



## Fact Sheet 2020-2021

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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<b>LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>TOEFL:</b> Internet Based — 80 or higher. Paper-Based — 550 or higher <b>IELTS:</b> -6.5 or higher (minimum of 6.0 in each sub score) Transfer applicants attending U.S. institutions who have passed English composition courses I and II that are equivalent to Clemson University's ENGL 1030 with a grade of "B" or better are exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. The test can also be waived for students from countries where English is the primary language or one of the official languages.

### NOMINATIONS & APPLICATIONS

<b>NOMINATION PROCEDURE</b>	Please submit student nominations each semester by email to <a href="mailto:abroad@clermson.edu">abroad@clermson.edu</a> with the following information: Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Email address, Terms(s) will attend Clemson, Study level (Bachelors or Masters), Major.
<b>APPLICATION PROCEDURE</b>	The link to our online application will be emailed directly to students after nominations have been received and reviewed. The email will include application instructions and information about term dates, arrival, and orientation.

DEADLINES	Full Year 2020-2021	Fall Semester 2020	Spring Semester 2021
Nominations	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Applications	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Class Registration Pre-Approval	March 6 - 31 <sup>st</sup>	March 6 - 31 <sup>st</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>
Online Self-Registration	Registration Windows (the starting day & time from which a student has access to the online registration system) are auto-assigned by the Registration Services Office. Registration Windows occur over a 2-week period in early-mid April and early-mid November. Students can view their personal Registration Window through their Clemson student account, a.k.a. IROAR.		

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FALL SEMESTER 2020

Semester Period	August - December
Suggested Arrival	On or before August 15th
Exchange Student Orientation	August 16 - 18
Classes Begin	August 19
Final Examinations	December 7 - 11

### SPRING SEMESTER 2021

Semester Period	January - May
Suggested Arrival	On or before January 3
Exchange Student Orientation	January 4 - 5
Classes Begin	January 6
Final Examinations	April 26 - April 30

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**ACADEMIC LEVELS OFFERED** Undergraduate & Graduate

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** English

### CLASS SELECTION

Students should refer to the **“Schedule of Classes”** for a list of classes that will be available during the semester(s) they will attend Clemson. The “Schedule of Classes” is posted one semester in advance between mid-January to early-February and mid-September to early-October:

<https://regssb.bannerxe.clemson.edu/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/term/termSelection?mode=search>

Class syllabi are publically available through the following website:

<https://syllabus.app.clemson.edu/repository/> A Course Catalog is also available. The course catalog lists all classes required for each major. **However, it is rare for a department to teach all classes every semester.** Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that there is no guarantee a class found in the Course Catalog will be taught the semester(s) students intend to study at Clemson. The 2020-21 Course Catalog will become available over the summer. In the meantime, you might find the 2019/2020 Course Catalog useful: <http://catalog.clemson.edu/>

### CLASS REGISTRATION

Once admitted as an enrolled student at Clemson, students will receive instructions for online class registration through our IROAR student account system. Please note that many upper level classes have pre-requisite requirements for which the academic department must grant “override” permission to register for these courses. Our office will submit override requests on behalf of all exchange students. In order to do so, we will need the student’s home university transcript, a list of classes currently enrolled in (if not listed on the transcript), course description information on any classes taken at the home university that meet Clemson pre-requisites, and our “Class Selection List” form which will be emailed to students in late-February or late-September.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Occasionally, students are not able to register for classes until they are on campus and can meet in person with their respective department to ensure pre-requisite requirements have been met. For example, this is **always the case for mechanical and electrical engineering students.**



**CREDIT SYSTEM**

Classes are generally 3-4 credits, meeting for 3-4 hours each week. **In the U.S., attendance is a part of a student’s grade and most professors do not allow unexcused absences.**

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**COURSE LOAD**

**Undergraduate exchange students are required to register for a minimum of 12 credit hours** and no more than 19 credit hours per semester. This is a requirement of their J-1 exchange student visas status.

**Graduate exchange students are required to register for a minimum of 9 credit hours** and no more than 19 credit hours per semester. This is a requirement of their J-1 exchange student visa status.

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**EXAMINATIONS**

The final exam schedule for each individual class is posted in the class syllabus, which is provided to students during the first meeting of the semester. Final exams in the U.S. are mandatory on their assigned date & time and cannot be rescheduled except under special circumstances with pre-approval of the professor. **Students should NOT plan to depart campus before final examinations end.** The professor decides the format for the final exam. It may take in the form of a cumulative exam, group/individual project, or final paper.

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**GRADING SYSTEM**

% / Letter	Descriptor
A - Excellent	Indicates work of a very high character, the highest grade given.
B - Good	Indicates work that is definitely above average, though not of the highest quality.
C - Fair	Indicates work of average or medium character.
D - Pass	Indicates work below average and unsatisfactory, the lowest passing grade.
F - Failed	Indicates that the student knows so little of the subject that it must be repeated in order that credit may be received.

