

# Important Information for Accepted First-year Students

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## *Congratulations on your acceptance to Clemson University!*

Enclosed is specific information concerning the admission deposit, housing, financial aid, AP and IB credit, and placement policies for English and math that we hope will ensure your successful transition to Clemson. In addition, there is important information for transfer students regarding transfer credit policies.

Please review this information carefully and keep it for future reference. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the admissions office or the specific office involved.

Again, congratulations on your academic achievements. We look forward to your becoming a part of the Clemson Family.



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## Enrollment Deposit

All accepted students for undergraduate admission are required to pay a **nonrefundable** enrollment deposit. To submit payment, visit your Admitted Student Portal ([admissions.clemson.edu/portal/status](https://admissions.clemson.edu/portal/status).) The deposit will be applied toward the cost of tuition and fees for students who enroll for the Fall or Spring semester (deposits for Summer enrollees will be applied to Fall tuition and fees). Please do not include any other University fees with the admission deposit payment.

Be sure to pay the deposit by the date indicated in your acceptance letter. Your acceptance will be canceled if you fail to remit the deposit by that date. Reacceptance at a later date may be possible but cannot be guaranteed. If you have questions, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 864-656-2287.

## Clemson Home: University Housing & Dining

Beginning February 1, upon acceptance to the University and receipt of your enrollment deposit, you may sign up for housing and dining at [clemson.edu/housing-dining](https://clemson.edu/housing-dining).

### Housing

Clemson Home is committed to supporting you in the exciting transition to college life. We offer comprehensive programs for all first-year and transfer students who live on campus, including our Residential Education Model (REM), Living-Learning Communities (LLC) and much more.

Housing priority is based upon the date your admissions application was submitted.

All first-year students are guaranteed housing and are required to live in University-owned housing their first academic year. First-year housing contracts will open on February 1 and are due by May 15 at noon. Students living in the following counties in South Carolina may request a waiver to commute from home: Oconee, Pickens and Anderson.

If you defer enrollment to the Spring, contact University Housing & Dining in October for more information about how to sign up for the Spring semester only.

### Dining

Meal plans are convenient, flexible and provide options for a variety of dietary needs. First-year students are required to choose from one of the following plans:

- Unlimited 300
  - Endless dining in residential dining halls
  - \$300 in Paw Points (per semester)
  - 15 guest meals (per semester)
- Unlimited 200
  - Endless dining in residential dining halls
  - \$200 in Paw Points (per semester)
  - 10 guest meals (per semester)
- Unlimited 100
  - Endless dining in residential dining halls
  - \$100 in Paw Points (per semester)
  - 5 guest meals (per semester)

For more information, please visit [clemson.edu/housing-dining](https://clemson.edu/housing-dining). Connect with us on Facebook ([facebook.com/ClemsonHome](https://facebook.com/ClemsonHome)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/ClemsonHome](https://twitter.com/ClemsonHome)) for all of the latest updates.

### New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is an on-campus experience that will introduce you to all that Clemson has to offer. Orientation is a critical element of your success as a college student; therefore, it is mandatory for all new students. The Orientation team is eager to assist you with your academic and personal success. Attending New Student Orientation is necessary in order to ensure a full class schedule.

Shortly after your official acceptance to Clemson, you will receive information on registering for Orientation. The Orientation website, [clemson.edu/orientation](https://clemson.edu/orientation), features session information, frequently asked questions and resources for students and families. Should you have questions regarding Orientation, please call our office at 864-656-0515.

## New Student Checklist

This checklist was created to identify tasks that should be completed prior to starting full time at Clemson. The following are major steps to help you through the process.

### Commit to Clemson

- 1. Activate your Clemson username.  
[myusername.clemson.edu](https://myusername.clemson.edu)
- 2. Set up your Clemson email.  
[ccit.clemson.edu/support/new-to-clemson/email](https://ccit.clemson.edu/support/new-to-clemson/email)
- 3. Pay your deposit.  
[admissions.clemson.edu/portal/status](https://admissions.clemson.edu/portal/status)

