PhD | Fellow & President

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Dr. Fahey is the third president of Thomas More College. He teaches a variety of courses, including *Natural History*, which is taken during the first year of studies.



Walter J. Thompson | Fellow & Dean

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Dean Thompson teaches across several disciplines at the College. Students should direct all questions regarding their classes and academic standing to him.



Paul Jackson | Executive Vice President

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Mr. Jackson oversees the student work program. He also runs the Development office, which enables the College to offer scholarships to students like you.



Pamela Bernstein | Director of Business and Registrar Affairs

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Mrs. Bernstein is responsible for the Business and Registrar Offices and overseeing the Financial Aid Department. Students should direct questions involving registration and billing to her.



Tryphena Reidy | Financial Aid & Title IX Coordinator

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Mrs. Reidy coordinates financial aid packages at the College. Students should direct all questions involving financial aid to her, as well as any Title IX issues.



Lydia Smith '22 | Resident Director

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Lydia enjoys leading hiking and cultural excursions as well as making cappuccinos for tired students. You may find her reading metaphysical poetry or a novel, but feel free to interrupt.



Jonathan Wright '23 | Resident Director

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Jonathan is an aspiring scholar with particular interests in politics and philosophy. His favorites include *Moby Dick* and Robert Frost. Jon enjoys adventure in the outdoors and just about any sport.



Josephine Moorman '24 | Proctor

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Josephine is interested in philosophy and the humanities. One of her favorite books is Josef Pieper's *Only the Lover Sings*. In her free time, she also enjoys hiking, sewing, and playing the guitar.



Peter Rao '24 | Proctor

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Peter is interested in history, journalism, and politics. His favorite novel is *The Betrothed*. He enjoys hiking, swimming, acting, and playing chess, as well as singing in the Choir and playing the violin.



Molly Hugo '25 | Resident Assistant

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Molly's interests range from the humanities to the outdoors. She can often be found reading outside. Two books that have impacted her are Tolkien's *Leaf By Niggle* and Hillenbrand's *Unbroken*.



Liam Beecher '25 | Resident Assistant

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Liam has deep interests in theology, literature, music, and the culinary arts. He spends his free time writing and playing music, or visiting the ocean at any opportunity.

Orientation Schedule

Saturday 8/26: Arrival

12:00 – 4:00 pm	Students arrive (NB: If you need to be picked up at an airport or bus station, please send the Pick-up Request Form to admissions@thomasmorecollege.edu as soon as possible.)
12:00 – 1:30 pm	A light luncheon will be available in the cafeteria
4:45 pm	Reception for students and parents (Piazza); welcome by President Fahey
6:15 pm	Dinner with students and parents (Cafeteria)
7:15 pm	Goodbyes and departure of all parents
7:30 pm	Welcome to Thomas More College by Dr. Taylor in the Lounge, followed by Social

Sunday 8/27: Mass & Recreation in the White Mountains

7:00 am	Holy Mass
8:15 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Departure in vans to Crawford Notch
11:00 am	Hike Mt. Willard
12:30 pm	Lunch and short talk by Dr. Fahey at the summit
4:30 pm	Welcome talk by Camp Manager
5:00 pm	Social time
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	An Introduction to the Liberal Arts by Mr. Thompson
8:00 pm	Bonfire: Rosary, music, s'mores, stories
10:30 pm	Compline

Monday 8/28: New England Adventures

6:30 am	Reveille/Bell
7:00 am	Holy Mass on Chapel Rock
7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Departure to trailheads (lunch on the trail)
6:30 pm	Dinner at campground
8:00 pm	Rosary followed by Bonfire & Poems
10:30 pm	Compline

Tuesday 8/29: Return to TMC; Course

Registration

6:30 am	Reveille/Bell
7:00 am	Holy Mass on Chapel Rock
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Camp cleanup
9:45 am	Departure
12:15 pm	Arrival at TMC and Lunch
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Course Registration required with Mrs. Bernstein and Financial Aid Registration required with Mrs. Reidy
4:30 pm	“How to Succeed” Student Panel
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	“Introduction to Student Life” by Dr. Taylor, followed by Social (all students)

Wednesday 8/30: The Intellectual Life; Course

Registration

7:00 am	Morning Prayer
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 4:00 pm	Registration with Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. Reidy (required)
9:00 am	Symposium on the Academic Life in Warren Library
11:00 am	Confession Available
11:30 am	Holy Mass in the Chapel
12:15 pm	Lunch
4:30 pm	Rome Meeting in the Helm Room (Sophomores only)
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Poetry Competition at Mercy Hall followed by Jam Session (all students)





Artwork by Lydia He '25

Academic Calendar

FALL 2023

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27 through

Tuesday, August 29

Monday, August 28

Tuesday, August 29 and

Wednesday, August 30

Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 15

Sunday, October 8 and

Monday, October 9

Wednesday, November 1

Thursday, November 2

Saturday, November 18 through

Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

Friday, December 8

Wednesday, December 13

Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15 through

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

MERRIMACK CAMPUS

Dormitories open at 12:00 p.m.; new students arrive

New student orientation

Current students arrive

Registration

Classes begin

Convocation (no classes); final day for changes in course registration

Fall Open House

Solemnity of All Saints (no classes)

Classes resume

Thanksgiving break

Classes resume

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (no classes)

Classes end

Study day

Final examinations

Dormitories close at 12:00 p.m.; students depart

SPRING 2024

Sunday, January 21

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

Friday, February 2

Friday, February 9

Sunday, February 18 and

Monday, February 19

Saturday, March 23 through

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, May 8

Thursday, May 9 and

Friday, May 10

Monday, May 13 through

Wednesday, May 15

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

MERRIMACK CAMPUS

Dormitories open at 12:00 p.m.; students arrive

Registration

Classes begin

Final day for changes in course registration

Traditio (no classes)

Spring Open House

Easter break

Classes resume

Classes end

Thesis defenses

Final examinations

Commencement

Dormitories close at 12:00 p.m.; students depart



Caritas Congaudet Veritati

The College motto is inspired by the words of St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians: “Charity rejoices not with iniquity; charity rejoices in the truth.” St. Paul reminds us that loving action will, in this world, involve confrontation and trial, but ends in the joy of truth.

Thomas More College adopted this Pauline observation as its motto in 2007. Two years later, the College noted with great joy that Pope Benedict XVI framed key passages and themes of his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* around the very observation that the College had taken as an expression of its mission and spirit. In his encyclical, Pope Benedict wrote that “Each person finds his good by adherence to God’s plan for him, in order to realize it more fully. To defend the truth, to articulate it with humility and conviction, and to bear witness to it in life are therefore exacting and indispensable forms of charity. Charity, in fact, ‘rejoices in the truth.’”

“To defend the truth, to articulate it with humility and conviction, and to bear witness to it in life”—is this not a fine summation of the Catholic educational endeavor? It is a joyful endeavor because of the privileged task shouldered by teacher, staff, and student to bear witness to the truth. This is a labor in the old Roman sense—that is, it is good work, not toil—but it is a labor that brings renewal, a labor that is wedded to leisure and ultimately reposes in the truth.

*“ . . . every Catholic
educational institution is a
place to encounter the living
God who, in Jesus Christ,
reveals his transforming love
and truth.”*

POPE BENEDICT XVI

