



A Message from the Deans

We want to welcome you to the fall semester at Clark University in what we have all heard described as a “historic,” “unprecedented,” and “challenging” time. And yes, the semester is all of this, and we are certainly writing a chapter in the Clark story like none before it. But while we are deeply aware of the challenges, we are approaching this semester with a different vocabulary: We will focus on “community,” “care,” “understanding,” “opportunity,” and “hope.” We are embarking on something special here, something that will certainly be different from what we’re accustomed to, but also something worth celebrating: After a long summer, we are together again! All of you in our learning community have shown a remarkable willingness to adapt to our new circumstances, and your thoughtfulness and resilience are an inspiration. Thank you for collaborating with us on this fresh chapter at Clark. Have a wonderful semester. Stay well.



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Surveillance Testing

Schedule a Test

Use [this link](#) to schedule or update your ongoing surveillance testing for the fall 2020 semester. Students who are registered for at least one in-person class, or who plan to visit

campus at any point in the semester, are required to participate in ongoing surveillance testing, which is used to monitor the health of the campus overall. For the first few weeks of classes, students must get tested at least every three days. Once the CoVerified app is up and running, more detailed information will go out about how to create an account, schedule future tests, and track symptoms. For more information on testing and requirements, visit the [COVID-19 Testing website](#) or email COVID-19-testing@clarku.edu.

Healthy Clark Dashboard

The Healthy Clark Dashboard tracks COVID-19 cases and testing daily. Click [this link](#) to stay up-to-date on current statistics on Clark University and the Worcester community.

Career Development

Academic Internship Program: Application Deadline August 26

Do you need academic credit for your fall internship? The application deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 26. [Registration is now open](#). Late applications will be accepted but may incur a late registration fee from the Registrar. International students who need Curricular Practical Training (CPT) should apply as early as possible, as you are not able to start your internship until CPT approval is given. You can register for .25 to 2 full units (although 1 unit is more common during the academic year). For program requirements and other details, please [visit the Career Connections Center online](#).

Registrar

Add/Drop Period: Aug. 23–Sept. 2

During the add/drop period, you may continue to adjust your fall schedule through your CUWeb account. While the Registrar's office will continue to be staffed remotely, you may [email](#) any questions or forms or drop off completed forms in the lockbox located outside our office (ASEC 305). To be considered full time, students should be enrolled in a minimum of 3 units (typically 4); if you are interested in less than 3 units, please [email Academic Advising](#) to request approval for part-time status.

Last Day to Declare Pass/Fail Option: Sept. 11

Students electing the pass/fail grading option for fall courses must submit the add/drop form no later than Sept. 11. Remember to consult with your adviser, as many programs have limitations or restrictions.

Course Overrides

Students who need course overrides (closed classes, restrictions, missing pre/corequisites) should email that course's teaching faculty directly with their requests. If approved, faculty will enter the override so you can self-register for the class.

Community Engagement and Volunteering

Healthy Clark and Community Engagement Opportunities

Clark is suspending in-person internships and community engagement activities with any organization that has not provided Clark with a COVID-19 safety plan that is broadly similar to our own. [Click here](#) to learn which organizations have currently submitted the required information. Also, a list of current community engagement opportunities offered in-person or virtually [can be found here](#). There are no health-based restrictions on virtual or remote opportunities. Students are expected to follow the tenets of the Clark Commitment as well as all health and safety policies implemented by organizations where they have in-person experiences.

Find Community Engagement Opportunities

In addition to reviewing the list of organizations provided above, we encourage students to complete an [interest survey](#), [schedule an appointment](#), or email community@clarku.edu to explore ways in which they can get involved. We'd also like to spotlight several programs that are actively recruiting Clark students.

Worcester Voter Registration Initiative: Voter Registration Volunteer

The Worcester Voter Registration Initiative (WVRI) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization composed of local high school and college students pushing for voter turnout, census registration, and civic education. They engage Worcester residents through a combination of tabling and phone-banking to register people to vote across the city in advance of the Massachusetts State Primary Election on Sept. 1, 2020 and the Massachusetts General Election on Nov. 3. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Worcester Refugee Assistance Project: Virtual Education Program Volunteer

WRAP's Virtual Education Program matches Burmese refugee children/youth with volunteers who are willing to commit at least one or two hours per week mentoring and assisting with homework, reading, and other activities through a virtual platform. Zoom meetings will be held on Aug. 27 and Sept. 3 for all volunteers who are committed to working with a child or youth twice a week, a minimum of 30 minutes per session. Interested students should contact Lesa McWalters, executive director of WRAP, at lesa@worcesterrefugees.org for information about the Zoom meetings.

St. Peter's Mentoring Program: Virtual Mentor

St. Peter's Church on Main Street pairs children ages 6–12 with college volunteers who form caring relationships with the children and help with social skills, reading, homework, arts and

crafts, games, and much more. For fall 2020 (Sept. 16–Nov. 24), this program will take place virtually. Zoom information sessions featuring two Clarkie mentors are scheduled for [Aug. 27](#) at 6 p.m. and [Sept. 2](#) at 6 p.m. (EDT). Applications open on Sept. 1. [Apply here.](#)

Student Engagement

This semester, you can connect with fellow Clarkies, join student clubs and organizations, and attend events virtually or in person — learn more about all the activities and options by [visiting Clark Engage](#) and signing in with your Clark credentials. Set up your profile for access to virtual, hybrid, and in-person programming, and events, and to join student clubs and organizations. Explore organizations you may be interested in and don't miss out on everything Clark has to offer! Download the CORQ app to access Clark Engage on your smart device.

Update Your Social Media Feeds

Connect with Clark departments, offices, and student clubs and organizations for up-to-date information, activities, and events. Follow [@ClarkUniversity](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), and [@clark_u](#) on SnapChat. Check out [ClarkU_CampusLife](#), [ClarkU_Wellness](#), [Clark_MFGSS](#), and [Clark_CPG](#) on Instagram for information about student engagement, wellness, community, and more.

Wellness and Education

Do you need a creative outlet? Are you bored with plain mask designs? Join Anika, one of Clark's Wellness Ambassadors, for a Zoom workshop on Thursday, Aug. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. EDT. She'll teach you how to make your own mask — no sewing machine necessary! If you would like to attend, please register by emailing Erica Beachy so we can prepare a mask kit for you. You can pick up your kit, which will have all the materials you need, between 1 and 3 p.m. on Aug. 27 at 114 Woodland Street. The only thing you'll need to provide for yourself is a pair of scissors. If you have any questions, please email [Erica](#) or [Anika](#).

Financial Assistance

If you are an undergraduate student working for Clark University for the first time, please be sure to complete the [Student Employee Onboarding Process](#) as soon as possible. Once you have submitted the required documentation, monitor your Clark email account for an invitation to an in-person appointment to complete your identity verification. Keep in mind that you cannot begin working until you have completed the employee onboarding process and your supervisor has been notified that you are approved to work. As always, please [contact the Office of Financial Assistance](#) if you have any questions.



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