Add/Drop Policy for Spring 2021

All undergraduate students should have received an email from the Dean of the College regarding important dates in the academic calendar. Please note:

- **March 3** is the last day of the add/drop period. There is no late add period this semester, to ensure that you do not start a course too deeply into a semester with an already atypical schedule.
- **March 19** is the last day for undergraduate arts and sciences students to petition for a late drop without a recorded “W” (Withdrawal) on their transcript (this is a special addition for Spring 2021 only).

  This semester, you may petition the College Board to drop an undergraduate course between March 4 and March 19 (after the regular add/drop period). Dropped courses during this period will not be issued a grade of “W” and will not appear on your transcript. This recognizes that since our semester is starting remotely, some students may need to readjust their course load upon the return to in-person instruction. Requests for late drops will not be accepted after March 19.

- If you are thinking about dropping a course, we encourage you to consult with your faculty adviser or the [Academic Advising Center](#) to discuss how it will affect your enrollment status, class standing, financial aid, and registration for next semester.

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You’re Invited to a Student Town Hall on March 4
Join Dean of Students Francy Magee, Dean of the College Betsy Huang, and members of the COVID-19 Health and Safety Team for a town hall just for students on Thursday, March 4, at 5 p.m. EST. You’ll hear updates and have the opportunity to ask questions about the spring semester; participate via Zoom.

MFGSS Holds Virtual Meet and Greet

The Multicultural and First-Generation Student Support (MFGSS) office exists to give you a sense of community and provide resources and leadership tools to help you accomplish your goals. Learn more about the office at a virtual meet and greet on March 3 at 4:30 p.m. EST. You’ll hear about our affinity spaces for students of color, meet students and staff who have participated, and sign up for the spaces that interest you. Register here to get the Zoom login details.

Spring 2021 MFGSS—Biology Conversations: “Making Clark Work for You”

This semester, the Biology Department and MFGSS are sponsoring a series of conversations for students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) at Clark. Through presentations by various departments on campus, learn more about “Making Clark Work for You.” All sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m., via Zoom. Learn more and register here, or email MFGSS with any questions.

HECCMA Lunch and Learn Event on Voter Suppression and the Power of the Black Vote

Register in advance and join us at noon on Friday, February 26, for a lunch and learn discussion, “Voter Suppression and the Power of the Black Vote.” The featured speaker will be Harvard University professor Danielle Allen, a political philosopher and public policy expert whose work focuses on democracy innovation, public health and health equity, justice reform, education, and political economy. Register online. For more information, view on Clark Engage or email Ben Gardner in the Community Engagement and Volunteering office.
Social Justice Affinity Housing

Residential Life and Housing is very excited to announce that Clark will be offering Social Justice Affinity Housing for the 2021–22 academic year. To learn more and find out how to apply, join RLH for one of the following information sessions (all times EST):

- Wednesday, February 24; 1 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25; 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9; 4 p.m.
- Thursday, March 11; 1 p.m.

Please RSVP for one of the above sessions to receive Zoom information. If you have any questions, please contact RLH.

BIPOC Mix and Mingles for Living on Campus

Residential Life and Housing, in collaboration with students in the Clark community, will host two BIPOC Mix and Mingles later this week. Join us to learn more about the Social Justice Affinity Housing being offered for the 2021–22 academic year, and meet other students who are interested in this new housing option. The Mix and Mingles will be held on Thursday, February 25, at 5 p.m. and Friday, February 26, at noon (both EST); RSVP to receive Zoom information. If you have any questions, please contact RLH.

This week: Rise for Racial Justice

Promoting Racial Justice at Clark in Celebration of Black History Month

The Black Student Union, Clark Undergraduate Student Council, Floetic, Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies, Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, and Peace and Conflict Studies program, with support from the Community, Youth, and Education Studies major, invite you to a continuing series of events this week — which is the last week of Black History Month. While we will be sitting in front of screens during that first week of virtual learning, we can still Rise up for Racial Justice. Each event requires separate registration. All times are EST.

