New building coming Fall 2023
Center for Media Arts, Computing, and Design

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Welcome.
At Clark, you’re welcome from the moment you first set foot on campus. Our community is diverse, creative, and intellectually daring, and enriched by the wide variety of backgrounds our students bring. Here, we challenge you to imagine a better world — and then create it.
Experiential learning is at the heart of Clark’s curriculum, a smart mix of research and the liberal arts. Be a part of small, discussion-based classes and then take your knowledge off campus through research, internships, and Problems of Practice (POP) courses.

Education, untethered

“The only way to learn what’s harming the water is to go to the water.”

Biology major Linnea Menin ’19 investigates the impact of pollutants on Walden Pond.
Education, untethered

100% of students complete a Capstone

55 POP courses address challenges beyond campus

100% of Clark students complete an internship or experiential learning opportunity
Our undergraduate programs are supported by multiple schools within the University. These specialized schools complement our liberal arts foundation with expert courses, faculty, speakers, and events.

**College of Arts & Sciences**
Most of Clark’s undergraduate majors and minors are housed here, with disciplines as widespread as psychology, urban studies, economics, screen studies, and mathematics.

**School of Management (SOM)**
Focused on business and social innovation, the School of Management is home to programs in management, marketing, and entrepreneurship and innovation. The School of Management is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a distinction that only 5% of undergraduate business programs share. Students in the Arts & Sciences can double-major in these programs, creating an interdisciplinary degree with expert faculty mentorship and hands-on experience in the business world.

**Becker School of Design & Technology (BSDT)**
The Becker School of Design & Technology at Clark was founded in April 2021 to carry on the legacy of Becker College’s world-renowned academic programs in game design, development, and interactive media. Our accredited interactive media major is ranked #4 in the world by The Princeton Review. The major offers eight tracks that equip students with differentiating skills: 3D Art, 2D Art, Audio, Programming, Production, Writing, UI/UX, or Design Your Own.
Majors

Ancient Civilization
Art History
Asian Studies
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biology
Chemistry
Creative Writing
Combined Languages
Community, Youth, & Education Studies
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Data Science
Economics
English
Environmental Science
Finance
French & Francophone Studies
Geography
Global Environmental Studies
History
Interactive Media
International Development & Social Change
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Mathematics Education
Media, Culture, & the Arts
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Screen Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Student-Designed Studio Art
Theatre Arts
Women’s & Gender Studies

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Our students’ interests are as varied and diverse as they are. Whether you know exactly what you want to study or you’re still exploring, our curriculum gives you time to create your own path.
We connect exceptional faculty members with bright students through collaborative work in the classroom, lab, and community. They’ll be your teachers and mentors, helping you navigate this important journey.

Distinguished professors, influential mentors

“I’ve found that faculty here are just as excited about meeting students as students are to meet faculty! They’re excited about my school work, but also about what I’m doing outside of school. They always ask what I’m involved in and where I see myself going academically. Everyone is so friendly and prioritizes community.”

Lili B. ’24

“What I love most about Clark is witnessing the moment when students are set ablaze with intellectual discovery.”

Nicole Overstreet | Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

94% of faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees
9 to 1 student-faculty ratio
Distinguished professors, influential mentors
Cayetana R. '25
Lima, Peru
double major in management and political science
Favorite topic: Corruption prevention

Wesley B. '25
Brooklyn, N.Y.
geography major, sociology minor
Favorite topic: Vogue Magazine
Board of Directors

Zoe E. '24
Dusseldorf, Germany
political science major, genocide and human rights concentration
Favorite committee: UNHCR committee on legal frameworks of forced displacement

Borodine C. '26
Taunton, Mass.
double major in history and political science
Favorite committee: One Penguin One Vote: Dividing Antarctica

Cayetana R. '25
Lima, Peru
double major in management and political science
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Clark Model United Nations (MUN) is ranked among the Top 10 teams in North America within the World Division. Delegates come from all majors of the University, but they share a love for solving our world’s greatest issues.

Jessie G. ’23
Kailua, Hawaii
double major in political science and economics
Favorite committee: Ad Hoc General Assembly on Cyber Warfare

Malachy T. ’23
South Berwick, Maine
political science major
Favorite committee: UN Legal Committee on Data Protection and Privacy

Tsisika B. ’26
Albany, N.Y.
mathematics major, physics minor (3/2 engineering)
Favorite topic: East African trade

Ari S. ’26
Falmouth, Mass.
self-designed anthropology major
Favorite topic: Illicit drugs
“Growing up in athletics, I know the importance and influence your team has on your experience in a sport. The rowing team has the best team atmosphere I’ve ever been part of. Even though we are a large team with more than thirty athletes, we are very connected. I love that I get to connect with my team through their various passions, such as their lab research projects and their art.”

Maggie M. ’26, Berlin, Md.
“The skills our student-athletes acquire in their athletic disciplines are lifelong tools they can use in the classroom and in their search for internships and jobs.”

