Housing

On-campus graduate housing is limited but available on a first-come, first-served basis. Email Clark Residential Life and Housing at housing@clarku.edu.

Off-campus apartments are available near campus. Costs can run from $500 to $1000 per month and may or may not include electricity and heat. Between November and April temperatures are cold but heating costs are high. Most landlords require the first month’s rent plus a security deposit (an additional month’s rent) up front. It is advisable to bring enough funds to cover the first two to three month’s expenses of at least $500 per month if single and $800 for a family. Single students often opt to share an apartment with other students. Check the Clark Residential Life and Housing website at http://www.clarku.edu/offices/housing/ for more information. The local newspaper also has apartment listings at www.telegram.com

Airport Arrival

Because students arrive at different times, it is not practical to meet everyone at the airport or bus station. Here’s how to reach Clark University on your own.

From Boston: The easiest way to get to Clark University is to fly into Logan International Airport in Boston. Take a shared van service from the airport to Clark. We recommend two companies:

- Knights Airport Limousine telephone: 1-800-822-546 website: www.knightsairportlimo.com
- Worcester Airport Limousine telephone: 1-800-660-0992 website: www.WLIMO.com

The cost is about $50.00 one way. Please allow 48 hours in advance and provide them with the flight number that brings you to Boston and the date and time of your arrival. Prepay by credit card or pay by cash when you board the shared van.

Upon arrival in Boston, pick up your luggage, exit the terminal and cross the street. Look for the sign that says "Shared Van".

From New York City: Take a bus from the Port Authority Terminal in NYC. Here are the two bus lines that we recommend:

- Peter Pan Bus telephone: 1-800-343-999 website: www.peterpanbus.com
- Greyhound Bus Line telephone: 1-800-231-222 website: www.greyhound.com

The price will be about $40.00 and will take about four hours to arrive. From the bus station take a taxi/cab ride (about $10.00) to Clark University.

Employment and Banking

Because you have already shown proof of sufficient funding to the consular officer, do not rely on the ability to secure employment in the U.S. to meet your financial needs during your program of study. F-1 students are not eligible for off-campus employment during the first year of study. On campus employment is allowed but options are very limited and competitive.

It is advisable to travel with most of your currency in traveler’s checks. Plan on opening a bank account when you arrive. You can discuss how to transfer or wire funds from abroad with the bank representative. Your bank may have a relationship with one in the Worcester area.

Jet Lag

Expect to experience jet lag; a normal physiological shock of adjusting to a new time zone. You may feel disoriented and sleepy for a few days.

Shipping

If you have a lot of luggage and would like to ship some of it prior to your arrival in Worcester, you can ship boxes through a certified carrier such as UPS or FedEx to the local UPS store in Worcester. Additionally, if you are arriving in Worcester early and will be staying at a local hotel, you can check with them about their policy for accepting packages for hotel guests.