



Welcome to Clemson University! Congratulations on your admission to Clemson University! We, in International Services, are so excited to have you as a member of our Clemson Family! Please view our welcome video above!

Over the next several weeks, International Services will send you communication via email as part of our Orientation Email Series. This email series will contain various resources, videos, and helpful tips from offices and individuals across campus to help make your arrival and transition to Clemson as easy as possible.

Below you will find information on the following:

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International Student Arrival Guide

To help you prepare for your Clemson Experience, we developed our [International Student Arrival Guide](#), which offers resources to help you with the transition to living and studying at Clemson University.

U.S. Arrival Date

International students are allowed to arrive in the U.S. no earlier than 30 days prior to the start of classes. Clemson University will begin summer classes on May 16, 2023, so new students can enter the U.S. on or after **April 16, 2023**. If you are an international student transferring to Clemson University from another U.S. school, you can remain in the U.S. this summer or return to the U.S. with a Clemson I-20 prior to **April 16, 2023**.

Updates on Travel to the U.S.

- Prior to traveling to the U.S., you must review your I-20 for accuracy and print and sign the bottom of page one.
- Make sure to have easy access to your passport and I-20 while traveling. You must show these items to officials, so having them safely in your carry-on bag is preferred.
- **COVID-19** is still a global issue. According to the [U.S. Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), please note the following:
 - Before boarding a plane to the U.S., all non-U.S. citizens must **show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19** before boarding a flight to the U.S. from a foreign country, with only [limited exceptions](#).
 - The CDC no longer requires non-U.S. citizens to show a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 to board a plane to the U.S.
 - Even though masks are no longer required on flights within the U.S., the CDC recommends that everyone wear a well-fitted mask on public transportation, including on airplanes and in airports.
 - You can find additional guidance from the CDC on COVID-19 and travel for non-citizens [here](#).

Airport Shuttles

Clemson University offers airport shuttles from the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport and the Charlotte Douglas International Airport for the fall and spring semesters only. You can find information on the Clemson shuttle service [here](#). If the Clemson shuttle is inconvenient or unavailable for your arrival time or location, you can use commercial shuttles/taxis to bring you to Clemson. Commercial shuttles/taxis can be expensive, especially if you arrive in Charlotte or Atlanta. It may be beneficial to email/call a company in advance for the cost and availability of transportation.

- The distance from the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport to Clemson is 45 miles (55-minute drive). Information on shuttles and taxis can be found [here](#).
- The distance from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Clemson is 130 miles (2-hour drive). Information on shuttles and taxis can be found [here](#).
- The distance from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Clemson is 130 miles (2-hour drive). Information on shuttles and taxis can be found [here](#).

Another option for transportation to Clemson may be current students in one of Clemson's many international student organizations. Information on these organizations can be found at the Arrival Guide link below. You can contact them for guidance and assistance on arriving at Clemson.

If you are arriving to study at one of our Innovation Campuses in and around Charleston, you can arrive at the Charleston International Airport in Charleston, SC. Information on shuttles/taxis from this location can be found [here](#).

International Student Organizations

Clemson has many international student organizations that are valuable support systems for new international students. Please take time to review the various student and community organizations listed in our [Arrival Guide](#).

Finding Housing

Securing housing must be your priority as you prepare for your upcoming move to Clemson. Finding housing while outside the U.S. is a challenge. However, you can find valuable information on housing options [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Requirements

- Clemson University encourages but does not require individuals to be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- COVID-19 testing on campus is voluntary but remains available for those experiencing symptoms. More information about COVID-19 testing is available [here](#).

Required Immunizations

All new Clemson undergraduate and graduate students are required to have specific immunizations. Student Immunization Forms or a verified copy of your immunization record must be uploaded to Clemson's Student Health Services' secure online health portal. These items must be submitted prior to July 1 for summer/fall enrollment and December 1 for spring enrollment. Students not in compliance with the immunization requirements may have a hold placed on future registrations. Information on the immunization requirement can be found [here](#). Student Health Services offers several immunizations at Redfern Health Center for a nominal fee. The list of immunizations offered by Redfern can be found [here](#). For additional questions on immunizations, please get in touch with Redfern Health Center [here](#).

Deadline for Payment of Tuition and Fees

For Summer 2023, all payments are due by **May 10, 2023**. International students can pay their tuition and fees from their home country using the instructions found [here](#). However, once you arrive in the U.S., you can pay with a credit card or sign up for the Clemson University Four Payment Plan via [iRoar](#). You can contact Student Financial Services with billing questions via phone at 864-656-5592, chat on their website, or email at studentbillquestions@clemson.edu. Additional information on paying your tuition and fees can be found [here](#).

We hope you find the information above useful and helpful. If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact [International Services](#). We are available for phone, email, and/or Zoom questions. Once again, the International Services Team is very excited to meet you and welcome you to Clemson University!

We will be sending more helpful information soon!

Take care,

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