

MASTER OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MOL) DEGREE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. What are the admission requirements for the MOL program at Clarke University? Will I need to take an entrance exam to get into the MOL programs?

There is no entrance exam required for the MOL program. Admission requirements are located at www.clarke.edu/graduate/mol.

2. Do I need to start in the Fall or can I begin in any session?

Students may begin in August, October, January or March. Students are welcome to apply online at any time. MOL applicants may apply at www.clarke.edu/apply.

3. In what format are the MOL classes held?

The classes are in a 16-week and an 8-week hybrid format, with a portion of the instruction in the classroom and the remainder in the online environment.

The only exception to this is the Dardis classes. See next question for more information on the format for those courses. Hybrid classes meet once a week for two hours and 10 minutes on either Monday or Thursday. Class times are either from 5:20-7:30 p.m. or 7:50-10 p.m. The format is designed so that working professionals with families can still manage a full-time load of studies. A full-time load is considered nine credit hours or three classes per semester. A typical student would take one full-semester (16-week course) that meets once every other week, and one course that meets weekly in session one and one course that meets weekly in session two. Therefore, the students can complete three courses in a semester.

MOL example for in-person class sessions during a semester:

FALL SEMESTER		
8-WEEK - FIRST SESSION	8-WEEK - SECOND SESSION	16-WEEK - EVERY OTHER WEEK
Leadership Theory	Assessing and Developing Leadership Styles	Utilizing Data for Decisions

4. Tell me more about the Dardis Communications courses.

Clarke University has partnered with Dardis Communications, a leading consulting and training company that works with Fortune 500 companies and major universities with offices in Chicago and Des Moines. Dardis Communications focuses on core competencies that employers seek: presentation skills, professional image and persuasion skills. Clarke offers three one-credit, workshop-style courses that focus on these areas to give our students a competitive edge in the workplace by providing them with the skills they need to consistently lead, influence and inform others.

These courses are offered in the spring semester on a Friday from 1 p.m.-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. They are typically offered on the weekend before classes start in January, the weekend before spring break and two weeks prior to graduation in April. There is a \$175 course fee/course in addition to the tuition cost.

5. Why are the MOL courses offered in an 8-week or 16-week session versus an abbreviated format?

For some courses, students need a longer time to process information and more time for the application of knowledge. Therefore, we have found that students are much more successful in courses such as Utilizing Data for Decisions, Leadership Research, and the Capstone- Leadership Experiential Work Action Project with an extended format. We believe in offering courses in a time frame that allows students not just to memorize facts, but to also apply and evaluate information in the form of case studies, simulations and real-world applications.

6. How many credit hours are in the MOL degree?

The MOL degree is a 36 credit hour program. There are no prerequisites for the program.

7. How long will it take to finish the MOL?

Students can typically complete the program in four semesters with a full course load of nine credit hours, plus one 4-week summer term.

8. Are courses offered for the MOL in the summer term? Am I required to attend over the summer?

Typically, there are two summer courses offered. One course is offered in each of the first and second summer sessions. Summer sessions meet once a week for four weeks, on either a Monday or a Thursday from 5:20-10 p.m. The first summer session runs from mid-May to mid-June and the second summer session runs from mid-June to mid-July. Check the course schedule for summer class availability or check with your advisor.

9. Where do I find information on Graduate Studies academic policies and procedures, enrollment procedures, graduation requirements and grading?

Visit Clarke's Academic Catalog "Introduction to Graduate Studies" section at www.clarke.edu/catalog.

10. Where do I find information in the Academic Catalog in regards to the MOL, including outcomes, admission requirements, transferring of courses into the program, early-access undergraduate requirements and curriculum?

Visit Clarke's Academic Catalog "Master of Organizational Leadership" section at www.clarke.edu/catalog.

11. How much is tuition?

You can access tuition rates and fees by visiting www.clarke.edu/tuitionandfees.

12. How do I find out if I qualify for student loan deferment/financial aid?

Please contact Clarke University's Financial Aid Office or learn more at www.clarke.edu/financialaid.