



**Clark University**



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Website: <http://www.clarku.edu/>

**School Address:**  
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**U.S. News Ranking: National Universities, 81**

**School Type:** Private  
**Year Founded:** 1887

**Undergraduate Students:** 2,204  
**Total international students:** 150 (7%)

**Application deadline:** February 1 (Fall), June 6 (Spring)

**TOEFL may be submitted in place of SAT or ACT:** Yes  
**Minimum TOEFL score required:** 550 (paper), 230 (computer)  
**Average TOEFL score:** 605 (paper)

**Tuition and Fees:** \$31,465  
**Room and Board:** \$5,900

**Undergraduate Programs**

- Ancient Civilization
- Art, Studio
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication and Culture
- Comparative Literature

- Computational Science
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Ethics and Public Policy
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Geography
- Global Environmental Studies
- Government and International Relations History
- Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- International Development and Social Change
- Jewish Studies
- Law (prelaw)
- Law and Society
- Management
- Mathematics
- Medical Careers Advising (premedical and pre dental)
- Music
- Peace Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Premedical, Pre dental, Preveterinary
- Psychology
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Screen Studies
- Sociology
- Theater Arts
- Urban Development and Social Change
- Women's Studies

**Accelerated B.A./Master's Degree Program**

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communications (MSPC)
- Community Planning & Development
- Education
- Environmental Science & Policy
- History
- Geographic Information Science (GIS)
- International Development
- Management (MBA)
- Finance (MSF)
- Physics
- Public Administration (MPA)

**Graduate Programs**

- Graduate School of Management (MBA)
- Graduate School of Management (MSF)



- Biology (Ph.D.)
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- Chemistry (Ph.D.)
- Economics (Ph.D.)
- English (M.A.)
- Environmental Science & Policy (M.A.)
- Geographic Information Sciences (Ph.D.)
- Geographic Information Sciences for Development and Environment (M.A.)
- Geography (Ph.D.)
- History (Ph.D.)
- Holocaust & Genocide Studies (Ph.D.)
- Physics (Ph.D.)
- Psychology (Ph.D.)
- Women's Studies (Ph.D.)

International	7%
Domestic	93%
ALANA students (Asian-, African-, Latino-, and Native- American)	10%
First-year students	528
Average High School GPA	3.40
Average Verbal SAT	593
Average Math SAT	588
From top 30% of high school class	80%
Living in campus housing	97%
From out of state	64%
Receiving need- or merit-based financial aid	78%
Average retention rate (first-year to sophomore)	86%
Transfer students	53

**Admission Requirements for International Students**

- International Application for Admission (The Common Application) and \$50 application fee
- Personal Statement
- Original or certified true copies of secondary school records (preferably the last four years), certificates and national examinations
- Official Test Scores (TOEFL, SAT I or ACT scores)
- If English is not your native language: scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550 (213 computer based test) is required for full admission.

SAT I or ACT test results (if English is your native language)

Clark's SAT code is 3279. Clark's ACT code is 1808.

- At least one teacher recommendation (preferably from someone who has taught you within the last year)
- A recommendation from your college guidance counselor
- First quarter or trimester senior grades
- Clark University Supplement
- For admission to Clark, a diploma from an accredited secondary school or G.E.D. equivalency is required.

**Fast Facts**  
**Enrollment**

Total degree-seeking undergraduates	2004
Women	61%
Men	39%

**Academics**

Undergraduate majors	29
Most popular declared majors	
Psychology	15%
Government and International Relations	11%
English	8%
Business Management	7%
Biology	7%
Communication & Culture	7%
History	6%
Study Abroad programs (11 countries)	16
Full-time faculty	169
Student/faculty ratio	10:1
Average class size	21
Faculty who teach undergraduates (all undergraduate courses are taught by faculty)	100%
Faculty holding doctorate or terminal degrees	99%

