**UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC TERMS AT CLARKE UNIVERSITY**

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| Major | Academic program consisting of required and elective courses, as determined by individual departments. A single major may require at least 30 credits of coursework.  |
| Double Major | Two distinct academic programs consisting of required and elective courses in each program.  |
| Contract Major | Individualized education plan designed by a student and a faculty team and consisting of coursework comparable to a single discipline major. Contract majors must be approved by the Provost. |
| Minor | a program in an academic discipline that is a secondary field of study of specialization for a student. A minor is not a stand-alone program. Students who have a minor must complete a separate major and the requirements of the general education program.  |
| Emphasis | A defined sequence of courses within a major. The sequence of courses focuses on a particular aspect of that major. Two examples:* Communication: Emphases in Advertising/PR= 12 credits.
* Business Administration: Emphases in Marketing, Management, Finance = 12 credits.
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| Concentration | A sequence of courses within a major that includes at least 16 credit hours. Below is an example.* The Education Department lists a 24-credit “concentration in elementary generalist, reading/language arts, math, math/science, science, or social studies,” as optional for Elementary Education majors
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| Endorsement | Specifically defined Coursework which, when completed, grants a student permission to teach in an area in which he or she has a license. The Education Department offers endorsements in Special Education, K-12, Health, Coaching, Middle School, and Reading.  |
| Track | A suggested grouping of courses across disciplines that allows students to integrate knowledge in pursuance of certain career paths. Examples include the ministry tracks in the Religious Studies Department.  |