Trish Cronin | Director of Athletics and Recreation

Play like a Clark Cougar

NCAA Division III

Men’s
Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis

Women’s
Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Volleyball

Intramural
Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball

Club
Basketball, Equestrian, Golf, Ice Hockey, Quad Ball, Soccer, Squash, Ultimate Frisbee (men’s and women’s), Volleyball

Our Competition
Babson College, Coast Guard Academy, Emerson College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mount Holyoke College, Salve Regina University, Smith College, Springfield College, Wellesley College, Wheaton College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Did you know?

WE’RE THE BIRTHPLACE OF ROCKETS!

Robert Hutchings Goddard, a physics professor and Clark alumnus, invented and launched the first liquid-fueled rocket in 1926. Goddard is known as the father of modern rocketry, and his autobiography was taken to the moon in 1969 by Buzz Aldrin!

Bonus fact: Goddard launched his rocket on his aunt’s farm in Auburn, just south of Worcester. That’s one cool aunt!

WE ROCK!

Atwood Hall is Clark’s largest performance venue, and its stage has welcomed musical legends. Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Springsteen, Janis Joplin, and The Grateful Dead have all performed here. (The Grateful Dead blew out the speakers!).

If you prefer to get your music in 15-second clips, you’ve probably heard the Frances Forever song “Space Girl,” which went viral on TikTok. (Frances Forever is the stage name of alum Frances Garrett ’21).

WE’RE A HUB FOR PSYCHOLOGY “FIRSTS”

G. Stanley Hall, Clark’s first president, was a founding member and the first president of the American Psychological Association. He coined the term “adolescence” and is commonly regarded as the founder of child psychology.

Francis Sumner, the father of Black psychology, was the first African American man to earn a Ph.D. in psychology. He completed his degree at Clark University in 1920.

Clark University is the only place in the United States where Sigmund Freud ever gave a lecture! The 1909 Clark Lectures celebrated our 20th anniversary and included talks by Freud and Carl Jung. You’ll even see Freud on a campus tour — his statue is in Red Square!
WE MAKE THE ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARY

Alumna Margaret Morse Nice received her M.A. in biology from Clark University in 1915 — she was one of only two female graduate students at the time. She went on to become one of the world’s preeminent ornithologists, focusing much of her work on the common song sparrow.

WE WITNESSED THE BEGINNINGS OF THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL

Clark professor Gregory Pincus conducted research on contraception methods during his time at Clark, laying the groundwork for the birth control pill. He founded the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology later in life, which released the pill to consumers in 1960.

WE'RE VERY CHILL

You know how sometimes your weather app will say it’s 50 degrees, but it feels like 35 degrees? That’s because of wind chill factor, an index for measuring the effect of cold air and wind on exposed skin. Paul Siple, Ph.D. ’39, developed the wind chill factor in his doctoral research at Clark. He was an expert on cold weather — Siple took part in six Antarctica expeditions and even named a mountain range there after Clark!

WE'RE EXPERTS IN GOOD EATS

Do you love soup in a bread bowl? Ron Shaich ’76 founded Panera Bread and Au Bon Pain, two of the leading brands in the bakery-café category.

You may recognize Padma Lakshmi ’92 from her years hosting Bravo’s “Top Chef” — she’s a prolific author, activist, producer, and content creator on food and culture.
STUDENT LIFE

130+ student organizations

>1,000 club events each year

0 fraternities & sororities
2,349 Clark undergraduates

25% multicultural students

7% international students

52 countries represented
Space to dream

The Office of Identity, Student Engagement, and Access (ISEA) serves students of color, students who are the first in their families to attend college, and students in the LGBTQIA+ community. As a direct result of student activism, spaces in Dana Commons were redesigned to create meeting rooms, offices, and community spaces that support identity-based groups and events on campus.
“I remember going (to the craft room) in my first year as a part of the Latin American Student Association (LASO) to create table centerpieces for the Noche Latina event. There were so many materials available for us to use and it was a lovely spot to hang out, listen to music, and build these projects together.”

Sophia Stewart-Chapman ’22
Places to call home

Whether you need to camp out in the library or be the first in line for a Hip Hop Collabo performance, living in Clark’s residence halls means you’re close to it all. All first- and second-year students live on campus, and there are options for traditional housing (hi, roomie!), suite-style housing, and on-campus apartments.
What's on your floor?

All first-year residence halls are equipped with
- Full kitchens
- Multiple common lounges (perfect for Survivor marathons and game nights)
- Quiet study rooms
- Multimedia study rooms
- In-building laundry
- Community bathrooms
Blessed with a rich history and energized by an ambitious vision for its future, Clark’s home in the heart of New England abounds with opportunities to live, learn, and play. New England’s second-largest city, Worcester is a hub for biotech, higher education, health care, and the arts, and is home to a thriving “pop-up” culture featuring concerts, exhibits, and food events. In 2021, the city became home to Polar Park and the minor league Worcester Red Sox. If you want to roam farther, it’s a short ride to Boston and Providence, and about three hours to New York.

Worcester: a city on the rise
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Catch a baseball game or concert at Polar Park, home to our city’s new minor league baseball team! The Worcester Red Sox, or WooSox, took the field in May 2021.

