

first year student orientation schedule fall 2009

International First-Year Students arrive Tuesday, August 18, and Wednesday, August 19.

See the following link www.clarkson.edu/isso/students_scholars/orientation.html for more information.

Thursday, August 20, from 10 a.m. – noon — Undergrad/Exchange International orientation

ESL Testing 1-3 p.m.

New Student Orientation is a comprehensive introduction to Clarkson University. The program helps students build a foundation for academic and co-curricular success. New students will be introduced to Clarkson's academic programs through academic orientation in their departments, a book discussion of the common reading, and skill-building workshops. Clarkson's co-curricular opportunities, resources, and services for students will also be highlighted. Students will build relationships with other students, faculty, and administrators. International Student Orientation begins before New Student Orientation to give international students time to recover from travel, acclimate to campus, and to connect with campus resources.

Throughout this schedule you will notice events whose titles are in ALL CAPS and which are also listed as (MANDATORY). These events are considered essential to your future as a Clarkson student, and you are required to attend. Events marked in lower case letters are optional: you should attend all such events that interest you. After the name of each event, you will find when you should attend based on your residential assignment or commuting status.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

CHECK-IN: SEE CHECK BOXES FOR TASKS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED.

When you arrive on campus on August 20, your first stop will be to check-in at your residence hall (or Cheel if you are a commuter) and to complete the tasks below between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

CHECK-IN TABLE LOCATIONS

Cubley-Reynolds or Ross-Brooks Residence Halls: Outside between the complexes

Hamlin-Powers Residence halls: outside Powers House by the driveway

If you are a Commuter student: Welcome table on the second floor of the Cheel Campus Center.

At these check-in points, you will receive your room keys, your ID card, mailbox key, vehicle registration and parking permit.

ON-LINE SAS CHECK-IN:

Hopefully you have checked your clearance status in advance in PeopleSoft, but to make sure you are all set, we suggest that before your parents leave campus, you log into PeopleSoft to complete on-line semester check-in. If you are clear, you will be asked to confirm local address and telephone contact information: if you are not financially clear, you will need to come to Student Administrative Services (SAS), located in the center of the Ross-Brooks/Cubley-Reynolds residence hall complex. Be sure to check for any additional holds, including the Health Records hold (see below)

Computer access is available in the SAS complex and the Educational Resources Center.

HEALTH RECORDS CLEARANCE:

If, in PeopleSoft, you see "Health Records Incomplete" in the upper right corner, you will need to go to the Student Health Center, located in 101 Hamlin-Powers residence hall complex to complete all the requirements of the Health Center.

Representatives of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) will be available for assistance at the residence halls to help set up your pc and answer any telephone and computer related questions you may have.

The following areas will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SCHEDULE QUESTIONS: Questions regarding your class schedule, advanced placement, transfer credit may be addressed at the SAS Office, Room 104 located in the center of the Ross-Brooks/Cubley-Reynolds residence hall complex.

STUDENT ID/VEHICLE REGISTRATION: If you did not submit your photo ID or pre-register your vehicle, these will need to be done at the Campus Safety and Security Office, 2nd floor Cheel, 203.

BOOKS: Pick up books in designated location

Hamlin and Powers residents: Hamlin-Powers, Room 138

Residents of Brooks, Ross, Reynolds and Cubley: Educational Resource Center (ERC), Room 102

Commuting students: the University Bookstore on Market Street in downtown Potsdam

Please set up your clicker in advance to bring to Sunday's Clarkson Values session.

LAPTOPS: Laptops ordered through the Laptop Purchase Program will be available for pick-up at the Office of Information Technology (OIT) located in the Educational Resources Center (ERC), second floor.

Meal Plan: If you have questions about your meal plan, please visit Aramark's table, first floor, in Cheel.

International Student Check-In: All new international students should have "checked-in" with the International Students & Scholars Office (ISS) for SEVIS record activation. Questions regarding immigration matters should be directed to the ISSO in B.H. Snell 107.

Spirit Pak: If you ordered a spirit pak, you may pick it up at the Cheel Campus Center, 1st floor.

ROTC Information: Visit the first floor of Cheel to get information about Clarkson's Air Force or Army ROTC programs.

Banks: Several area banks will be available on first floor of Cheel. Visit them for information and/or sign up for a new account.

10 a.m.

Start Strong. Join the newest members of the Army ROTC Golden Knight Battalion as they make their commitment to serve when they graduate. This ceremony, held each fall, is an opportunity for the campus community to recognize our contracting cadets and scholarship winners who have chosen the path of service and leadership in the US Army. All are welcome to stop by the flagpoles in front of Cheel campus center for the brief and meaningful ceremony.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch. On-campus dining locations will be open on a cash basis for lunch. You may use the two guest passes included in your orientation packet for lunch on campus. Cheel Main Street and Bene Pizza Pasta will be open.

