

# International Students

## YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED AT CLAYTON STATE

This quick guide will help you prepare for your arrival and transition to college life.

### PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST SEMESTER

#### Before Arrival

- Pay SEVIS fee, schedule visa appointment, prepare documents (I-20, financial proof, passport), and attend your visa interview.
- Apply for on-campus housing or explore off-campus options.
- Book flights and plan transportation to campus.
- Gather passport, visa, I-20, financial proof, health records, and transcripts.
- Activate your Laker ID and email; familiarize yourself with DUCK and Brightspace

#### Orientation & Registration

- Attend International New Student Orientation.
- Meet your international and academic advisors for guidance.
- Open a U.S. bank account (bring ID and proof of residence).
- Get a local SIM card for connectivity.
- Obtain Laker ID, register for courses, and purchase textbooks.

#### First Weeks on Campus

- Locate the library, Center for Academic Success, health services, and recreation facilities.
- Join social and cultural events to build connections.
- Budget for expenses; understand exchange rates and fees.
- Review your plan and visit the Bursar and University Health Services if needed.

#### Adjustment on Campus

- Join student organizations and campus events.
- Balance academics with exercise, relaxation, and support from University Health Services if needed.
- Seek support!

#### Success Tips

- Check Emails Regularly for updates.
- Keep Copies of Important Documents (physical and digital).
- Stay Informed About Visa Requirements to maintain your F-1 status.
- Ask for Help whenever needed—the university is here to support you.

Welcome to Clayton State University! We're excited to have you in our vibrant community. 🎉



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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](mailto: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>