

First-Generation 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

Getting Started

- Log in to your Clayton State account to accept your admission offer.
- Submit outstanding documents, such as immunization records and final transcripts.
- Activate your CSU email and set up your SWAN account.
- Obtain your Laker ID card and familiarize yourself with the DUCK portal.

Financial Aid and Budgeting

- Complete the FAFSA and review your financial aid award letter.
- Accept grants, scholarships, or loans as needed.
- Visit the Financial Aid Office for help with payment plans or questions.
- Create a budget for tuition, books, transportation, and personal expenses.

New Student Orientation

- Register for New Student Orientation to meet peers and learn about campus resources.
- Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to plan your classes.
- Enroll in courses using the DUCK portal and check your schedule for conflicts.
- Order textbooks and supplies from the Loch Shop or other vendors.

Adjustment on Campus

- Apply for on-campus housing or finalize off-campus living arrangements.
- Obtain a parking permit or research public transportation options.
- Attend "Weeks of Welcome" events to connect with students and faculty.
- Explore student organizations, clubs, and leadership opportunities

Success Tips

- Attend every class, participate actively, and review your syllabi for deadlines.
- Introduce yourself to professors, join study groups, and build connections.
- Use campus resources like the Center for Academic Success, Career Services, and Counseling.
- Stay organized with a planner and celebrate small wins along your journey.

Welcome to the Laker family! Clayton State is here to support your success as you navigate this exciting new chapter. 🎉



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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>