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**TRANSCRIPTS**

**It is the responsibility of the student to request a transcript at the end of their semester or year at Clemson. Currently, Clemson University does not automatically send official transcripts to partner universities on behalf of the student.**

Students may request official transcripts two ways:

1. Online at National Student Clearinghouse – **if your university will accept an electronic transcript** (access will be received within 24-hours of submitting a request)
2. Request in person or by mail to Clemson’s Registrar’s Office – **if your university requires a paper copy** (2-6 week processing & mailing time)

Request information can be found here:

<https://www.registrar.clemson.edu/html/transcript.htm>

## ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

### OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

It is the student's responsibility to find off-campus accommodation. Our office recommends several apartment complexes we have determined to be a good fit for our students. These are:

#### The Collective at Clemson

<https://www.collectiveclemson.com>

Offer short term leases from August-December

Community specific shuttle and CAT bus stop across the street

#### Grandmarc Clemson

<https://www.grandmarcclemson.com/grandmarc-clemson-clemson-sc>

Within walking distance of campus

Students are also welcome to search for other apartment complexes if they wish. Things to look for include:

1. **Furnished apartment** (vs. unfurnished). Many, but not all, off-campus student apartments are now offering furnished apartments or furniture packages that can be purchased.
2. **5-6 month lease options** (if you are staying for only 1 semester). Many, but not all, off-campus student apartments are now offering short-term lease options, so there is no reason why you should need to sign a 9-12 month lease if you are staying for only 1-semester.
3. **On a bus route.** Look for off-campus housing that is either within walking distance of campus or on the **CAT Red bus line**. Unless you intend to purchase a car, moped, or bicycle, it will be very difficult for you to get to campus if your off-campus housing is not within walking distance or on the bus line.

Many Clemson students look for someone to sublease their room while they are away from campus (on study abroad, co-op, or internship). Several Facebook groups are available for people looking for and offering rooms for sublease. To find applicable groups, we would recommend searching "Clemson Sublease" on Facebook. Again, please make sure any room you intend to lease will meet the needs outlined above.

More information, including tips & advice, can be found here (**please read tips CAREFULLY before you enter into an off-campus housing contract!**): <https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/advocacy-success/offcampusservices/index.html>

Information on local transportation around Clemson can be found here: <http://www.catbus.com/home/>

### ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

On-campus accommodation at Clemson has become increasingly difficult to secure over the last several years as our campus grows. While students are welcome to apply for on-campus housing options, it is unlikely that students will receive a room on campus.

If you would like to apply for on campus housing, please contact our office for details on how to complete the process.

## VISA INFORMATION

Exchange, Sister-state, and fee-paying visiting students qualify to obtain a J-1 visa to study as non-degree seeking students at Clemson. Once a student is admitted to Clemson, they will be able to access Clemson's immigration request system called "iSTART portal". Through the iSTART portal, students will complete and submit an **IS-201 Request for DS-2019 for J-1 Non-Degree Student (aka Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status)**. The processing time for completed IS-201 requests is currently **10 business days**. Once the IS-201 request has been processed, students will receive an email notification from [is@clemson.edu](mailto:is@clemson.edu) to order and pay for courier shipping of their **DS-2019** document. The **DS-2019** or "**Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status**" allows students to apply for an interview at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to obtain a J-1 visa to enter the United States.

More information about the process can be found here: <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/campus-services/international/student-arrival/request-certificate.html>

## INSURANCE INFORMATION

International students are required by the U.S. Department of State to have health insurance that meets specific coverage requirements for the duration of their stay in the U.S. Exchange/visiting students are automatically enrolled in Clemson's student insurance plan which is managed by the company **AIG**. The charge is applied directly to students' accounts in Clemson's **IROAR** system.

If a student purchases comprehensive international insurance coverage in their home country that they believe meets the U.S. Department of State and Clemson requirements, students have the opportunity to submit an insurance **waiver** request to **AIG** through Clemson. Information on the waiver request process will be emailed to students after their admission to Clemson has been processed in March/April or October.

**Information on the AIG insurance plan AND the insurance waiver request process can be found under the "International Students" button on the following website: <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/student-health/index.html>. PLEASE watch the two videos before making a decision on your insurance coverage process.**

2020-21 insurance rates for the Clemson student health insurance plan have not yet been announced. Once we are informed of the new rates, we will send an email directly to students. **A 5-10% rate increase can be expected from the 2019-20 rates which are listed below:**

Full-year: \$2,181 (August 1 - July 31)  
Fall only: \$923 (August 1- December 31)  
Spring only: \$1,258 (January 1 - July 31)