Clark Atlanta University (CAU), formed in 1988 as a result of the consolidation of two independent historically black institutions — Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), is a United Methodist Church-related, private, coeducational, residential, and comprehensive urban research university. The University, the largest of the 37-member UNCF colleges, offers undergraduate, graduate and professional, and non-degree certificate programs.

CAU is classified by Carnegie as R2: Doctoral Universities – Higher Research Activity and the only private, independent graduate research institution in the HBCU community, and the only HBCU member of the Georgia Research Alliance. Clark Atlanta University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Clark Atlanta University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

CAU is also accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International); the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) now under Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GPSC); the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA); and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division II. CAU is authorized by Georgia State Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) to operate in the state of Georgia. The University is approved for listing as United Methodist Church-affiliated University by the University Senate General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

The main campus, with 33 academic, administrative, and student support buildings spanning over 126 acres of land, is located about 1.5 miles southwest from the heart of metro downtown Atlanta, Georgia. The University is accessible from all major arteries – I-20, I-75, I-85, and I-285 of the State and Hartsfield Jackson International Airport.

The University offers 40 major areas of study through four schools – Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; and Social Work and awards Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral degrees. Highest enrolled undergraduate fields: Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Mass Media Arts, Psychology.

Total full-time teaching faculty number = 177, 91% of whom hold terminal degrees; 68% have tenure status. Faculty-student ratio is 1:19.

During the 2019-20 academic year, the University awarded a total of 880 degrees (694 Bachelor's; 150 Master's; 36 Doctorates). Retention of first-year students returning for a second year is 63% and six-year cohort graduation rate is 42%. Our graduates are deeply employed in the sectors such as business, film and media, medical and healthcare, and government.

Fall 2020 Headcount Enrollment = 3776 (3096 Undergraduate; 680 Graduate). Total Full-time Equivalent (FTE) = 3608.

Georgia students constitute 41% of total enrollment, 57% of students come from out-of-state and 2% represent Saudi Arabia and 9 other foreign countries. Female students constitute 75% of the total enrollment while male students comprise of 25%.

Currently there are seven University operated and two affiliated residential facilities to house approximately 2400 students. There are more than 45 chartered student organizations including social fraternities and sororities.

As a NCAA Division II Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member, the University provides athletic opportunities in varsity sports: Men – baseball, basketball, football, track/field & cross-country; Women – basketball, softball, tennis, track/field & cross-country, volleyball.

2020-21 Annual tuition/fees = $20,695; Room/Board = $10,098; Total Cost of Attendance is $36,793.

The market value of the University's endowment asset is $74,408,547 (as of June 30, 2020).

Economic Impact: $545M combined gross sales and labor producing 3321 full and part-time jobs in FY2020.