### Prepare for your first semester

- 1. Meet all financial aid deadlines.  
[clemson.edu/financial-aid](https://clemson.edu/financial-aid)
- 2. Schedule your Orientation session.  
[clemson.edu/orientation](https://clemson.edu/orientation)
- 3. Set your preferred name.  
[my.clemson.edu](https://my.clemson.edu)
- 4. Upload your photo on your TigerOne ID.  
[clemson.edu/tigerone](https://clemson.edu/tigerone)
- 5. Submit medical forms to Redfern Health Center.  
[clemson.edu/campus-life/student-health/index.html](https://clemson.edu/campus-life/student-health/index.html)
- 6. Take any necessary placement tests prior to Orientation.
- 7. View transfer credits.  
[clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transferring-credits.html](https://clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transferring-credits.html)
- 8. Prepare for legal presence verification.  
[clemson.edu/registrar/faq.html](https://clemson.edu/registrar/faq.html)

### Picture yourself here

- 1. Apply for housing.  
[clemson.edu/housing-dining](https://clemson.edu/housing-dining)
- 2. Purchase a laptop.  
[clemson.edu/laptop](https://clemson.edu/laptop)
- 3. Pay your bill.  
[clemson.edu/finance/student-financials/index.html](https://clemson.edu/finance/student-financials/index.html)
- 4. Find out about student clubs and organizations.  
[clemson.edu/campus-life/student-orgs](https://clemson.edu/campus-life/student-orgs)
- 5. Prepare for move-in day.  
[clemson.edu/housing-dining](https://clemson.edu/housing-dining)

### Start the semester strong

- 1. Attend University Convocation and Kick-Off Clemson activities.  
[clemson.edu/accepted-students/kick-off-clemson](https://clemson.edu/accepted-students/kick-off-clemson)



Check out our Admitted Students webpage for a step-by-step guide on starting at Clemson, including important links to placement tests, laptop purchasing and more!

[clemson.edu/admitted-students](https://clemson.edu/admitted-students)

## FAFSA Submission Deadlines

Financial Aid	Deadline
Academic Recruiting Scholarships	FAFSA is not required, but admission application file must be completed by December 1.
Restricted (Need-Based) Scholarships	January 2
Federal Direct Loan	
Academic Year (August-May)	January 2 suggested
*Summer	April 1
Federal Pell Grant	January 2 suggested
Federal Supplemental Grant	January 2
S.C. State Need-Based Grant	January 2
Federal Work Study	January 2

\* All loan requests for summer school require submission of both the FAFSA for the preceding year and a Financial Aid Request Form for Summer Enrollment.

## Application Submission Deadlines

S.C. Teacher Loan	March 1
Private Loans	June 15 suggested
PLUS Loan	June 15 suggested

## Financial Aid

Financial aid procedures and deadlines are listed at left and at [clemson.edu/financial-aid](http://clemson.edu/financial-aid). Financial aid applicants typically are notified of their awards beginning in March. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 864-656-2280 for additional information.

## Payment of Tuition and Fees

Fall semester bills are available and can be paid online in mid- to late July at [iroad.clemson.edu](http://iroad.clemson.edu). For information regarding tuition and fees, payment due dates or payment plans, visit [clemson.edu/finance/student-financials](http://clemson.edu/finance/student-financials). Please contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 864-656-5592 for additional information.

## Legal Presence Verification

In accordance with section 59-101-430 of the S.C. Code of Laws, also known as the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, those unlawfully present in the United States are prohibited from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina. Those unlawfully present in the United States are also prohibited from receiving a public higher education benefit including scholarships, financial aid, grants or resident tuition.

To ensure that you may enroll and attend classes, you must provide documentation described below.

**A. U.S. Citizens** – The following original documents will be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship:

- (RECOMMENDED) Social Security approval through the Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). This does not require the student to submit any documentation to Clemson University. The Clemson University Office of Student Financial Aid can verify the approval through a Department of Education database. The student must simply complete and submit the FAFSA form, which is available at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
- S.C. driver's license first issued after January 1, 2002.
- U.S. passport.
- U.S. or U.S. territory birth certificate.
- Certificate of naturalization.
- U.S. government-issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad.
- Certificate of Citizenship.

**B. Aliens** – You must complete immigration documentation with the Office of Global Engagement within 30 days of the first day of classes in the Fall semester. Legal presence for aliens will be verified as follows:

- U.S. permanent residents – Permanent residency status will be verified through the SAVE system.
- J-1 and F-1 student visa holders – Legal presence in the U.S. will be verified through the SEVIS system.
- All other aliens – Legal presence in the U.S. will be verified through the SAVE system.