**Student Life**

Percent of undergraduates living on campus	77%
Student clubs about	70
Varsity sports (NCAA Division III)	17
Activities (self-reported):	
Volunteer in community service at Clark	53%
Participate in off-campus internships	39%
Play intramural or recreational athletics	40%
Play intercollegiate athletics	24%
Participate in student government	11%
Religious preferences:	
None	36%
Buddhist	2%
Catholic	20%
Eastern orthodox	2%
Jewish	15%
Episcopal	2%
Other Christian	7%
Lutheran	1%
Other non-	7%
Methodist	2%



Islamic	2%	Presbyterian	1%
Baptist	2%	United Church of Christ	1%

**Graduation and Beyond**

Graduation plans for the class of 2004:	
Graduate or professional school	36%
Employment	56%
Other/undecided	8%
Percentage of graduating seniors who pursue Clark’s accelerated BA/MA option	15%
Estimated percentage of undergraduates who earn doctorate degrees during their careers	6%

**Graduate Studies at Clark**

Total degree-seeking graduate students	748
Full-time	564
Part-time	184
Graduate programs (Masters and Ph.D.)	27

**Web Links**

Admissions	<a href="http://www.clarku.edu/admissions">www.clarku.edu/admissions</a>
Financial Aid	<a href="http://www.clarku.edu/financialaid">www.clarku.edu/financialaid</a>
Scholarships	<a href="http://www.clarku.edu/scholarships">www.clarku.edu/scholarships</a>
Visiting Clark	<a href="http://www.clarku.edu/visit">www.clarku.edu/visit</a>

**[International Students Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)**

The Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, in keeping with Clark University’s commitment to a strong international presence on campus, provides financial assistance to a number of international students each year.

Competition for this assistance is extremely keen and the awards are based on both academic merit and financial need. Since the ability to meet the cost of attendance at Clark University is a factor, the admissions process is need-aware. Several applicants each year show excellent academic records but do not demonstrate the necessary financial ability. It is not unusual for the Committee to deny an application on financial grounds even though the applicant is academically qualified.

Clark does not offer financial assistance to cover the full cost of attendance. Personal expenses such as room and board are the responsibility of the student. Total expenses for the 2004-05 academic year are estimated at nearly \$38,000, and, since our maximum award is full-tuition (\$29,300 next year),

we expect all applicants to be prepared to pay AT LEAST \$10,000 for each year of study. Note also that the average award this year was \$17,000, which means most students will pay more than \$20,000 per year. In addition, a student should not rely on the possibility of working while in school. The United States Government prohibits international students from working outside the University. On-campus employment opportunities are limited and part-time only per government regulations. This should therefore not be considered a possible source of significant income.

**International Financial Aid Application**

Financial need is determined by the analysis of information provided on the College Board’s International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) or Clark University’s own Financial Aid Application. You should also submit supporting documents in the form of employer and/or bank statements. Since Clark can only give partial financial awards, it is expected that students will be prepared to finance their education with funds from their families, sponsors or sources other than Clark University. It is important that students and their families be realistic as they plan to apply for admission to Clark. A student must provide proof of financial support in order to receive a visa for study in the United States.

**[Global Scholars Program](#)**

In addition to the International Awards, we are pleased to announce the creation of the **Global Scholars Program (GSP)**. The GSP builds on Clark’s long-standing commitment to providing a challenging education with a global view. A separate application and recommendation are required to be considered for this scholarship.

Successful candidates will be first-year applicants\* who have the demonstrated potential to provide leadership in their community and the world and who are committed to making a difference.

Clark invites applications from students who are not permanent residents or citizens of the United States, as well as US citizens/permanent residents who reside overseas and will complete their entire secondary school education outside the US. Candidates should be outstanding students who are also deeply engaged in their school or local communities. [View the profiles past GSP recipients.](#)

**Students admitted to the Global Scholars Program will receive:**



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- **A scholarship of no less than \$12,000** \*\* (or \$48,000 for four years contingent upon meeting academic standards for renewal);
- **A guaranteed \$2,500 stipend** for a paid internship or research assistantship taken for academic credit during the summer following the sophomore or junior year;
- **A guaranteed place in the International Studies Stream** and the Global Scholar will be a part of a supportive network of faculty, students, staff, alumni and peers;
- **Participation in the Global Scholars mentor program**, including a semi-annual dinner hosted by Dr. John Bassett, President of Clark University. In addition to a faculty advisor, staff or alumni leadership mentors will support Global Scholars.