1 – 3 p.m.

English Placement Test For Students For Whom English is a Second Language (exchange students are exempt) (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 214).

4:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Dinner on your own in town or at campus dining locations. If dining in town, please make reservations early. Dining information can be found at www.potsdamchamber.com/business_listing.php?mode=byParent&id=1

On campus locations which will be open on a cash basis on Thursday night are:

Main Street Café Cheel Campus Center (open until 8 p.m.)
Bene Pizza Pasta, Cheel Campus Center (open until 8 p.m.)

7 – 7:30 p.m. (MANDATORY)

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT TONY COLLINS (Cheel Campus Center Arena)

Receive a warm welcome to the campus community, see a slide show about campus life, and be introduced to Friday's orientation schedules for students and parents.

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (MANDATORY)

CAMPUS-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL WELCOME RECEPTION
Cheel Lawn and BBQ Pit — rain location: first and second floors of Cheel Campus Center.

8:30 – 9:15 p.m. (MANDATORY)

HOLCROFT NIGHT (Cheel BBQ Pit at back entrance of Cheel Campus Center)

Holcroft Night is a Clarkson University tradition that welcomes you into the Golden Knight family. Join us for a celebration of Golden Knight spirit, complete with music and surprises!

9:30 – 10:30 p.m. (MANDATORY).

FLOOR MEETING in your residence hall. Meet your RA outside of your room door at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Breakfast (Ross-Brooks Dining Hall). Meal plan begins.

9 – 9:50 a.m. (MANDATORY)

MEET YOUR HALLMATES AND UPPERCLASS MENTORS. Meet outside of your residence hall room at 8:50a.m. and walk over to meeting location with your RA and neighbors.

10 – 11 a.m. (MANDATORY)

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT ORIENTATIONS

School of Arts and Sciences

American Studies, History, Humanities, Liberal Studies, Political Science, Social Sciences (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 175)

Applied Mathematics & Statistics (Science Center 356)

Areté (Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and Business) (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 177)

Biology (Science Center Lab 134)

Biomolecular Science (Science Center 348)

Chemistry (Science Center 340)

Communication (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 165)

Computer Science (Science Center 334)

Digital Arts & Sciences (start in Science Center 356, then go to B.H. Snell 130)

Environmental Health Science (Science Center 307)

Environmental Science & Policy (Science Center 307)

Mathematics (Science Center 356)

Physics (Science Center 344)

Psychology (Science Center 346)

Science Studies (Science Center 307)

School of Business

Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Business Studies, Global Supply Chain Management, Financial Information and Analysis, Information Systems & Business Processes (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 213)

School of Engineering

Chemical & Biomolecular (CAMP 175)

Civil & Environmental (CAMP 176)

Electrical & Computer (CAMP 178)

Engineering Studies (Rowley 244)

Mechanical & Aeronautical (CAMP 177)

Software Engineering (Interdisciplinary) (Rowley Lab 142)

Interdisciplinary Programs

Areté (Bertrand H. Snell Hall 177)

Digital Arts & Sciences (Start in Science Center 362, then go to B.H. Snell 130)

Engineering & Management (E&M) (Science Center 162)

Environmental Science & Policy (Science Center 307)
Environmental Health Science (Science Center 307)
Software Engineering (Rowley Lab 142)
University Studies (Science Center 342)

11:15-11: 45 a.m.

Pre-Professional Orientations

Pre-Law Orientation (Snell 213)
Pre-Medicine Orientation Snell 214)
Pre-Physical Therapy Orientation (Science Center 356)

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch. Ross-Brooks Dining Hall and Empire Diner will be open. There will be a sign-up sheet for students not on a meal plan. Family members wishing to eat in the dining hall can pay cash at the door. Parents and families depart after lunch.

2 – 3 p.m. (MANDATORY)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION OF SHERMAN ALEXIE'S FLIGHT, the required Freshman Summer Reading. Student's room assignment is contained in the orientation packet. Your RA also has a list of your assigned room.

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Finish any tasks from Thursday's checklist that remain.

3:30 – 4 p.m.

Athletic and Recreation Opportunities and Fitness Center Overview (Fitness Center)

5 – 7 p.m.

Dinner – Ross Brooks Dining Hall and The Empire Diner.

9 – 10:30 p.m.

Comedian Jamie Lithgow presented by CUB (Cheel Commons, Cheel Campus Center)

10:30 p.m. –1 a.m.

First-Year Student Mixer sponsored by Clarkson's own radio station WTSC. Meet your classmates, enjoy refreshments, and dancing (Barben Rooms, Cheel Campus Center).

9 p.m. – Midnight

Fitness Center and Indoor Recreation Center open.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Breakfast (Ross-Brooks Dining Hall).

9 – 10:45 a.m.

