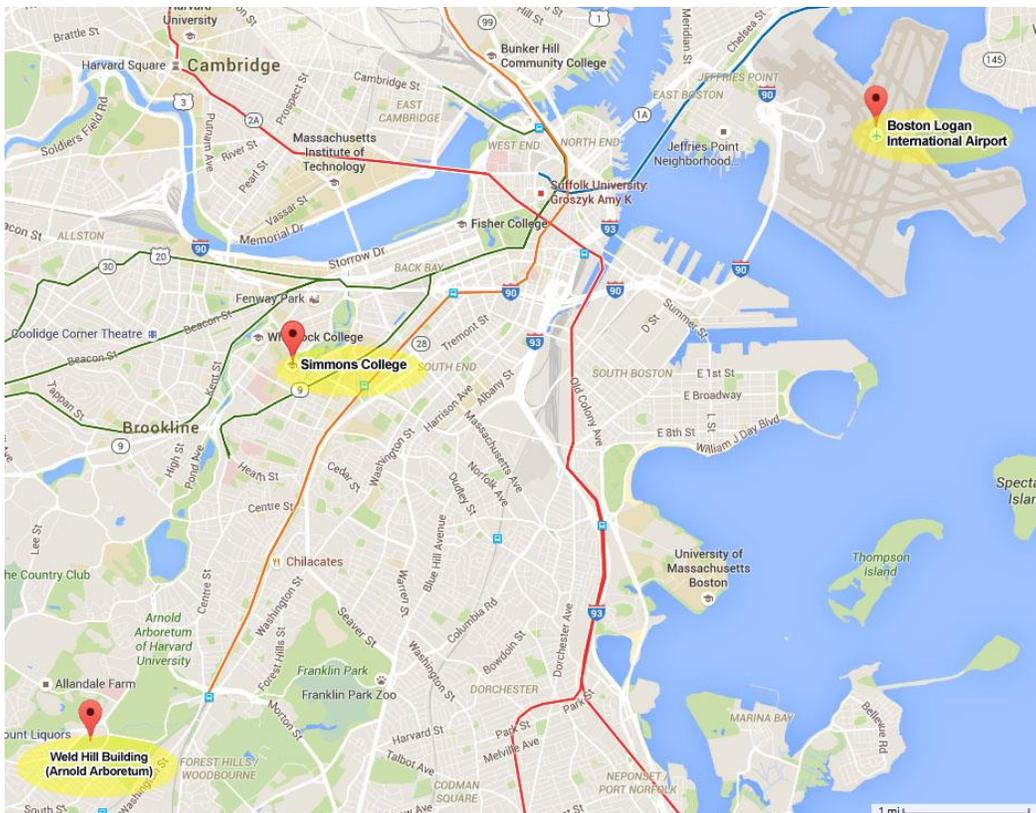


Welcome to the microMORPH & Arnold Arboretum summer course!

Getting to the Dorms at Simmons's College:

- Dorm Address: The address is **Simmons College, 94 Pilgrim Rd (before 10pm) and 255 Brookline Ave (if after 10 pm), Boston, MA 02115.** (see Simmons Welcome Letter for area map)
- From the airport:
 - **Taxi:** once in your arrival terminal, follow signs to ground transportation. There will be additional signs to explain where taxis can be found. Give the name of the location (Simmons College) and address (see above) to the taxi driver. Additional fees may apply for rides to or from the airport. Be sure to save your taxi receipt.
 - **Subway:** once in your arrival terminal, follow signs to ground transportation. There will be signs for the shuttle-bus pick-up area – there are shuttles that will take you to either the blue or red/silver subway lines. The blue line route is simpler: you'll get shuttled to the Airport station, take the inbound Blue line (towards Bowdoin), get off at the Government Center Station and transfer to the outbound Green E line (towards Heath Street), and get off at the Museum of Fine Arts Stop. Simmons Hall is a 0.6 mile walk from the Museum of Fine Arts Station, NE on Louis Prang St. (which becomes Fenway).
- If you are **driving**, please refer to your preferred online map service for directions. If you have not already, please contact Becky at rcnmicromorph@gmail.com for parking instructions.



Checking in at the Dormitory:

- Please see the Simmons Welcome letter for instructions on how to check into the dorms once you arrive.

Dormitory Information:

- You will be sharing a room with another microMORPH summer course participant.
- Please see the Simmons Welcome letter for full information on the dorms.
- The dorms are part of Simmons College. They may be running or hosting other summer programs, so please be respectful and share the space!

Getting between Simmons and the Arnold Arboretum:

- We will have a bus service arranged to transport you each day between the dorms and the arboretum.
- A bus, from Putney Transportation, will pick you up every morning from the dorms at 8 am, across from the junction of Pilgrim and Short Streets, beside the Simmons Student Health Center at 94 Pilgrim. To access this stop, you should exit Arnold Hall and walk across the parking lot on the right.

Summer Weather in Boston:

- Boston weather can be very variable. Summer temperatures can be between 60 to 90+ degrees (F), likely with high humidity. It is likely it will rain at some point during your visit.
- However, the lecture hall you will be in is quite cold, and evenings can be chilly! We highly recommend packing a sweater/sweatshirt/jacket.
- Ticks and mosquitos are part of the arboretum fauna in the summer. Please pack appropriate clothing if you are planning on hiking in your spare time.

Getting around Boston:

- Boston is an urban environment – use common sense when getting around the city.
- The public transportation system is called the MBTA, and can get you to most places in the city. The subway ('rapid transit') is called 'the T'. There are also several commuter rail lines and a ferry service – these extend beyond the city and cost extra.
 - The subway and bus schedule is integrated into google maps, so you can easily get directions by selecting the public transportation option (instead of driving or walking)
 - There are several online or smartphone apps for checking the real-time location and arrival times of the buses for specific stops (NextBus, TrackTheT, etc.).
 - Bus rides cost \$1.60 per ride with a plastic card (\$2.10 if you pay in cash or paper ticket), subway rides cost \$2.10 per ride (\$2.65 if you pay with a paper ticket), regardless of distance. Those fares include one transfer (within an hour) to a bus, or a reduced fare for a transfer from bus to subway (\$0.50). You can also purchase daily or weekly passes ("LinkPass") for unlimited use of the busses and subway at the cost of \$12 or \$19, respectively.
 - You can pay for rides with paper tickets or plastic cards (or cash on busses). You can obtain plastic cards (called Charlie Cards) at most subway stations - since the fare machines cannot dispense the plastic cards, you will have to ask an MBTA employee for one - otherwise the fare machine will print a paper ticket for you. You can then load money onto these cards, or

daily/weekly passes. You can pay in cash on a bus; you will receive a paper ticket, or you can add the value onto a plastic card. Fare machines accept cash, credit cards, and debit cards.

- Boston is a fairly bike-friendly city, with many bike lanes, highways, and paths. You can rent bikes with Hubway. This company has many bike stations around the city. Please see their website for instructions on how to use their service.
- Uber and Lyft are ride-sharing companies that are very popular alternatives to getting a taxi in Boston. Please see their websites for instructions on how to use their service.
- Taxis can be found at most subway stations, throughout main parts of the city, and at the airport. Additional fees may apply for rides to or from the airport.