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**INCOMING EXCHANGE
STUDENT
INFORMATION**

2021-2022



CLEMSON[®] UNIVERSITY

PAM HENDRIX CENTER



FOR EDUCATION ABROAD

GENERAL INFORMATION

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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:

TOEFL: Internet Based- 80 or higher
Paper Based- 550 or higher

IELTS: 6.5 or higher (minimum of 6.0 in each sub score)

DUOLINGO: 105 or higher

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

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Selected students will be nominated by their home university. Once the nomination is confirmed, Pam Hendrix Center staff will contact students with additional information regarding the application process.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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.

To complete the application, you will need to identify the courses that you are interested in taking while at Clemson; upload a recent copy of your home university transcript; upload a copy of your passport; and provide additional demographic information.

ACADEMIC LEVELS OFFERED:

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:

ENGLISH



Image via: <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/campus-services/international/>

IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINES

	FULL YEAR	FALL 2021	SPRING 2022
NOMINATIONS	February 15th	February 15th	September 1st
APPLICATIONS	March 15th	March 15th	October 1st
CLASS REGISTRATION PRE-APPROVAL	March 6th-31st	March 6th-31st	October 6-31st

ONLINE SELF- REGISTRATION

Registration Time Tickets (the starting day and time from which a student has access to the online registration system) are auto-assigned by the Registration Services Office. Registration Time Tickets occur over a 2-week period in early-mid April and early-mid November. Students can view their personal Registration Time Ticket through their Clemson student account in iROAR.

SEMESTER DATES

FALL 2021

Semester Period: August - December 2021
Suggested Arrival: On or before August 14, 2021
Exchange Student Orientation: August 15 - 17, 2021
Classes Begin: August 18, 2021
Final Examinations: December 6 - December 10, 2021

SPRING 2022

Semester Period: January - May 2022
Suggested Arrival: On or before January 8, 2022
Exchange Student Orientation: January 9 - 11, 2022
Classes Begin: January 12, 2022
Final Examinations: May 2 - May 6, 2022

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CLASS SELECTION

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

Class syllabi are publicly 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. Please note that it is rare for a department to teach all classes every semester, thus there is no guarantee that a class found in the Course Catalog will be taught in the semester(s) students intend to study at Clemson. Catalogs can be accessed here: <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 descriptions for any classes taken at the home university that meet Clemson pre-requisite requirements, and a list of classes that you would like to enroll in at Clemson. Please select 7-10 courses of interest in case you are not able to enroll in your first choice(s).

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.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CREDIT SYSTEM:

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

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 visa 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.

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 and time and cannot be reschedule except under special circumstances with pre-approval of the professor. **Students should NOT plan to depart campus before final examinations end.** Each professor decides the format of their final exam. It may be in the form of a cumulative exam, group/individual project or final paper.

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GRADING SYSTEM:

A= 90 and above (Excellent, highest grade given)

B= 80 to 89 (Good, above average work)

C= 70 to 79 (Fair, average work)

D= 60 to 69 (Pass, below average work, lowest pass)

F= 59 and below (Failed, no credit received)

TRANSCRIPTS:

It is the responsibility of the student to request a transcript at the end of their semester or year at Clemson. Clemson does not automatically send official transcripts to partner universities on behalf of the student. The fee for requesting a transcript is \$12 per copy.

Students may request official transcripts two ways:

1. **Electronic Copy:** Requested online at National Student Clearinghouse. Please check with your home university to ensure that they will **accept an electronic transcript** (access will be received within 24-hours of submitting a request)
2. **Hard Copy:** Request in-person or by mail through Clemson's Registrar's Office (2-6 week processing and mailing)

