

FAQ: Commuter Life @ Clarke

Out of Class/Between Class

Where can I go between classes? The Atrium is a good place to run into friends, check out what's new in the art gallery or catch up on happenings with Mary Ellen – the campus receptionist. If you're just looking to hang out, the Lion's Den, in the lower level of Mary Benedict Hall is the spot for foosball, air hockey, a game of pool, card and board games, or even a little Xbox Kinect. Of course, there's always the library for studying or enjoying the free coffee corner, the Student Activity Center (SAC) for a snack or a good game of ping pong. The "Mary Ben" and "Mary Jo" Formal Lounges are also good places to hang out, check e-mail, etc. And, you can also visit friends' residence hall rooms. Stop by Jimmy's Place in the Center for Science Inquiry (CSI), and don't forget the Commuter Lounge on the first floor of Catherine Byrne Hall (CBH)!

Where are the best places to study on-campus? Depending on if you're looking for a social spot or a quiet place to study there are plenty of places you'll find students around campus. The Atrium, the Lion's Den, Mary Josita Hall formal lounge, and the SAC are great for the more social type of studying. When you need to concentrate, hit the library, one of the small nooks on the upper level of the Atrium or Jimmy's Place in CSI.

Connect at Clarke

How do I know what is happening on campus? The best place to go is the online calendar. Just look for the calendar icon on the Clarke website and you can see everything that's happening on campus and in the community. In addition, check out the touch screen in the SAC, attend CSA meetings, read your e-mail, or chat with Mary Ellen at the Welcome Desk!



Don't forget to check out Clarke Student Activities, Clarke Activities Board and Clarke University Commuters Facebook pages!!

How do I get involved on campus? Of course, to get the most out of your time in college, it's important to make time to develop your leadership and other transferrable skills for your future career. Think about joining a club, competing in intramural sports or participate with one of the major-related organizations. How do you find out what's going on? Visit the Student Organization Fair during Welcome Week, where each student organization will be represented and will tell you what they're all about! Check out the fliers posted around campus, and be sure to read your email and the Weekly Event Update that is sent out every week.



What about getting to know students and becoming a part of Clarke? First of all, take full advantage of CONNECT, Clarke's fall orientation program. This is your opportunity to meet upper-class students and other new students.

Visit the Student Life offices for info on upcoming opportunities and activities. Check the website and campus calendar for info and announcements. Don't forget to talk to classmates, because any community is made up of individuals that are committed to learning with and from each other.

How do I join a club/organization? Ask around! Don't be afraid to say hi and start a conversation with a classmate, find out what they are involved in. Contact the Engagement and Intercultural Programs office to get organization contact information. Every group has officers that can give you details on what they do and when they meet. CSA (the Clarke Student Association), your student government, meets twice a month on Sunday evenings; just show up and find out what's going on!

When can I visit my friends in residence halls? Co-ed guests are able to visit until midnight (12am) on school nights and 2am on weekends. (FYI: Alcohol is not allowed in Mary Benedict Hall or Mary Josita Hall at all, or in any apartment where everyone living there is not at least 21.)

Services

What campus resources are available to me? Everything on campus is available to all students, including the MARC, Health Services, Counseling, Compass and Career Center, Campus Ministry, and the Kehl Center athletic facilities.

What other services are available to commuters? Mailboxes are located in the SAC, and lockers are located in both the SAC and CBH. These are both free for students. Mailboxes are assigned to all full-time students. You can find your mailbox number and combination code in MyInfo. The lockers are first come, first served, and you can sign up for one in the Student Life Office.

What are the web-based ways to stay connected? E-mail, Moodle, and MyInfo are all available to you through any computer with internet access. That way you can check grades, connect to friends or professors, and get the latest campus news anytime.

Where can I park? You can always park on the street. For a small fee you can register your car for a parking sticker online through the Campus Safety and Security website.. There is a parking lot for commuters with permits across from the Center for Science Inquiry building.

Where can I eat? You can eat in the Student Dining Hall in Mary Josita Hall or at the Crusader Café in the SAC. Both of these will take flex dollars, cash, credit or check. You can also purchase any meal plan through the Student Life office, if you plan to eat on campus regularly.

Can I bring my laptop to campus? Yes! There are over 20 computer labs on campus, but many students like to bring their own. Wireless access to the internet is located across campus from any computer with a wireless network card. Printing is available through the networked computers in the lounges (which are available 24/7), the Commuter Lounge, the Keller Computer Center, and the Library. Each semester students get 500 free pages of printing. Additional pages may be purchased through Student Accounts at a cost of \$5 per 100 pages.

Fears/Concerns

How can I make sure I am balancing my job or family responsibilities with school? Working and taking classes can be stressful, but remember there's lots of support available. Be sure to talk to your academic advisor about your commitments, and set a realistic schedule. The MARC can help you create a time management plan that includes class time, studying, work and any other important aspects of your life. And, keep in mind, stress is inevitable. The Student Life staff is here to support you!