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Challenge Convention. Change Our World.

Clark University's status as a small research university grounded in the liberal arts, its urban location and its tradition of community partnerships place Clark faculty and students in an ideal position to breathe life into the University's motto, "Challenge convention. Change our world." Clark students are passionate about ideas, causes and events beyond themselves. They embrace issues and take action. They approach life with open minds and a global perspective.

Founded in 1887 as the first all-graduate institution in the United States, Clark now enrolls approximately 2,200 undergraduate and 900 graduate students. Clark students are offered a broad and deep liberal arts curriculum that enables them to address the complex scientific, social and economic challenges facing our world through hands-on research, in-depth exploration and practical problem solving.

Clark's focused areas of research excellence are backed by strong Ph.D. and master's degree programs. This research focus engages undergraduate students from around the world in relevant, challenging and innovative research that transforms communities.

Welcome to Clark University

Thank you for taking a closer look at Clark University.

This is undoubtedly an exciting time for your household. We at Clark University look forward to working with you to help your student see how she or he could thrive at Clark. This guide will help familiarize you with our University and the many opportunities available here.

Your student is about to embark on one of the most dramatic transitions she or he will ever make in life. For many, this will be their first time away from home. They will need to handle college-level academic work, make new friends, deal with finances, live in a community and respond to numerous other issues associated with building independent lives.

At Clark, we consider all of these components of college life as part of the educational experience. We don't divide your student's life into academic and cocurricular zones. Rather, we are committed to meeting all needs, recognizing that your son

or daughter has a unique history with individual strengths and challenges.

Our academic- and student-affairs staffs work together to help students capitalize on their strengths. Our faculty and student body will challenge your son or daughter to grow and learn. We encourage all Clark students to be forthcoming about their needs and to take advantage of the many services we offer.

I hope the information on the pages that follow will give you a sense of how the Clark faculty, administration and staff work to sustain a challenging and supportive environment that allows your student to develop and succeed, intellectually and personally.

Welcome to the Clark community. We hope to get to know your family soon.

Sincerely,

Denise Darrigrand
Vice President for Student Affairs
Dean of Students ■

What Makes Clark Unique

Intellectual Engagement

Clark offers an open, dynamic educational environment where creativity and imagination are valued. No matter what academic path a student chooses, they will be challenged, engaged and pushed to be their best.

Active Discovery

Clark is a university where concrete research and experiential learning are not only welcomed but encouraged. Clark students are active participants in their education. They roll up their sleeves, dig in and learn the best way possible – by doing.

Dynamic Community

At Clark, students enjoy a rich and rewarding campus life as a part of a diverse community of people willing to share their interests and ideas, while building relationships that will last a lifetime.

Urban Energy

Clark's location in New England's second largest city gives students a chance to immerse themselves in the pulse, pace and challenges of Worcester while contributing to the welfare of those who call the city home.

Global Insight

When students live and learn in Clark's unique global community, they enjoy a broader perspective and grow in their understanding of cultural practices and traditions. ■

Academics

Academic Departments

- Graduate and Undergraduate

Special Programs

- International Studies Stream
- Accelerated B.A./Master's Degree Program
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- University Park Partnership

Schools

- Graduate School of Management
- Graduate School of Geography
- College of Professional and Continuing Education
- Frances L. Hiatt School of Psychology
- Higgins School of Humanities
- Gustaf H. Carlson School of Chemistry

Research Centers and Institutes

- The Mosakowski Institute for Public Enterprise
- The George Perkins Marsh Institute
- Clark Labs for Cartographic Analysis
- The Jacob Hiatt Center for Urban Education
- The Heinz Werner Institute for Developmental Analysis
- The Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies



Faculty Mentoring and Support

Clark University faculty are committed to personal mentoring as well as research. Clark's intimate academic setting and tradition of "elbow teaching" – the close working relationship between Clark

students and faculty – provides many opportunities for students to pursue knowledge through active participation. Students and faculty at Clark develop innovative solutions that make a difference and address real-world problems. ►

Majors and Programs

+ Majors * Most popular

Ancient Civilization +
 Art (Art History, Studio Art) +
 Asian Studies +
 Biochemistry and
 Molecular Biology +
 Bioinformatics
 Biology +*
 Business Management +*
 Chemistry +
 Communication
 and Culture +*
 Comparative Literature +
 Computational Science
 Computer Science +
 Economics +
 Education
 Engineering (3-2)
 English +*
 Environmental Science +
 Ethics and Public Policy

Foreign Languages
 and Literatures +
 French +
 Geography +*
 German
 Global Environmental
 Studies +
 History +*
 Holocaust and
 Genocide Studies
 Innovation and
 Entrepreneurship
 International Development
 and Social Change +*
 Jewish Studies
 Law and Society
 Mathematics +
 Medical Careers
 Advising (Prehealth)
 Music +

Peace Studies
 Philosophy +
 Physics +
 Political Science +*
 Pre dental, Prelaw,
 Premedical
 and Preveterinary
 Psychology +*
 Race and Ethnic Relations
 Screen Studies +
 Self-designed major +
 Sociology +*
 Spanish +
 Theater Arts +
 Urban Development
 and Social Change
 Women's and
 Gender Studies +

