

Freshman Starter Guide

YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED AT CLAYTON STATE

Ready to kick off your college journey? Use this guide to nail every step and start strong at Clayton State University.

PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST SEMESTER

Before Orientation

- Activate your Laker ID and email—your gateway to everything Clayton.
- File your FAFSA, review your financial aid package.
- Apply for on-campus housing (Laker Hall) or finalize other living plans.
- Submit immunizations, high school transcripts, and any dual-enrollment credits.

Orientation & Registration

- Sign up for New Student Orientation—your chance to meet people and learn the ropes.
- Meet with your academic advisor to choose your classes.
- Register for courses on the DUCK portal and double-check your schedule for conflicts.

Prep for Day One

- Grab your textbooks and supplies from the Loch Shop bookstore or online.
- Figure out parking. Get a parking permit from Public Safety.
- Set up a budget for tuition, books, and other expenses.

First Weeks = Big Wins

- Show up for every class—on time, every time.
- Say hi to your professors and classmates. Connections = success.
- Need help? Contact Student Success and New Student Programs.
- Use a planner to keep track of assignments and deadlines.

Success Tips

- Professors, advisors, and staff are here to help. Don't be shy.
- Check your email daily for important updates.
- Study hard, rest well, and have some fun—you deserve it!
- You made it here, and every step forward is worth celebrating.

Welcome to Clayton State! Let's make this the start of something amazing. You've got this, Laker! 🎉



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HELPFUL CAMPUS RESOURCES

Financial Aid

Edgewater Hall
FinancialAid@clayton.edu
(678) 466-4185
Clayton State University School Code 008976
Website: <https://www.clayton.edu/financial-aid/>

Housing

Email: housing@clayton.edu
(678) 466-5444
<https://www.clayton.edu/housing/>

Immunizations

Laker Village 5809 N. Lake Drive, Building 1000
Morrow, GA 30260
(678) 466-4940
<https://www.clayton.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness-center>

New Student Programs

Edgewater Hall 220
(678) 466-5021
NewStudentPrograms@clayton.edu
<https://www.clayton.edu/new-student-programs>