Welcome to New Student Orientation!
We are very excited to finally welcome you in person.

Are you ready for liftoff?
Over the next few days, you’ll get to know the Clark community and start adapting to life on campus. 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 intellectual life at Clark — both in and out of the classroom.

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 Clark adventure.

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 — and get ready for liftoff into your Clark journey.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9 a.m.–Noon

Higgins University Center, Information Desk

Check-in, Move-in & Meet your PA
Meet the orientation team and pick up all the information you need to move in!

Noon–1:30 p.m.

Higgins UC, Dining Hall

Welcome Lunch & Clark Dining 101
Casual lunch with brief introduction to Dining Hall stations and Bistro swaps.

1:45–2:30 p.m.

Sackler 120

Introduction to Student Accessibility Services for Students & Families
Join Tom Sawicki, director of Student Accessibility Services, for an introduction to the office and its resources.

2:30–4:30 p.m.

Alden Quad & Academic Commons

Get to Know Your PA!
Spend some time getting to know your Peer Adviser (PA)! This is an opportunity to ask questions, talk, and just relax with your PA. Extra time can be spent meeting other Early students and PAs!

4:45–5:15 p.m.

Goddard Library, Academic Commons

Family Program
For family members: an opportunity to ask administrators and deans any questions they may have about services Clark provides.

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Higgins UC, Dining Hall

Dinner with PAs
Relax over dinner with other Early students and PAs.

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Residence Halls

Social Activities
Come bond with other Early students! There will be games, music, and food in the Grind, and a Queer Eye-themed self-care night in the craft studio.

8:30–11 p.m.

Higgins University Center, The Grind and the Craft Studio

Programs in RED are required.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7–10 a.m.

Higgins UC, Dining Hall

Breakfast with Your PA
An encouraged but flexible opportunity to have breakfast with your PA before the second day of Early Orientation begins! Discuss with your PA what time works best for you.

10–10:45 a.m.

ASEC 202

Student Accessibility Services Info Session
Meet with the director of Student Accessibility Services to ask any questions, or set up an appointment for a more in-depth conversation.

10:45 a.m.–Noon

Red Square

Campus and Library Tours
Explore campus with your PA to learn important building locations, where your classes are, and more! PAs will meet you across from ASEC.

Noon–1:30 p.m.

Higgins UC, Dining Hall

Lunch with PAs & Early Students
Take some time to connect with other Early students and PAs over lunch!

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Jonas Clark 001

Spoon Theory & Self-Care in College
Join Early Orientation Coordinator Tarah (a fellow spoonie) for an informative and interactive presentation on self-care in college, particularly for students who may identify as disabled, chronically ill, and/or mentally ill.

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Alden Quad

PA and Group Bonding
A space to debrief the last session with PAs and/or other Early students.

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Alden Quad, The Grind, The Craft Studio, JC 001

Activities on Alden
Come play games with other students and PAs, connect with students from on-campus clubs, or take a walking or virtual tour of Worcester! There will also be board games and crafts available in the Grind and craft studio during this time.

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Alden Quad, The Grind, The Craft Studio, JC 001

Activities on Alden (continued)
If you’re having fun, stay up until 5:30! Tours will continue through this time. This hour may also be used for a break, downtime, or more one-on-one time with your PA.

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Higgins UC, Dining Hall

Dinner with PAs
Relax over dinner with other Early students and PAs.

6–8 p.m.

Goddard Grove and Wright Hall 2nd Floor Lounge

Bonfire and Movie
Come join all other students participating in pre-orientation programs for s’mores over a communal fire, or cozy up and watch a move inside!

Schedule subject to change. All changes made will be communicated.
WHEN IN DOUBT
Ask your Peer Adviser, an Orientation Coordinator, Student Life staff, a Resident Adviser, or someone in the Dean of Students Office.

STUDENT SUPPORT/INFORMATION HEADQUARTERS
PAs will be in Winton Dining Hall in Higgins University Center during most meal times to serve as a resource, someone to debrief with, and a friend!

COLLEGE LIFE TALKBACKS
A space to review, clarify, and hear about student experiences regarding issues addressed during orientation.

BANKS & CELLPHONE COMPANIES
Tuesday, 8/20, Wednesday, 8/21 and Friday, 8/23; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Representatives from local banks and cell phone companies will be on campus to assist students in opening accounts.
A TD Bank ATM is located directly to the right of Orientation Headquarters in the UC.

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

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
Once the semester starts, be sure to regularly check ClarkYou, clarku.collegiatelink.net, and the biweekly “What’s Happening @ Clark” email for the calendar of events! Follow Clark Campus Life on Facebook (@clarkuslp), Snapchat (@clark_u), and Instagram (@clarku_campuslife) to find information about campus events, tickets, transportation, and local activities.

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

Keep up with the latest Clark news
clarku.edu/clarknow
you.clarku.edu

CLARK SAFETY ESCORT
Clark’s Student Safety Escort Service provides transportation to and from the Clark campus area, 4 p.m. to 4 a.m., 7 days a week during the academic year; call x7777.

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.
The Student Accounts Office is open:
Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (only for orientation)
The Cashier’s Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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, to check on the status of an application, or to complete any additional paperwork.
Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (only for orientation)

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 blank, temporary 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: Noon to 2 p.m.
Regular Hours (beginning 8/26):
Monday–Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 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.