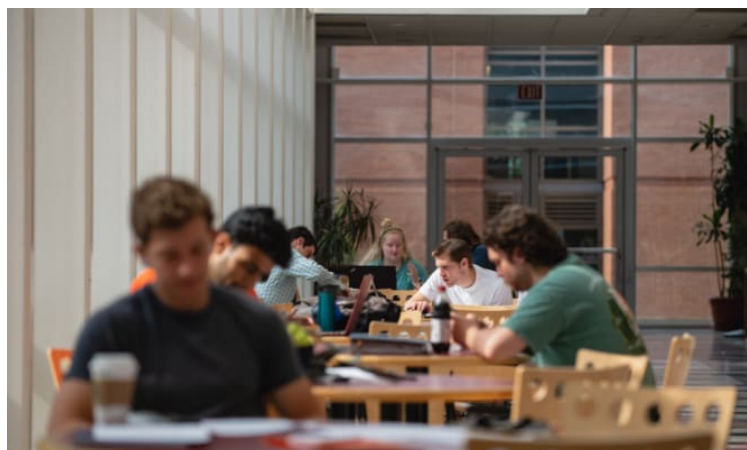


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VISA INFORMATION

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 the "iStart Portal". Through the iStart Portal, students will complete and submit all four sections of the "Request Certificate of Eligibility" e-form located under the "Pre-Arrival" tab. The processing time for this e-form request is currently 10 business days.

Once the e-form has been processed, students will receive an email notification to their Clemson email address from 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.



Image via: <https://www.clemson.edu/financial-aid/residency/>

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 BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC). The charge is applied directly to the 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, they have the opportunity to submit an insurance waiver request to BCBSSC 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 BCBSSC insurance plan and the insurance waiver request process can be found below:

- Resources explaining Clemson Student Health 101 and the U.S. Healthcare System: <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/healthy-campus/international-students.html>
- Waiver Requirements: <https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/student-health/documents/Insurance%20Waiver%20Requirements%20International%20Students.pdf>
- Waiver: <https://clemson.myahpcare.com/waiver>

INSURANCE RATES

2021-2022 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% increase can be expected from the 2020-2021 rates which are listed below:

Full-Year: \$2,433

Fall Semester Only: \$1,031.28

Spring Semester Only: \$1,401.72

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OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Incoming exchange students live in off-campus apartments within the Clemson community. It is the student's responsibility to find off-campus accommodations. Our office recommends several apartment complexes we have determined to be a good fit for students.

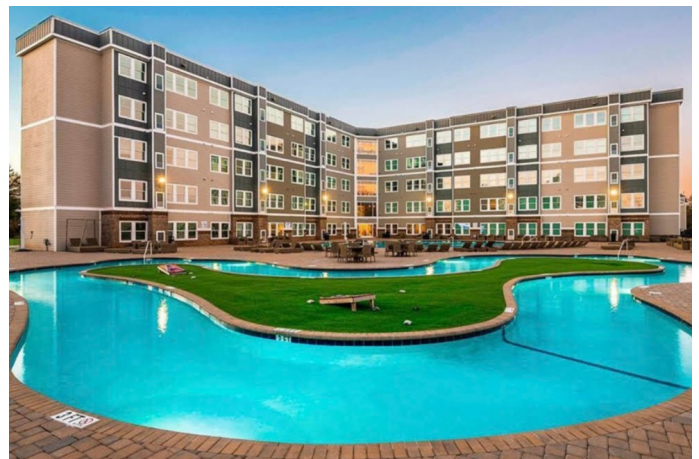
ONE-SEMESTER LEASES

THE RIDGE CLEMSON

<https://www.theridgeclemson.com/>

- Number of bedrooms: 2, 4
- Rent costs: \$675 - \$690
- Costs included in rent: Trash pick-up, Internet, and Cable
- Additional expenses: Furniture package, \$50 - \$75 per month for utilities
- Transportation to campus: Community specific shuttle
- Community amenities: Fitness Center, Pool, Lazy River, Hot Tub, Private Study Spaces, Free Printing