If the Office of Global Engagement cannot obtain verification within 30 days following the first day of class of the student's initial semester of attendance, the student may be given 30 days to provide additional information that the University can submit for verification with the federal government.

Questions regarding this requirement should be directed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or the Office of Student Financial Aid.

**You will have 30 days after the start of classes to declare your legal presence without penalty.**

## In-State Residency

Your eligibility to pay in-state tuition and fees is determined by S.C. law. If you are currently being considered an out-of-state student but you believe you qualify for in-state rates, it is your responsibility to apply for residency with the Financial Aid Office. You must complete a residency application online ([clemson.edu/financial-aid/residency](http://clemson.edu/financial-aid/residency)) and provide all supporting documentation required. The deadline to apply for residency/in-state tuition is July 1 for the Fall semester or November 1 for the Spring semester.

## Laptop Requirement

All Clemson students are required to own a laptop computer. While students may bring any laptop that meets minimum specifications, the University recommends specific Apple- and Windows-based laptops each year. The recommended Windows-based laptop includes an extended four-year warranty with accidental damage coverage. Apple laptops come with a one-year warranty with the option to purchase coverage for two additional years; accidental damage coverage must be purchased separately. Both Apple- and Windows-based laptops may be purchased through the Clemson Computer Store on campus. Students who use the recommended laptops receive both software and hardware support. We recommend incoming students attend a laptop workshop to install necessary software. For more information, visit [clemson.edu/laptop](http://clemson.edu/laptop).

Clemson University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the bachelor's, master's, education specialist and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Clemson University.

## English Placement

### Advanced Placement Credit

College credit will be awarded for grades of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Literature and Composition or Language and Composition exams.

AP Exam	Grade	Credit Awarded
Literature and Composition <sup>1</sup>	3, 4	ENGL 1999
	5	ENGL 1999, 1030
Language and Composition <sup>1</sup>	3, 4	ENGL 1999
	5	ENGL 1999, 1030
Both tests	3, 4, 5	ENGL 1999, 1030

<sup>1</sup>Student who earns a score of 3 or 4 should register for ENGL 1030.

### International Baccalaureate Credit

IB Exam	Grade	Credit Awarded
English (Literature or Language and Literature)	4	ENGL 1999
	5, 6	ENGL 1999, 2120
	7	ENGL 1999, 1030, 2120

## Additional Mailings

Between now and the time you enroll at Clemson, different offices and organizations will send you information that will answer questions you may have about campus life. These materials are distributed without regard to specific requests, so don't be concerned if you receive mail from offices or groups in which you have not expressed an interest.

## Academic Advising

During summer Orientation or early in your first semester, you will be assigned a faculty adviser in your major. Your adviser will provide information on curriculum requirements, approve each semester's class schedule, interpret academic regulations and suggest adjustments for making satisfactory progress toward graduation.

## Choice of Major

As indicated in your acceptance letter, you have been accepted for a major course of study in which you expressed an interest. If you decide that your talents and interests lie in another discipline, changing majors may be a possibility. Clemson has a variety of majors from which to choose. However, all of these majors may not be available to you. The option to change your major will be subject to your qualifications and the availability of space in your new choice of major. Please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at the earliest date possible if you want to request a change in your major course of study.

## Advanced Placement Credit

If you took Advanced Placement (AP) exams, we encourage you to have your test results sent directly to Clemson. This is the principal method by which you can earn credit by examination. Credit is awarded if you earn a grade of 3, 4 or 5 on an AP examination.

Specific information can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements catalog, available online. You will be notified in late July of any course credit that you will receive through the AP program.

For more information, you can visit [clemson.edu/admissions/documents/ap-chart.pdf](http://clemson.edu/admissions/documents/ap-chart.pdf).

## International Baccalaureate

Clemson recognizes the academic challenge inherent in the IB program. Students scoring a 4 or above on the Higher Level IB examinations are, in most cases, eligible for college credit. Specific information can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements catalog, available online. You will be notified in August of any course credit that you will receive through the IB program. For more information, visit [clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate/documents/ibcreditchart.pdf](http://clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate/documents/ibcreditchart.pdf).