Study Abroad Programs

At least 35% of Clark students study abroad. Through Clark study abroad programs, students have many opportunities to gain a broader perspective and greater understanding of different cultural practices and traditions. Clark has 33 study abroad programs in 23 different countries. Sample countries include:



Australia	Mexico
Chile	Namibia
China	Netherlands
Costa Rica	Prague
Czech Republic	Scotland
Dominican Republic	Senegal
England	South Africa
France	Spain
Germany	Turkey
Ireland	Turks and Caicos
Japan	Vietnam
Luxemburg	

Accelerated Master's Degree Program

Eligible Clark students are able to earn an accelerated master's degree from one of 14 different programs with the fifth-year of tuition waived. Information about individual programs and qualifications are available at www.clarku.edu/fifthyearfree.

Requiring a Specific Undergraduate Major

- Master of Arts in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Master of Arts in History
- Master of Arts in International Development and Social Change
- Master of Arts in Physics

Requiring Undergraduate Study in a Subset of Majors

- Master of Arts in Geographic Information Science
- Master of Arts in Chemistry
- Master of Arts in Biology
- Master of Arts in Teaching

NOT Requiring a Specific Undergraduate Major

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Finance
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Professional Communication
- Master of Arts in Community Development and Planning
- Master of Arts in Environmental Science and Policy



Internship Programs

Clark University's location in Worcester provides students the opportunity to affect city-wide change with innovative projects at places like the International Center of Worcester or Worcester Superior Court. Go to www.clarku.edu/internships to learn about academic credit internships, summer internships and the Barth Summer Internship Award.

Career Planning

Planning for a student's future begins when she or he arrives at Clark. Career advisers in the Clark Career Services department are available to assist students in finding internships, exploring career paths, developing interviewing skills, connecting with alumni or planning for graduate or professional school.

All Clark students are encouraged to participate in the Clark Career Exploration Program, an innovative approach to the career planning process that provides students with greater exposure to internships, study-abroad programs, professional networking and job options. Visit www.clarku.edu/career to see examples of where Clark graduates are pursuing their careers or graduate study. ■

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Residential Life and Activities

Residential Life

Living on campus helps students connect more quickly to the Clark community. 97% of first-year students live on campus. The Residential Life and Housing Office at Clark University manages 9 residence halls and 14 apartment houses, 11 of which are designated for undergraduate housing.

More than 1,700 undergraduates live in University housing. Students with first-year or sophomore standing are required to live on campus unless commuting from home within 25 miles or a 30-minute drive of Clark. Any exceptions must be approved by the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

Clubs and Organizations

With more than 100 student-led organizations involving the arts, community service opportunities and sports on campus, there is always something for Clark students to do. The current list of student organizations can be found at clarku.collegiatelink.net.

A sample of Clark University's clubs and organizations:

- Amnesty International
- Asian Culture Society
- Clark University Beard Enthusiasts
- Clark Sustainability Initiative
- Clark University Player's Society
- Concert Choir
- Debate Society
- Economics Society
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hillel
- Hip Hop Collabo
- Muslim Cultural Society
- Newman Association of Catholic Students
- Peaceworks
- Pre-Law Society
- Radio of Clark University
- The Scarlet (newspaper)
- Slam Poetry Team
- Students Advocating Safe Choices

Athletics

Whether a student wants to compete at the varsity level or just work out, Clark offers a great variety of athletic programs. The Kneller Athletic Center and Dolan Field House are at the epicenter of all things sport. 65% of Clark's undergraduate students participate in intercollegiate, intramural, club, wellness and recreational programs.

For the dedicated college athlete, Clark University's competitive Division III varsity teams compete year round.



Men's Varsity	Women's Varsity	Club Sports
Baseball	Basketball	Equestrian
Basketball	Cross Country	Ice Hockey
Cross Country	Field Hockey	Karate
Lacrosse	Rowing	Snowboarding
Rowing	Soccer	Volleyball
Soccer	Softball	Women's Lacrosse
Swimming/Diving	Swimming/Diving	
Tennis	Tennis	
	Volleyball	

Location

With Clark's location in Worcester, Massachusetts – the heart of New England and the region's second largest city – students have a dynamic city to explore and impact.

From classic Italian to authentic Armenian, Chinese, El Salvadorian, Indian, Jamaican, Japanese, Lebanese, Mexican, Thai and Vietnamese, the food in Worcester is as

diverse as its residents. There are great museums like the Worcester Art Museum or the Higgins Armory. Students can see shows at the Palladium or Hanover Theatre, or attend games like hockey at the DCU Center or baseball at Fitton Field.

Clark students are also able to form meaningful partnerships with businesses, nonprofits and other students from the 13 colleges and universities in Worcester. ■



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Financial Aid



A Message from the Dean of Admissions:

Thank you for choosing to learn more about Clark University.

As you can see from the information given in this guide, Clark's liberal arts education equips students with the skills and flexibility that will enable them to successfully adapt to the rapidly evolving 21st century economy.