The iconic “smiley face” was created in Worcester in 1963 by graphic designer Harvey Ball. While the WooSox are new, their mascot has been here for more than 50 years!
Before you change our world, see the world

Clark’s liberal arts + research curriculum teaches students early on that engagement matters — both locally and globally. Studying abroad (or away domestically) will only magnify what you’ve learned in the classroom, and Clark’s Office of Study Abroad and Away will help you get there, wherever “there” may be!

A sampling of approved* study abroad and away programs:

- Rehearsing Change: Empowering Locally, Educating Globally – Quito, Ecuador
- SIT Portugal: Sustainability and Environmental Justice – Lisbon, Portugal
- The Washington Center: Academic Internship Program in Washington, D.C.
- Umbra Institute: Multicultural Psychology Program – Perugia, Italy
- CIEE Arts and Sciences Program – Legon, Ghana
- CAPA Sydney: Global Business Institute – Sydney, Australia
- The School for Field Studies (SFS) Cambodia: Climate Change, Ethics, and Conservation – Siem Reap, Cambodia
- IES Abroad Madrid: Engineering, Math, & Science – Madrid, Spain
- CIEE Middle East Studies – Amman, Jordan
- Burren College of Art – Ballyvaughan, Ireland
- Augsburg CGEE: Communication and Film Studies: Migration, Media, and Social Change – Cuernavaca, Mexico

*Clark’s financial aid award carries over for domestic students pursuing an approved study abroad program
approved Clark study abroad programs

3 domestic study away locations (Washington, D.C.; Boston; and Puerto Rico)

30% of Clark students study abroad

Exploring the cultural sites of Seville, Spain, through a Clark-approved CIEE study abroad program
No matter what your career goals, gaining experience outside the classroom will help you refine your interests, build skills, and develop your professional network. Today’s employers are hungry for applicants who have proven they can succeed in professional settings. Internships provide the experience you need to stand out.

Put your knowledge into practice

“I’m lucky to be [at the Fitchburg Art Museum] where I got a lot more hands-on experience. At a lot of larger institutions, I wouldn’t have as much freedom to learn as much as I am.”

Maire O’23 | intern at the Fitchburg Art Museum

“Career Connections helped me get an internship at Fidelity by providing me with interview, resume, cover letter writing, and networking skills. Clark prepares you for what you need to do. They give you the keys to success, and then I just had to take those keys and open the door.”

Zach C. ’23 | Economics major, Management & Data Science minors

100% of Clark students complete an internship or experiential learning opportunity.
Clark’s Accelerated B.A./Master’s Program gives qualifying undergraduates the opportunity to earn an advanced degree in five years. You’ll take graduate-level courses during your senior year, fulfilling some of the requirements of your master’s degree. The best part? Most fifth-year master’s programs are offered tuition-free.

Earn your master’s tuition-free

Programs offered
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Community Development & Planning
- Environmental Science & Policy
- Geographic Information Science
- History
- Information Technology
- International Development
- Management
- Physics
- Public Administration
- Teaching
Quincy conducts research on the Massachusetts coastline while earning his master’s in biology through Clark’s tuition-free fifth-year program. He’s now working as an environmental consultant.

“My fifth year prepared me tremendously, especially in terms of writing. My professor was very engaged with me on writing effectively and that has certainly given me a leg up. Additionally I did a lot of statistics work that has served me well in the working world.”

Quincy Milton III ’20
Dilasha Shrestha ’22, Associate product manager at LinkedIn; computer science major, former president of Clark’s Center for Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (TIE)
Our alumni succeed in the world because they spend four powerful years discovering how to change it for the better. As a Clark graduate, you’ll be poised for a life of purpose and integrity whether you attend graduate school, land a job at a dynamic company, or launch your own venture.

Engaged citizens of the world

A Clark education prepares students to move confidently and thoughtfully through the world. Once they earn a diploma, our graduates thrive as business leaders, educators, activists, entrepreneurs, and researchers.

“ What I really respect and value about my time at Clark was that the school focused on empowering students to explore and not be fixated on any rigid form of analysis, but really to be open to the world around them. Clark wasn’t what was important — the student was important.”

Jeffrey Lurie ’73 | Owner of the Philadelphia Eagles

98% of Clark grads are employed, in graduate school, or engaged in community service six months after graduation.
A Clark education is an investment in your future

“At Clark, we believe that enrolling talented, curious, and motivated students is a step toward a better world — because a Clark education equips you not only for career success, but also for a life of meaning and impact. Your Clark education is also an investment in your future, and our goal is to make this experience attainable and affordable through a combination of need- and merit-based financial support.”

Emily Roper-Doten
Vice President for Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Assistance

$39,529
Average aid awarded through scholarships and grants

85%
of students receive financial aid

$0
Application fee
All applicants are considered automatically for merit-based scholarships. The one exception is our Presidential Scholarship, which has a separate application process; the Presidential Scholarship is awarded to approximately five students each year and covers the full cost of tuition, room, and board for all four years of study.

Clark meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for students who apply Early Decision I or II.

**Application Deadlines**

- Early Action/Early Decision I
  - **November 15**
- Regular Decision/Early Decision II
  - **January 15**
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