Clarkson University is a private, nationally recognized research university delivering rigorous academics, and developing a collaborative community for students with an emphasis on real-world experience. With enrollment totaling over 3,800 students, Clarkson's focus is on providing an educational experience in a friendly and personal environment that encourages teamwork and leadership development.

Located in Potsdam, New York, USA, Clarkson is near major Canadian cities of Ottawa and Montreal. Students take advantage of Clarkson's proximity to the six-million-acre Adirondack Park and Lake Placid, New York, the site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, which both provide for great outdoor entertainment.

A C A D E M I C  S E M E S T E R  D A T E S
- Fall / Semester 1: August 28 - December 15, 2023
- Spring / Semester 2: January 11 - May 7, 2024

N O M I N A T I O N S
- Fall Semester / Full Year: March 1 - April 15
- Spring Semester: August 1 - September 15

A P P L I C A T I O N  D E A D L I N E S
- Fall Semester / Full Year: May 1
- Spring Semester: October 1

A R R I V A L  D A T E S
- Fall Semester / Full Year: August 23 & 24, 2023
- Spring Semester: January 8 & 9, 2024

C O N T A C T  U S
- Phone: +1 (315) 268 - 3943
- Email: internationalcenter@clarkson.edu

A B O U T  C L A R K S O N

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Our partner agreements, most often, specify the number of student semester places agreed upon for each academic year. We honor the amount set in these agreements, however, we are willing to consider offering more semester places, if needed. Students may apply for one semester or one academic year.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- The home university will nominate students through our nomination portal
- Students will receive an email with the link to the application portal
- Application is submitted by the deadline
- Our staff will review applications
- Student admittance email through the portal with link to Exchange Confirmation Form
- Student submits Exchange Confirmation Form
- Acceptance Letter is sent and visa document review begins
- Students complete Class Preferences Form with prerequisite information if needed.
- Visa documents are issued
- Students complete checklist items through the Application Portal which include: Photo for ID, Health Requirements, Housing Contract, etc.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students must complete an online application. Documents needed to complete the application process:

- [English Ability Form](#) - If submitting
- [Certification of Finances Form](#) - linked in the application
- [Copy of the information page of your Passport](#)
- [Copy of your Academic Transcript](#) (please include all transcripts)

**ACADEMICS & MAJORS**

Exchange students are eligible to take most classes in our four schools: [David D. Reh School of Business](#), [Wallace H. Coulter School of Engineering](#), [School of Arts & Sciences](#) and [Institute for Sustainable Environment](#). In order to take a class that has prerequisites, you will need to provide proof that you have taken similar classes to meet those requirements. Search classes in our [Guest Course Catalog](#) by Term/Year - Guide to Select Classes

*MBA students should participate in the spring semester only, as there are more course offerings.*
CREDITS & TRANSCRIPTS

International Students must meet the minimum credit requirement to maintain status.

Undergraduate students must enroll in:
- Minimum of 12 US credits
- Maximum of 18 US credits

Graduate students must enroll in:
- Minimum of 9 US credits
- Maximum of 15 US credits

Official Academic Transcripts will be emailed to the student’s home university’s international office within two weeks of the end of the semester. Should you need a hard copy, please let us know.

Please note: If there is an outstanding balance on the student’s account, the transcript will be held until the account clears.

LIVING EXPENSES

The estimated cost for attending one semester at Clarkson is approximately $11,000 USD (exact total is located on the COF form). This estimate includes housing, food, books, personal expenses, and travel. We are unable to offer scholarships. Students must be able to prove they have the funding to attend Clarkson before visa documents will be issued.

ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

All exchange students are required to live on campus. Students do not need to apply for housing, it is guaranteed. Students will be housed in apartment style housing with other international and US students. Students are required to depart campus within 24 hours after their last final exam. (Exchange students must depart campus by 10 am on the day after final exams end.) For more information visit our Residence Life Website.

Clarkson has over 200 student organized clubs and groups that exchange students are welcome to join! Social@Clarkson is the place to search!

HEALTH FORMS & INSURANCE

Students must complete health forms before coming to campus and absolutely before attending classes. Students may need to see a doctor prior to being able to complete these forms. These forms are accessible to the student after they receive their acceptance letter and must be completed in English.

Health insurance is mandatory and proof of health insurance will be required upon arrival. Students holding a J-1 visa status must meet required standards as outlined in their documents.

ARRIVAL TRANSPORTATION

Recommended airport of arrival: Hancock International Airport (SYR) in Syracuse, NY

From SYR students catch the Trailways bus which makes two trips per day north to Potsdam arrives directly at Clarkson’s campus! Transportation from OGS is provided with advance notice of travel plans. Canadian arrivals are highly discouraged.

Once students arrive on campus, they will be greeted by our Global Ambassadors and escorted to their accommodations/housing.