

CLARK UNIVERSITY
2021 NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION GUIDE
AUGUST 19 - 22

Welcome to New Student Orientation!

It's nice to be able to welcome you to campus.

We're buzzing with excitement!

Over the next few days, you'll get to know the Clark community and life at Clark. You'll attend programs and activities to help you settle in and feel comfortable; hear about issues you may encounter during your college experience, and the resources available to help you address them; and begin your journey toward embracing a liberal arts education.

While you learn your way around, you'll meet future classmates and friends, discuss your academic and cocurricular interests with faculty, staff, and peers, and begin creating your unique Clark experience.

You have chosen to attend an institution with a rich, vibrant history, where extraordinary students and scholars have illuminated the path to discovery, challenged convention, and truly changed the world.

We encourage you to take advantage of the people and offerings that make Clark truly memorable — ***we encourage you to Bee the Change.***



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION TEAM

Orientation Coordinators:

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Thea Mouzakes
Madison Richards
Mya Stafford

PEER MENTORS:

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Programs in **RED** are required activities for all incoming students.

KEY

Meals



PM Group Meetings



Social Event



THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Shaich Family
Alumni and
Student
Engagement
Center

Move in and Explore Campus

Begin at ASEC to check in, get tested, and be directed to your residence hall.

11:30 a.m.-
1:30 p.m.



Lunch

Use your meal ticket to pick up lunch from a food truck or head to the dining hall (and show your Clark ID).

2-3 p.m.

Campus Green



Orientation Kickoff Meeting with Your Peer Mentor

Your peer mentor is your guide to all things orientation and your first year. They will be waiting eagerly to meet you on the Green! When you check in, you will be given your peer mentor's group number; look for that number to find your group!

3-4 p.m.

Residence Halls

Welcome Meetings for Residential Students

Meet with your Resident Adviser (RA) to discuss life in the residence halls/houses on campus, and get to know some of your neighbors.

3-4 p.m.

Commuter
Student Lounge
Wright Hall,
1st floor

Welcome Meeting for Commuters

Commuter students: Join your peer mentors and orientation coordinators and meet your fellow commuters at an informal gathering.

4-5 p.m.

Campus Green

Family 'See Ya Later' and Photos

Meet up with your family members on the Green. Use this time before dinner to connect, take photos, and take care of any last details before your families depart campus.

FAMILIES DEPART

5-7 p.m.

Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Dinner with Peer Mentors

Meet back up with your peer mentor group and enjoy dinner together!

Schedule is subject to change. All changes made will be communicated.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

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7-8:30 p.m.



How to College

Join your PM for a small group discussion to reflect on who you are, who you want to be at Clark, and to learn some of the ins and outs of being in college.

9-10:30 p.m.

Jefferson 320

Viewing of Common Academic Experience Film Coded Bias

"Coded Bias" explores the fallout of the MIT Media Lab discovery of bias in the algorithms that impact us all. You will discuss the film in your peer mentor group later this week.

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Red Square

Clark a la Mode

Enjoy a frozen treat and meet up with your Admissions Counselors — they are so excited to finally see you here!

9-11 p.m.

Residence Halls



Clark After Dark Social Activities

Wander through Bullock, Dana, Dodd, Hughes, JSC, and Wright halls to see where your first-year peers live and to check out fun activities, including karaoke, creating terrariums, crafting, and — of course! — free food.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

7-9:30 a.m.

Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Breakfast (entrance to dining hall closes at 9 a.m.)

Head to the dining hall with your Clark ID to have breakfast.

9:30-10 a.m.

See PM
for Location



Check in with Peer Mentors

Review the day with your PM and select your sessions for the conference-style presentations.

10 a.m.-Noon

Check Clark Engage for specific locations and session descriptions

Conference-Style Presentations: Support Resources

Clark offers services to support your success in and outside of the classroom. Choose three sessions to learn more about these resources, then share what you've learned with your peer group.

Noon.-1:30 p.m.

Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Lunch

Remember your Clark ID as you head to the dining hall for lunch.

1:30-3 p.m.

See PM
for Location

President's Welcome and Academic Prelude

During this ceremonial welcome to your academic journey, the President will welcome you to our community, and deans and professors will discuss the Common Academic Experience, "Coded Bias," before you engage with your peers in an educational conversation.

3-4 p.m.