Wednesday, February 24

- 4:30 p.m.: ClarkU Counter Histories: A Working Timeline of Past and Present Activism (register here)
- 6 p.m.: Racial Justice Organizing at Clark: Learning from Clark Alumni (register here)

Thursday, February 25
• 4–5:30 p.m.: Rethinking Community Security and Policing in Worcester: A Conversation with Local Activists and Organizers (register here)

Friday, February 26

• 6 p.m.: Transforming Care: How to Sustain Social Justice Work on Campus (register here)

Saturday, February 27

• 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: How to build a racial justice movement within higher education (register here)
• 3 p.m.: Mapping Home (Instagram Live Stream — @bsu.clarku and @clark_cusc)

Clark Care and Connection Hour

This semester, the Center for Counseling and Personal Growth (CPG) has created a weekly supportive space where you can connect with yourself and other students. The Clark Care and Connection Hour is intended for Clark students as a virtual, supportive drop-in space to check-in and connect with other students. We hope to keep each week fresh and engaging by incorporating different topics such as resilience and mindfulness, experiential activities, or reflection on current happenings.

Join CPG’s Clark Care and Connection Hour on Zoom — Wednesdays, 3 to 3:50 p.m. EST. While regular attendance is not mandatory, we ask that everyone present participates by keeping their video on and offering a thought or feeling in the check-in portion. This is not a psychotherapy group; Clark students currently residing in other states or countries are welcome to join.

Career Connections Center

Preparing for your internship or research opportunity search? Let the Career Connections Center help you! On deck this week: drop-in advising and workshops. All times EST.

• Drop-In Advising: Every Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. and Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m., the Career Connections Center hosts drop-in hours. We can help you identify the next step in your career development; maximize your Handshake profile; discover what ClarkCONNECT can do for you; search for and prepare to apply for a job or internship; review your résumé or cover letter; and more. Register on Handshake to receive Zoom instructions!

• How to Ace Your Interview: Join us on Thursday, February 25, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. for a mini workshop session that covers the essentials for interviews — how to prepare; what STAR stories and behavioral questions are; what to ask; and what do after the interview. Register on Handshake.

• Job and Internship Searches — 5 Key Strategies During COVID: Join us Friday, February 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. for a workshop where you’ll learn essential strategies for navigating the changing job landscape during these challenging times; maintaining a positive
mindset; managing job search stress; and keeping your job or internship search on track. Register on Handshake.

Apps to Download for Spring 2021

• **Clark Dining BiteU**: Clark Dining Services introduces the BiteU App, which lets you check out dining menus and special events — and, once we’re back on campus, order online. Download the free app by searching “Bite by Sodexo Universities” in the App Store. Create your account, link your dining card or credit card for payment, and log in with your Clark credentials. You can order with Dining Dollars, the Clark CashCard, Bite Pay, or SWAP Bistro meals, and pick up in the Upper Bistro in the University Center.

• **Rave Guardian**: This free mobile app turns your smartphone into a personal safety device — it’s like having an emergency blue light system in your pocket. Through the app, you can connect University Police directly (or 9-1-1 if you’re off campus) in an emergency situation, or submit an anonymous tip to campus police in non-emergencies; you’ll also have access to important phone numbers and campus resources. Simply search “Rave Guardian” in the app store on your mobile device. Any questions can be directed to Clark University Police Chief Lauren Misale or Tony Penny, business/risk manager.

• **Bright Pass**: Your Bright Pass gives you unlimited access to hundreds of live virtual classes each week, including fitness, mindfulness, nutrition, yoga, and keynote speakers. Explore the offerings and find what works for you. Sign up now for free with your Clark email. Follow Wellness Education on Instagram to participate in Clark takeovers of classes, too. Sponsored by the departments of Wellness Education, Student Leadership and Programming, and the Graduate Student Council to support your health and well-being.

• **Corq**: Never miss an upcoming event, and learn more about student clubs and organizations, by downloading Corq, the Clark Engage app. Download in the App Store, choose “Clark University” as your campus, and log in with your Clark email.