12 MONTH AND 10 MONTH LEASES ALSO AVAILABLE!!



UNIVERSITY VILLAGE CLEMSON

<https://www.universityvillageclemson.com>

- Number of bedrooms: 3, 4
- Rent costs: \$360 - \$435
- Costs included in rent: None
- Additional expenses: \$30 Furniture Package, Insurance \$12, Hardwood upgrade \$15
- Transportation to campus: CAT bus stop
- Community amenities: 2 Resort Style Pools, Fitness Center, 2 Study Rooms, Computer Lab, Volleyball Court, Basketball Court, Cabana

12 MONTH, 10 MONTH, AND 6 MONTH LEASES ALSO AVAILABLE!!



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OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

6 MONTH LEASES

THE PIER AT CLEMSON

<https://www.thepieratclemson.com/>

- Number of bedrooms: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Rent costs: \$400 - \$1100
- Costs included in rent: liability insurance, utilities (sewage, trash, wifi)
- Additional expenses: Furniture is \$35 month. Electricity varies from \$40 - \$100
- Transportation to campus: CAT bus stop
- Community amenities: Two pools, lazy river, gym, study rooms, volleyball pits, basketball court, soccer and rugby fields, pier going out onto Lake Hartwell.

7 MONTH AND ONE YEAR LEASES ALSO AVAILABLE!!



10 MONTH LEASES

SIGNATURE HARTWELL VILLAGE

<https://www.signaturehartwellvillage.com>

- Number of bedrooms: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Rent costs: \$707 - \$1200
- Costs included in rent: electricity, water, wifi, and cable
- Additional expenses: Furniture package
- Transportation to campus: Community-specific shuttle to campus
- Community amenities: Resort-Style Pool, Water-Lounging Deck & Cabanas, Outdoor Jumbotron TV Screen, Outdoor Fire Pits & Grills, Fitness Center, Clubhouse, Media Room, Private Study Rooms, Package Locker System, Resident Programming

ONE YEAR LEASES ALSO AVAILABLE!!



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OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

ONE-YEAR LEASES

THE COLLECTIVE AT CLEMSON

<https://www.collectiveclemson.com>

- Number of bedrooms: 2, 3, 4, 5
- Rent costs: \$709 - \$759
- Additional expenses: \$45 - \$60
- Transportation to campus: Community specific shuttle
- Community amenities: Resort style pool and hot tub, gym, individual study rooms, study lounge with printer, game room, volleyball court



GRANDMARC CLEMSON

<https://www.grandmarcclemson.com>

- Number of bedrooms: 2, 4
- Rent costs: \$749 - \$829
- Costs included in rent: Parking, Furniture, and Trash Pick-up
- Additional expenses: \$99 fee for cable and internet for the year. Average electric and water is around \$45 per person
- Transportation to campus: Walking distance of campus and Cat Bus Stops
- Community amenities: 24/7 study lounge, coffee bar, gym, pool and hot tub, event lawn, cornhole boards and sand volleyball courts.



HELPFUL TIPS:

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

- **Furnished Apartment:** Many, but not all, off-campus student apartments offer furnished apartments or furniture packages that can be purchased.
- **Short Term (5-6 Month) Lease Options:** Some off-campus student apartments offer short-term lease options so that you do not have to sign a 9- or 12-month lease if you are only staying for one semester. (if you are only staying for one semester)
- **Proximity to Campus:** Look for off-campus housing that is either within walking distance to campus on the CATbus Red bus line or provides private transportation to campus. 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.

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OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING CONTINUED

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 recommend searching "Clemson Sublease" on Facebook. Again, please be sure any room you intend to lease will meet the previously outline recommendations for off-campus housing.

More information, including tips and advice can be found here:

<https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/advocacy-success/offcampusservices/index.html>

***Please read tips CAREFULLY before you enter into an off-campus housing contract.**

OFF-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

Many students utilize the CAT Bus to navigate the Clemson campus and access off-campus housing, grocery stores, and surrounding towns. The CAT Bus service free of charge and offers bike racks for students that would like to combine transportation methods. You can find more information about the CAT bus, including routes here: <https://www.clemsoncity.com/>

Some off-campus apartment complexes offer their own private shuttle to transport residents to and from campus multiple times a day from their housing community.