

# Important Information for Accepted Transfer 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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# Important Information for Transfer Students

## 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

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.

Transfer students are offered on-campus housing as space permits. Visit [clemson.edu/housing-dining](https://clemson.edu/housing-dining) for more information about the sign-up process and dates.

## 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. Purchase a laptop.  
[clemson.edu/laptop](https://clemson.edu/laptop)
- 2. Pay your bill.  
[clemson.edu/finance/student-financials/index.html](https://clemson.edu/finance/student-financials/index.html)
- 3. Find out about student clubs and organizations.  
[clemson.edu/campus-life/student-orgs](https://clemson.edu/campus-life/student-orgs)

### 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
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

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.

## 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 [iroar.clemson.edu](http://iroar.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).

## Special Financial Aid Note for Transfer Students

1. If you have already filed your FAFSA and did not list Clemson, you may add Clemson online by using your FSA ID.
2. After you are accepted, cancel any aid at your current school for the term(s) that you will be attending Clemson.
3. If you are a loan borrower, please note that your original loan will be processed at the freshman level. After you are enrolled, your actual classification level will be established, and you may then apply for an additional loan at the higher loan limit.

Transfer students are not eligible for University recruiting scholarships, endowments or annual scholarships in their first semester of enrollment. Eligibility for restricted scholarships begins after the completion of the first semester and a Clemson GPA is established. Funding is limited and may not be available midyear.

## 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)

## Modern Language Placement

Transfer students who have received college credit for a modern language and who plan to continue with the same modern language at Clemson are not required to take the Clemson Modern Language Placement Test (MLPT). If your intended major requires a modern language (or if you wish to take a modern language course as an elective), you plan to take French, German, Russian or Spanish to meet that requirement, and you have not received college credit for a foreign language, you must take the MLPT before registering for a modern language course. You do not have to take the MLPT if you are beginning 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

For transfer students, placement into introductory chemistry, mathematics, physics and statistics courses is done based on either received transferable math credit or on the CMPT. Transfer students who have already completed a college-level math course do not need to take the CMPT unless they want to try to improve their placement. Students who have not received transferable math credit will need to take the CMPT. Please visit [mthsc.clemson.edu/CMPT](http://mthsc.clemson.edu/CMPT) for more information.

## 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)

## 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.

# Transfer-Credit Evaluation Process

We hope the following information will help facilitate your transfer to Clemson. The steps outlined below regarding the transfer-credit evaluation process are very important to the development of your permanent Clemson academic record. Please read the following information carefully. If all of your questions are not answered, you may give us a call at 864-656-2287.

## What courses will transfer?

Generally, transfer credits are applicable toward degree requirements if the courses taken are:

- Earned at a school accredited by a regional accreditation association, such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Similar in description to the corresponding course at Clemson.
- Required or permitted as an elective in a student's curriculum.
- Graded at least one letter grade above minimum passing mark, usually a C or better and
- Not a duplication of credits already earned.

Clemson does not transfer grades, only credit; therefore, you will enter Clemson without a grade point average. To find out how your class standing is determined, see the chart to the right.

## Evaluation of Transfer Credits

The evaluation of academic credits from other institutions rests with the Office of Admissions in each subject area. Clemson equivalencies can be accessed via our web portal. In order to access your transfer credit summary, you will need your Clemson username and password. The Clemson username will be the identifier at Clemson that enables you to log into the portal as a new Clemson student. You may want to print a copy of your transfer credit summary from the portal for your records. Your major adviser will be reviewing this summary at Orientation.

## How does Clemson process transfer credit?

Estimated approval for use of transfer credits in your degree program will be determined by your major adviser at Orientation. Your adviser will provide information on curriculum requirements, approve your course schedule, interpret academic regulations and suggest adjustments for making satisfactory progress toward graduation.

You will not receive credit for your coursework until all final, official transcripts have been received in the Office of Admissions. If at any time during the advising process your major adviser needs to substitute a course, a substitution form must also be completed and submitted for student academic records purposes. Remember that use of coursework in your original curriculum will change if you change your major.

To complete the transfer process, you must send final transcripts to our office by the deadline listed in your acceptance letter. If final transcripts are not received by the deadline,

- You will not have any transfer credits on your academic record.
- You will not have freshman status (and freshman priority for athletic tickets) until all of your official transcripts are received.
- You will not be able to drop a class.
- You will register for the next semester as a freshman and
- Your loan limit may be affected.

If you are still enrolled in classes, your current coursework will be added upon receipt of an official transcript. You will also need to have this additional coursework reviewed by your academic adviser. Grade reports or faxed copies of transcripts may be used for advising purposes only. No coursework may be evaluated using grade reports or faxed copies of transcripts. The Office of Admissions must receive final transcripts from each college previously attended before you can enroll in classes.

If you have received a "Satisfactory" or "Passing" grade for prior coursework, you will need to have an official statement from the registrar's office of the institution you attended stating that the S or P grade is equivalent to a grade of C or better to receive Clemson credit. Clemson University accepts courses for transfer only if earned with a grade of C or better.

## Transfer Course Equivalency List

The TCEL (Transfer Course Equivalency List) is a database containing the Clemson University course equivalencies for approximately 1,200 accredited colleges and universities nationwide. Course equivalencies are evaluated through the Office of Admissions. Please be advised the TCEL is only a history of how courses have transferred to Clemson and does not represent a comprehensive list of transferable course work for any school. If there is a course you have previously taken that is not showing up on the TCEL, the course will have to be evaluated once you apply and are accepted to Clemson. The listing for each college shows course equivalencies only and does not reflect any differences in credit hours between institutions.

The TCEL is a living document to which changes are continually being made. Evaluations for transfer credit by the Office of Admissions are based upon the best available information at the time. Revisions to a course evaluation may be made based on receipt of new information. [clemson.edu/admissions/tcel](http://clemson.edu/admissions/tcel)

## Curriculum Year

Students transferring may select the curriculum that was outlined in the Clemson Undergraduate Announcements at the time they entered the sending institution, provided they have been in continuous enrollment. Transfer students may also select any curriculum adopted subsequent to that initial curriculum. After enrolling at Clemson, if transfer students change from one major to another, they must complete all requirements included in the new curriculum that are in effect at the time of the change. If all coursework toward a degree is not completed within six years after the initial enrollment at the sending institution, the student may be required to take additional courses.

## Credit by Examination

Learning experiences including, but not limited to, military service schools, noncollegiate sponsored instruction, work-related experiences, etc. will not be evaluated for transfer; however, enrolled students may request credit by examination from the appropriate department for any nontransferable learning experience.

Number of Credit Hours Transferred	Class Standing
0-29	Freshman
30-59	Sophomore
60-94	Junior
95 and above	Senior