Global Scholars Spring Dinner  
hosted by President and Mrs. Bassett  
at Harrington House.  
April 11, 2005



Faculty, mentors and administrators  
were present to enjoy dinner and salute  
Clark University's Global Scholars.

**To apply to the Global Scholars Program students must:**

- **Submit a regular application** for admission to Clark University, along with all required supporting credentials;
- **Complete a brief application for the GSP;**
- **Submit an essay** that addresses an issue of global significance;
- **Submit a letter of reference** that speaks specifically to the applicant's promise as a leader in the community and the world at large;

- **Deadline for receipt of the completed applications (Admissions & GSP) is January 15.**

\* Students transferring from another college or university are not eligible for the GSP.

\*\* Applicants with financial need greater than the amount of the Global Scholars award may be eligible for additional need-based financial assistance. To be considered, international applicants must submit the International Student Financial Aid Form, and US citizens must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and College Board PROFILE form.

**For More Information:** To learn more about the Global Scholars Program or to receive an application by mail, please contact Kristina Mukda, Coordinator of International Recruitment ([kmukda@clarku.edu](mailto:kmukda@clarku.edu)).

**About Clark University**

**Hallmarks of a Clark Education**

Clark's motto is "**Challenge Convention, Change our World.**" Clark is a place where students and faculty learn and teach in a vibrant intellectual environment. The three hallmarks or "signatures" of a Clark education are "Make a Difference," "Learn Through Inquiry" and "Experience Diverse Cultures."

- Learn how these signatures [work together](#).
- Discover "[Make a Difference](#)"
- Discover "[Learn Through Inquiry](#)"
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**Scarpelli Hall Open Lab**

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The Scarpelli Hall computer lab is just one of more than a dozen labs open for student use on the Clark campus. Computer labs and classrooms provide the latest in software and technology for training in a wide range of subjects including computer technology, business applications, graphic design, electronics and telecommunications, science and healthcare simulations, and even music composition.

**Anderson Plaza - Cannell Library - Chime Tower**

The Lewis D. Cannell Library and adjacent Andersen Fountain Plaza and Alumni Chime Tower Plaza form the heart of the Clark College campus, providing venues for individual and group studies and related student activities in a collegiate environment.



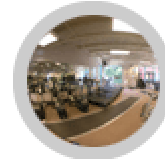
**Anderson Plaza - Cannell Library - Chime Tower**



**Dental Hygiene Clinic**

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The Clark College Dental Hygiene program boasts a perfect pass record on national certification examinations and graduates are in demand by dental care providers throughout the Pacific Northwest. While learning their craft in a state-of-the-art clinic, students also perform community service by treating low income patients both on campus and with a traveling clinic.



**O'Connell Fitness Center**

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At the Thompson Fitness Center, students and community members can use a comprehensive array of conditioning, weight training and circuit aerobics equipment for physical education courses and personal fitness. Clark's Physical Fitness Trainer program prepares men and women for industry certification and employment in the growing fitness field.



**Greenhouse**

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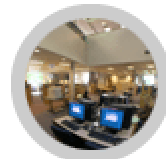
Students in Clark's regionally-recognized horticulture and agriculture program receive hands-on training in the campus greenhouse. Horticulture majors also work on projects in the Southwest Washington community, contributing to the beautification of local parks while honing skills in landscaping operations and design, nursery operations and studies toward and advanced degree in the field.

**Totem Pole**

Clark has made a commitment to promote cultural diversity through its academic studies, community events & activities, and the campus environment as exemplified by an authentic Native American totem pole & meditation plaza designed and supported by its Native American Student Council, student government, and the campus community. The pole was carved by Edwin Moses, a Puyallup tribe member.