See PM
for Location



Peer Mentor Groups: Academics and the Common Academic Experience

Join your peer mentor group to learn more about academics at Clark and to reflect on "Coded Bias" as part of the Common Academic Experience.

4-5 p.m.

Campus Green

Break or Mix and Mingle

Take a break to recharge or come to the Green to mix and mingle with the other peer mentor groups.

5-7 p.m.

Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Dinner

Remember your Clark ID as you head to the dining hall for dinner.

7-8:30 p.m.

Check Clark Engage for specific locations and session descriptions



How to College: Wellness

Meet up with your PM group and participate in a variety of activities to center your health and well-being, including yoga, reflection, arts and crafts, and more.

8:30-11 p.m.

Check Clark Engage for specific locations and activities



Clark After Dark Social Activities

There is so much fun to be had tonight! Join us on the Green for a movie, play some bingo, participate in the Kneller open gym, and enjoy some free snacks!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

8-9:30 a.m.
Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Breakfast (entrance to dining hall closes at 9 a.m.)
Head to the dining hall with your Clark ID to have breakfast.

9:30 a.m.
See PM
for Location



Check in and Plan Your Day
Review the upcoming day with your PM and select the sessions you'll attend this morning.

10-11:30 a.m.
See PM
for Location
and Session
Assignment

Consenting Communities or Clark Quest
Consenting Communities: This student-led program focuses on respectful relationships and the importance of consent in our community.
Clark Quest: Meet the PMs on the Green for a fun quest across campus as you meet new people and learn more about Clark!

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Lunch
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1-2:30 p.m.
See PM
for Location
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2:30-4 p.m.
Check Clark
Engage for
specific locations
and session
description

Conference-Style Presentation: Student Life and Activities
Connect with the offices, programs, and student clubs that will be part of your student experience at Clark through a series of workshops, tabling opportunities, and snacks across campus.

4-5 p.m.
See PM
for Location



Fostering Inclusive Communities: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Clark

Clark is a community that prides itself on fostering a sense of belonging and care for one another. Spend some time with your PM group discussing the EverFI module and reflecting on diversity, equity, and inclusion at Clark and in your daily lives.

5-7 p.m.
Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Dinner
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7-8:30 p.m.
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Engage for
specific locations
and session
description

How to Clark
Learn more about the Clark and Worcester community with a series of tour opportunities and trivia! Campus tours, community walking tours, and rides on the Clark Shuttle will help you learn more about your new home.

8:30-11 p.m.
Campus Green



Clark After Dark Social Activities
Head to the Green for a great time — roller skating, karaoke, caricatures, games, waffles, and more! Be sure to check Clark Engage for updates.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 a.m.-
2:30 p.m.
Higgins UC,
Dining Hall



Brunch
Eat breakfast or lunch in the dining hall today — be sure to bring your Clark ID to swipe in!

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ASEC, 1st floor

Campus Store Open

11 a.m.-Noon
Meet at Red
Square



Becker Meetup Brunch
Join Nikki Curley, Dean of Students Coordinator, to enjoy brunch with fellow Becker transfers in an informal setting. Nikki is a former staff member at Becker and is excited to connect with you at Clark and discuss the transition into the Clark community.

11 a.m.–Noon
Campus Green



Yoga on the Green

Roll out your yoga mat and join us on the green for a socially distanced Vinyasa yoga session with Melanie Adams '22. This uplifting guided movement practice will explore transitions and adjusting to change. Please bring water, a mask, and a yoga mat, blanket, or towel.

11 a.m.–Noon
Jonas Clark 001

Prelaw Information Session

This session is for those interested in careers in law or who want more information about Clark's Law and Society minor or Mock Trial Team.

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Red Square

Campus Tours

Join in on a campus tour specifically for new and returning students! The tour guides will leave from Red Square on the 1/2 hour.

11 a.m.–8:55 p.m.
Lasry Bio Center

Clark Shuttle

Want to practice riding the Clark Shuttle? The shuttle will run on a continuous loop. See clarku.edu/transportation for more information and the route schedule.

Noon–6 p.m.
Kneller Athletic Center

Bickman Fitness Center Open

Noon–2 p.m.
Campus Green

Frisbee on the Green

Join in on the frisbee fun!
No experience necessary.



1–2 p.m.
Jonas Clark 118

Esports Interest Meeting

Come learn about Clark University's new Esports and Recreational Games program and Program Director Nicholas 'Shifty' Travis. Learn about opportunities and events for competitive and casual gamers alike!