## Dual Enrollment

Dual-enrollment courses enable high school students to take college-level courses and earn college credit before graduating from high school. Students should have official transcript(s) sent directly to Clemson's Office of Admissions from the registrar of each college or university where credit was earned. A transcript that states "issued to student" is considered unofficial. Courses that have previously been evaluated are listed on our Transfer Credit Equivalency List (TCEL). If there is a course you have previously taken that is not listed on the TCEL, the course will be evaluated by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions once you have been accepted to Clemson. Students will be notified by letter of the credit they will receive at Clemson before enrolling in the Fall. [clemson.edu/admissions/tcel](http://clemson.edu/admissions/tcel)

## English Placement Policy

Clemson's only first-year writing requirement is Accelerated English 1030, which is listed as Accelerated Composition in the University catalog. As an incoming first-year student, you must take English 1030 regardless of your intended major. Testing out of English 1030 is possible only upon completion of the Advanced Placement English and/or the International Baccalaureate exams. Please be advised that not all freshman-level English courses are equal, and some may not exactly correspond to Clemson's English courses. If you have questions, please contact the director of first-year composition in the Department of English at 864-656-3040.

## Modern Language Placement

If your intended major requires a foreign language, and you plan to take French, German or Spanish to meet that requirement, you must take the Clemson Modern Language Placement Test (MLPT) online before registering for a modern language course during summer Orientation. Even if you have taken an AP or IB exam or the SAT test, you are still required to take the MLPT. You do not have to take the MLPT if you wish to begin a new language in which you have no background.

The MLPT takes approximately one hour to complete. Preregistration is not required. For more information, please visit [clemson.edu/caah/departments/languages/resources/placement-test.html](http://clemson.edu/caah/departments/languages/resources/placement-test.html) or call the Department of Languages at 864-656-3393.

## Math Placement Policy

Placement into introductory chemistry, mathematics, physics and statistics courses is primarily done using the score from the math portion of the SAT or ACT. However, a student may choose to take the CMPT to try and improve upon their placement. Please visit [mthsc.clemson.edu/CMPT](http://mthsc.clemson.edu/CMPT) for more information.

## Math Placement

### Advanced Placement Credit

College credit will be awarded for grades of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus or Statistics exams.

AP Exam	Grade	Credit Awarded
Calculus AB	3, 4, 5	MATH 1060
Calculus BC	3, 4, 5	MATH 1060 and 1080
Statistics	3, 4, 5	STAT 2300

### International Baccalaureate Credit

IB Exam	Grade	Credit Awarded
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches	4, 5	MATH 1060 <sup>1</sup> or 1020
	6, 7	MATH 1060 <sup>2</sup> or 1020
Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation	4, 5	MATH 1999 <sup>3</sup>
	6, 7	STAT 2300

<sup>1</sup>Placement in MATH 2070 or MATH 1080. Upon completion of MATH 2070 with a grade C or better, credit will be awarded for MATH 1020. Upon completion of MATH 1080 with a grade C or better, credit will be awarded for MATH 1060. If the student does not enroll in MATH 2070 or MATH 1080 or does not pass the sequential class (MATH 2070 or 1080) with a grade C or higher, 3 credits of elective (ELEC 001) will be awarded.

<sup>2</sup>Students may receive credit for either MATH 1020 (3 credits) or MATH 1060 (4 credits) but not both.

<sup>3</sup>MATH 1999 is Mathematics elective credit.

## Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

Students are expected to use Clemson University computing resources in a lawful manner. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material — including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing (i.e., sharing music, films or other copyrighted materials without permission of the copyright owner) — may subject students to civil and criminal penalties for copyright infringement in a court of law. These actions could also subject students to discipline under the Clemson University Code of Student Conduct.

Generally, under federal law, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or statutory damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. Willful infringement can result in penalties of up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, at its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees (see Title 17, U.S. Code, sections 504 and 505). Willful copyright infringement can result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

Computer misuse — including copyright infringement — is prohibited by the Clemson University Student Code of Conduct and the Clemson University Acceptable Use policy. Here are links to the policies:

- Student Code of Conduct (describes prohibited student conduct and possible sanctions) [clemson.edu/studentaffairs/student-handbook/code-of-conduct/student\\_code\\_of\\_conduct.pdf](http://clemson.edu/studentaffairs/student-handbook/code-of-conduct/student_code_of_conduct.pdf)
- Acceptable Use (for computing resources by students) [ccit.clemson.edu/about/policy/cu-it-policies/use-of-it-resources-students](http://ccit.clemson.edu/about/policy/cu-it-policies/use-of-it-resources-students)