

Accreditation

Clark University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. The School of Management is accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The clinical psychology program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). The Education programs are approved by the state of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to qualified students for the initial teaching license. The Baccalaureate Chemistry Programs at Gustaf H. Carlson School of Chemistry and Biochemistry are approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Academic Calendar and Unit of Credit

Each summer, fall, and spring consists of a full semester (approximately 14 weeks of instruction) and two half modules. At Clark, academic credit is expressed in terms of course units. Most courses are awarded one unit which is equivalent to four semester credit hours, 180 hours of engaged academic time, or six quarter credits. Some courses are offered for variable units. Three units is considered full-time (undergraduate and graduate). Converted from semester hours/credits to units in 1984.

Grades

Grades which carry quality points are as follows:

A+ = 4.3*	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	F = 0.0

Other grade notations:

AP	= Advanced Placement
AS	= Advanced Standing
AU	= Audit
CE	= Course equivalent
CP+	= Completed, next-level ready (non-unit only)
CP	= Completed, next level ready (non-unit only)
CP-	= Completed, repeat level(non-unit only)
CR	= Credit earned, equivalent to C- or above
CW	= Course waived
DV	= Forgiveness grade, excluded from earned hours and GPA
D+V	= Forgiveness grade, excluded from earned hours and GPA
D+X	= Course excluded from earned hours
DX	= Course excluded from earned hours
EX	= Exempt
FCP	= Failure to complete
FV	= Forgiveness grade, excluded from GPA
IN, I	= Incomplete
IP	= In Progress
NC	= No credit earned, equivalent to D+ or below
NG	= Grade pending (administrative)
NS	= Grade not submitted
P	= Pass, equivalent to C- or above for undergraduate or B- or above for graduate
TR	= Transfer credit awarded
W	= Withdrawn
WR	= Withdrawn with Reason*

* as of summer 2020 no longer a valid grade

Special Grading Notes and Name Changes

No record (NR: unsatisfactory performance with the Pass/No Record registration option) has never appeared on the transcript. From 1981-85 failures were excluded from the transcript; withdrawals also did not appear. Effective Fall 1985, the first two failing grades (either F or NC) earned did not appear on the transcript. Effective Fall 1997, all failing grades appear on the transcript. Beginning in 1991 in the College of Professional and Continuing Education (COPACE), only the first failing grade is excluded from the transcript. Effective Fall 2014, the Pass/Fail option replaced the Pass/No Record grade option for undergraduate students. The Pass/Fail grade mode may be assigned to an entire course or self-selected by individual undergraduate students as an option.

When repeating a course that is not repeatable for units, the E (exclude) or I (include) notation will be listed under the “R” column on the transcript to the right of the quality points.

Graduate courses may be graded on either the pass/fail or the traditional letter grade basis (A through F), depending on the practice adopted by the individual department or school. For the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, B- is the lowest passing grade. For the School of Management (SOM), beginning with academic year 1990-1991, C is the lowest passing grade. For the School for Professional Studies (SPS) graduate students, C is the lowest passing grade.

In 2016 the College of Professional and Continuing Education (COPACE) was renamed to the School for Professional Studies (SPS) at the graduate level and the Summer and Evening Division (SED) at the undergraduate level. In the summer of 2019 SED was renamed to SPS-Undergraduates, therefore the School for Professional Studies now incorporates both graduate and undergraduate education. In June 2020 the Graduate School of Management was renamed to the School of Management.

Course Numbering System

0001-0199	Non-credit
001-099	Undergraduate-Typically 1 st year
100-199	Undergraduate-Typically 1 st & 2 nd year
200-299	Undergraduate- Typically 3 rd & 4 th year
1000-2999	Undergraduate level
300-399	Graduate level
3000 and above	Graduate level

Degree Requirements, Academic Policies and Catalogs

Undergraduate degrees require a minimum of 32 units (with at least 16 units in residence) and graduate degrees require a minimum of 8 units (with a least 8 units in residence).

Academic policies vary for undergraduate and graduate students by school, for more information on academic policies please visit the official Clark University online catalog at <http://catalog.clarku.edu>.