1–2 p.m.
Jonas Clark 001

Music Ensembles Interest Meeting

An introduction to the Music Ensembles in the Music Program. Learn more about them and sign up to join!

1–2:30 p.m.
The Grind

Zine/Collaging Workshop

Join PMs Sarah and Sophia for some exciting crafts, collage, and zines! We'll chat, listen to music, meet new people and, if you'd like, learn how to make a zine — a mini book/magazine and fun way to get artistic and creative. Materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring anything you'd like to use for your craft.

2–3 p.m.
Tilton Hall

Becker Family Reunion

Connect with Becker faculty and staff as you embark on your new experience as Clarkies together!

2–3 p.m.
Lasry 237

Prehealth Information Session

This session is for those planning on a career in the health professions, including but not limited to medicine (physician or physician assistant), dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and more. Come hear what you should be doing now to prepare for an exciting career. Public health will not be covered in this session.

3–4 p.m.
See PM
for Location



Peer Mentor Wrap-Up Meeting

This will be your last peer mentor group meeting of Orientation. Take a group photo before your PM sends you off to start the academic year.

3–6 p.m.
Kneller Athletic Center

Kneller Gym Open

4–7 p.m.
Campus Green



Campus BBQ

Join us on the Green for a Welcome Back BBQ to begin our fall semester! Free food for Clark students, faculty, and staff, and even a roving magician!

7:30–9:30 p.m.
See RA
for Location

Residential Student Floor Meetings

Get to know everyone who lives on your floor. This mandatory session will cover everything you need to know about housing and residential living at Clark.

Clark Engage:

Not sure how to find event details in Clark Engage? Log in to engage.clarku.edu with your Clark credentials (you will be asked to set up your profile the first time you log in). Select the Events tab at the top of the page, and you will see all upcoming events, with the next upcoming event at the top. Click on any event for a detailed description including date, time, and location. If any event is being held virtually, the link will be shown as its location.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WHEN IN DOUBT

Ask your Peer Mentor, an Orientation Coordinator, Student Life staff, a Resident Adviser, or someone in the Dean of Students Office (email dos@clarku.edu).

ORIENTATION UPDATES

Stay connected with your PM and visit the orientation schedule online (clarku.edu/welcome) and @clarkuorientation on Instagram for any updates to the schedule.

MAILROOM

University Center, 2nd Floor

Mailbox numbers can be found in your ClarkYou account, and information about your combination was emailed prior to your arrival on campus. Visit the second floor of the UC to practice opening your mailbox and to pick up any packages during the mailroom's orientation hours:

Monday–Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CAMPUS STORE

Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 106

The Campus Store carries an assortment of school supplies, Clark clothing, gifts, and memorabilia. Orientation hours are:

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Once the semester starts, be sure to regularly check Clark Engage (engage.clarku.edu), ClarkYou, and the biweekly "What's Happening @ Clark" email for the calendar of events. There are always interesting activities taking place, so explore and get involved!

UPDATE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Get connected — follow @clarku_campuslife, @clark_mfgss, @clarku_wellness, and @clarkuniversity on Instagram to stay connected to activities, events, and Clark news.

ClarkRIDE AND CLARK SHUTTLE

Beginning Wednesday, August 18, students can access the Clark Shuttle, which provides transportation between Clark's main campus

and the Becker School of Design & Technology classrooms at 80 Williams St. and 61 Sever St. The shuttle also makes stops at various stores and commercial locations during weekday evenings, and at popular Worcester destinations on the weekends, including Shrewsbury Street, the Worcester Common, the Canal District, and more. For transportation to and from off-campus housing within the Main South neighborhood, students can take ClarkRIDE (508-793-7777).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 334

Feel free to stop by to ask any general questions about financial aid, check on the status of an application, or complete any additional paperwork.

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 318

Please visit this office if you have any general questions about your student account.

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

The Cashier's Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CLARK ONECARD

Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 325

Your OneCard will be available for pickup with your key in your residence hall. If you did not submit your photo online prior to your arrival, you will be issued a temporary blank card, and will need to visit the OneCard office to have your photo taken.

Orientation Hours:

Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COMPUTER SUPPORT

Information Technology Services (ITS) staff will be at the ITS Help Desk in Academic Commons for computer support at these times:

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Be sure to bring your laptop and power adapters.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

If you have any safety concerns, please visit University Police (UP) in the basement of Bullock Hall or call 508-793-7575.

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