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The Cannell Library provides services and borrowing privileges to the Clark community. The library maintains over 55,000 volumes and over 500 periodicals as well as current newspapers, pamphlets, Washington State publications and audio-visual materials. Membership in PORTALS offers and electronic network linking member libraries and their online catalogs, and access to selected databases.



**Art Classroom**

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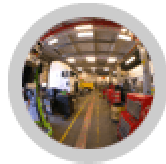
The popular fine arts program at Clark provides expert instruction in multiple art mediums, including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics and sculpture. Lab space for hands-on learning in all of the arts is located in the Frost Arts Center, including a pottery kiln room. Students have the opportunity to



exhibit their work in juried show at the campus's regionally acclaimed Archer Gallery.



**Culinary Arts - Baking**



**Diesel Technology**

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Clark's award-winning Culinary Arts program prepares students for positions as chefs, bakers, restaurant managers and other food service industry careers with hands-on training in state-of-the-art facilities. Clark graduates have found employment as restaurant owners, chefs at small to large restaurants, in food service operations, in bakeries, and have even prepared meals for the U.S. President.

**Diesel Technology**

In the Diesel Technology lab at Clark College, students master the skills needed to perform maintenance and repairs on light, medium and heavy-duty trucks and in industrial applications such as agriculture, construction, and marine industries. Equipment available for training includes Caterpillar, Halton, Cummins, and other industry standard brands.

**History**

Clark University is a teaching and research institution founded in 1887. Clark is the oldest graduate institution in the United States. Clark is one of only three New England universities, with Harvard and Yale, to be a founding member of the prestigious Association of American Universities.

Clark's first president was G. Stanley Hall, founder of the American Psychological Association, who earned the first Ph.D. in psychology in this country at Harvard. Clark has played a prominent role in the development of psychology as a distinguished discipline in the United States. Clark was the location for Sigmund Freud's famous "Clark Lectures" in 1909, introducing psychoanalysis to this country.

Clark also has played an important role in the development of geography as a discipline. Clark has granted more Ph.D.s in this environmentally related area than any other school in the nation. The George Perkins Marsh Institute was the first research center created to study the human dimensions of global environmental change.

Researchers who have held Clark appointments include A.A. Michelson, the first U.S. Nobel Prize winner in the sciences; and Robert Goddard, the father of the space age and the inventor of rocket technology. Other researchers at Clark, for instance, measured the windchill factor, defined chemical double bonding, developed research leading to the birth control pill, and made the first breakthrough in understanding how brain tissue regenerates itself.

**Mission Statement**

Clark University's mission is to educate undergraduate and graduate students to be imaginative and contributing citizens of the world, and to advance the frontiers of knowledge and understanding through rigorous scholarship and creative effort.

The University seeks to prepare students to meet the challenges of a complex and rapidly changing society. In students and faculty, Clark fosters a commitment to excellence in studying traditional academic disciplines, as well as innovation in exploring questions that cross disciplinary boundaries. The free pursuit of inquiry and the free exchange of ideas are central to that commitment.

The focus of Clark's academic program is a liberal arts education enriched by interactions among undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty, and is closely linked to a select number of professional programs. Clark also serves students who wish to continue formal education throughout their lives.

The intellectual and personal growth of students is enhanced by a wide variety of educational programs and extracurricular activities. Clark believes that intellectual growth must be accompanied by the development of values, the cultivation of responsible independence, and the appreciation of a range of perspectives.

Clark's academic community has long been distinguished by the pursuit of scientific inquiry and humanistic studies, enlivened by a concern for significant social issues. Among many other scholarly endeavors, Clark contributes to understanding human development, assessing relationships between people and the environment, and managing risk in a technological society.

Clark is dedicated to being a dynamic community of learners able to thrive in today's increasingly interrelated societies. The University maintains a



national and international character, attracting high-caliber students and faculty from all quarters of the globe. As a university residing in an urban context, Clark also strives to address the needs and opportunities of contemporary urban life.

### **Accreditation**

Clark University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Association indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer-review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the New England Association should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

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