With all that Clark University has to offer, our tuition, room, board and fees are noticeably lower than those of similar institutions offering comparable educational experiences. Additionally, we offer a range of financial aid options that allow approximately 85% of our students to pay less than the "sticker price" on the basis of their family financial circumstances. Many of our students qualify for 4-year merit scholarships in amounts ranging from \$28,000 to \$72,000.

We also offer a variety of competitively structured financing options designed to ease the burden for families who are paying for college from current income. We are prepared to assist your family in evaluating a range of student and parent loan options that supplement the other financing arrangements available to Clark students.

Please schedule to visit us at www.clarku.edu/visit to further explore the unique benefits of Clark as well as get a taste of the undergraduate experience. We would love to meet you and discuss how Clark is the right fit for your family.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Honeman

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid ■



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Student Activity fee:	\$320
First-Year Students receiving need/merit-based aid:	82%

Merit-Based Financial Aid

Clark University offers several scholarships to eligible students based on the academic merit of their application to Clark. All applicants are considered for these scholarships when they apply to the University – no separate application is necessary.



Some of the scholarships offered to eligible first-year domestic students include:

Traina Scholarship	\$18,000/year plus \$3,000 summer research stipend
Presidential Scholarship	\$15,000/year
Achievement Scholarship	\$12,000/year
Making a Difference Scholarship	\$15,000/year plus \$2,500 summer project stipend

Additional information about these scholarships can be found online at:
www.clarku.edu/scholarships.

Need-based Financial Aid

Domestic students interested in qualifying for need-based financial aid must fill out the FAFSA and the CSS Profile and submit them to Clark by the priority deadline of February 1. Families who submit this information by the priority deadline will be considered for any available federal and institutional financial aid (which could include scholarships and grants, loans and federal work study awards) and will be notified of their award by mid-March.

FAFSA: www.fasfa.gov
CSS Profile: profileonline.collegeboard.com ▶



Financing Options

The best way to limit debt is to consider the **Interest-Free Monthly Payment Option** that is offered to Clark families through **Tuition Management Systems**. Call TMS at (800) 722-4867 or visit their website www.afford.com/clarku to obtain more information.

Another option for financing for college is applying for a Federal Direct PLUS loan or some other type of private educational loan program. TMS's Borrow Smart tool at borrowsmart.afford.com encourages a combination strategy: using a combination of resources to limit debt while still keeping monthly payments affordable.

The William D. Ford Direct PLUS Loan

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan is a fixed low interest rate loan which allows a parent of a dependent undergraduate student to borrow funds for educational expenses. For more information about a Federal Direct PLUS Loan, please go to www2.ed.gov/DirectLoan.

Private Educational Loan Programs

Private educational loan programs are another option. Clark University will process any private loan application submitted to the University. Here is a sample list of loans:

- **The MEFA Undergraduate Loan** is offered through the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority. MEFA is a non-profit self-financing state authority that serves students and families in Massachusetts and families of out-of-state students pursuing higher education in Massachusetts. For more information about the MEFA Undergraduate Loan, you should visit www.mefa.org or call (800) 449-6332.
- **The Smart Option Student Loan** (funded by Sallie Mae) can be a solution for students who still need funds after they have maximized their eligibility through the federal student loan programs. With this loan, the student can borrow up to the full cost of education less any other financial aid the student has received. For more information on the Smart Option Student Loan, you should view www.salliemae.com or call (800) 695-3317.
- **The Chase Select Loan** program is a private loan program for undergraduate and graduate students. It can be used for any school approved educational expenses. For additional information on the Chase Select Loan, you should visit www.ChaseSelectLoans.com or call (800) 306-0868.
- **Wells Fargo Collegiate Loan** is one of the private loan programs offered by Wells Fargo. This loan program is for undergraduate and graduate students attending school full-time, half-time and less than half-time. For additional information on the Wells Fargo Collegiate Loan, you should visit www.wellsfargo.com/student or call (800) 658-3567.
- **The Citizens Bank TruFit Student Loan** is a school certified private loan option for undergraduate and graduate students. This is a new private loan option for the 2010-2011 academic year and offers the choice of repayment to the borrower. For more information on this loan program or to apply for the loan, you may go to www.citizensbank.com/trufitstudentloan or call (800) 708-6684. ■

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Visit In Person

Contact the Admissions Office to visit campus and participate in one of many offerings:

- Personalized Visit
- Admitted Student Open House
- Campus Event
- Campus Tour
- Information Session
- Visual & Performing Arts Tour

Go to www.clarku.edu/visit or contact Admissions directly at admissions@clarku.edu or (800) 462-5275. The Admissions Office is prepared to help schedule the best visit option(s) tailored to each family.

2009 – 2010

Admission Statistics

Average high school GPA:	3.46
Average Critical Reading SAT (middle 50%):	560-670
Average Math SAT (middle 50%):	550-660
Average ACT (middle 50%):	25-30

HOW TO APPLY

Clark University accepts the Common Application.

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Jan. Semester (domestic students only):	Nov 1
FAFSA and CSS Profile:	Feb 1

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