SURVIVING AND SUCCEEDING DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR AT COLLEGE (MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS OF REYNOLDS) (Cheel Commons)

Meet Student Affairs staff and a panel of returning students who will discuss student life. Followed by Academic Success at Clarkson: meet students who are active in the three schools and learn what it takes to be successful.

9 – 10:45 a.m.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT CLARKSON (MANDATORY FOR CUBLEY AND BROOKS) (Barben Rooms) Meet students who are active in the three schools and learn what it takes to be successful academically. Followed by Succeeding During Your First Year at College: meet Student Affairs staff and a panel of returning students.

9 – 10:45 a.m.

SAFE START '09 (MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS OF HAMLIN-POWERS, ROSS, FARRISEE, AND COMMUTERS) with Counseling staff and special presenter (Cheel Arena).

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunch (Ross-Brooks Dining Hall).

11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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2 – 4 p.m.

TEAMBUILDING WITH DAN DAVIS (MANDATORY for residents of Hamlin-Powers and commuters) Meet members of your incoming class. (Cheel Lawn; rain location: Walker Arena)

4 – 6 p.m.

TEAMBUILDING WITH DAN DAVIS (MANDATORY for residents of Ross-Brooks and Cubley-Reynolds) Meet members of your incoming class. (Cheel Lawn; rain location: Walker Arena)

8 – 9 p.m.

Entertainment presented by Clarkson Union Board. (Cheel Commons) Comedian Dan Ahdoot — Dan has performed at more than 200 colleges around the country after graduating with honors as a premed student from Johns Hopkins University. He was the youngest finalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing. Since then, he's opened for Lewis Black, Jay Mohr, and Patton Oswalt and was nominated Best New Artist by Campus Activities Readers' Choice Awards.

9 p.m. – Midnight
Laser Tag (Walker Center)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10 – 10:40 a.m.

Federal Loan Entrance Interview if you haven't taken this session online. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Entrance Interview. (Science Center 360)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

CLARKSON VALUES AND FRESHMAN SURVEY FROM THE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS OF HAMLIN-POWERS) Please bring your clicker to this session — set up your clicker in advance. (Science Center 360).

12:30 – 2 p.m.

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2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

CLARKSON VALUES AND FRESHMAN SURVEY FROM THE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS OF ROSS, REYNOLDS SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS, FARRISEE, AND COMMUTERS) Please bring your clicker to this session — set up your clicker in advance. (Science Center 360)

4 – 6 p.m.

New Student Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (Baghdad Field)

8 – 9 p.m. (MANDATORY)

FLOOR MEETING in your residence hall.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

8 a.m.

First Day of Classes

7-8 p.m. (MANDATORY)

VAN SICKLE CONVOCATION. Clarkson Convocation with Speaker Chief Jim Ransom, Class of 1988. B.S. in Civil Engineering. Our speaker is the Chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and has been elected to Clarkson's Board of Trustees. (Cheel Arena)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Voluntary advanced placement exam for Calc 1 (MA 131) (Science Center, Room 356)

7 – 9 p.m. (MANDATORY)

ACTIVITIES FAIR: Getting Involved on Campus (Cheel Arena)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Voluntary advanced placement exam for C/C++ Java (Science Center, Room 356)

OFFICES AND SERVICES

OIT will be available in Residence Halls on Thursday to help set up your PC and answer any telephone and computer-related questions you may have.

Meal Plan Check: If you have questions about your meal plan, please visit ARAMARK's table on the 1st floor in Cheel.

Student ID/Vehicle Registration: if you did not submit your photo ID or preregister your vehicle, these will need to be done at the Campus Safety and Security Office, 2nd floor Cheel, room 203.

ROTC information: visit the first floor of Cheel to get information about Clarkson's Air Force or Army ROTC programs.

Banks: Several area banks will be available on the first floor of Cheel. Visit them for information and/or sign up for a new account.

Schedule questions: Questions regarding your class schedule, advanced placement, or transfer credit may be addressed to the SAS Office, Room 104.

WEEKEND HOURS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS

ARAMARK, lower level, Cheel Campus Center – Meal Plan Questions
Saturday, August 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. -5 p.m.

Campus Safety & Security Office, Cheel Campus Center 203

Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 24, call 268-6666 (keys will be distributed, 2nd floor Cheel)

Cheel Mailroom Window, 1st floor, Cheel Campus Center

Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m. – noon.

OIT Help Desk, 2nd floor, ERC

Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m. – noon.

Residence Life Office, Cheel Campus Center 203

Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

SAS Office, Cubley-Reynolds Complex

Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Student Health Center, Hamlin-Powers 101 residence hall complex

Sunday, August 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

University Bookstore, Market Street, Downtown Potsdam

Saturday, August 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, August 23, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The following academic offices will be open on Saturday, August 22

Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering (MAE),

CAMP 253, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (CBE),

CAMP 220, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE),

CAMP 156, 1 – 3 p.m.