



## Clark Atlanta University Office of Undergraduate Student Recruitment and Admissions

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What type of educational institution is your school (public, private, college, university, community, junior, technical college, etc.)?** Clark Atlanta is a private university that offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
2. **What are the majors and most popular programs offered at your school?** There are 29 majors and over 70 concentrations at Clark Atlanta University. The most popular majors include programs in Business, Mass Media Arts, Biology and Pre-professional programs/certificates. These programs are known for their outstanding contribution to the University and around the world. There are four academic schools: The School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, the School of Education and the School of Social Work.
3. **What are the admissions requirements (average GPA, average SAT/ACT score, class rank, etc.)?** When rendering a decision for first-year freshman we take a holistic approach as we consider the student's transcript, test scores, essays, letters of recommendation, resumes, etc. First-year freshman students admitted for fall 2018 had an average 3.37 GPA, 1030 SAT, and 20 on the ACT.

Requirements for transfer students are a 2.5 GPA, 12-semester hours or 18-quarter hours of college level courses with grades of 'C' or higher.

4. **What states do the majority of Clark Atlanta University students originate from?** The majority of the students who attend CAU originate from the following top five states: Georgia, Illinois, California, Florida and New York.
5. **What type of academic scholarships are offered to new students?** Merit awards are offered to the top 10% of the incoming freshmen class. Additional funding may be available to students based upon their participation in athletics and musical ensembles.

Students who qualify for the above awards must have a completed admission application on file by *February 1<sup>st</sup>*. A completed admissions file includes:

- A completed online application and a Non-refundable \$35 application fee for processing or a fee waiver
- Official High School transcripts that reflect the student's GPA from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade or a GED certificate

- Standardized test scores from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT)
  - One letter of recommendation from a high school counselor and a teacher
  - A 500-word admissions essay
6. **How large is your school?** The enrollment for undergraduate and graduate students is approximately 4,000.
  7. **What is the community like around the school? Is transportation available to places nearby?** CAU is located in an urban community seven minutes from downtown Atlanta and is accessible to landmarks like the new Mercedes Stadium, the Civil Rights Museum, World of Coke, Parks, the Atlanta Beltline, the Historic West End, etc. The Atlanta University Center (AUC) has a shuttle service that transports students throughout the center and surrounding train stations. Atlanta has its own public transportation system, MARTA, with pickups throughout the AUC.
  8. **Do most students live on or off campus? What are the living arrangements like?** New students are required to live on campus for their first two years. We have a live and learn housing model. Students with 0-60 credit hours will be placed in housing based upon their major. Students with 60+ credit hours may select from an array of living arrangements from single rooms to apartments for up to six students.
  9. **Is tutoring available to students? Career Counseling? Academic Advising?** Yes, tutoring is available for our students. The Office of Career Planning and Development provides career counseling and the Center for Academic Achievement provides academic counseling. Additionally, all academic departments provide advisements to students majoring in that departments' discipline.
  10. **What is the average class size? Are classes taught by professors or teaching assistants? Is there a lot of student/professor interaction?** The average class size at Clark Atlanta University is twenty-seven students. The student to faculty ratio is 17:1. Classes are taught by Professors and our faculty involves themselves in student's academic studies inside and outside of the classroom.
  11. **What computer facilities are available on campus for students?** All of the residential life facilities have internet access and there are ten computer labs on campus. Additionally, the campus is completely wireless. Lastly, we have a number of computer labs in our newly renovated Robert Woodruff Library.
  12. **What is the social life on campus? Are there many clubs and organizations? Do you have sororities and fraternities?** CAU has over 50 campus/student organizations, and all of the Devine Nine Fraternities and Sororities. CAU is located in the heart of a major city surrounded by many cultural activities, sporting arenas, great shopping and beautiful parks and recreational facilities.

13. **What student support services are available for students?** The Office of Counseling and Disabilities, Student Health Center renders services for all enrolled students seeking physical and mental health services, as well as the Office of Religious Life provide spiritual guidance for students of all denominations and spiritual beliefs. In addition, there is an Office of International Students for all international students or those students seeking to learn different cultures or to study abroad.
14. **Are there competitive sports teams at your school? Intramurals? Athletic facilities?** CAU is classified in NCAA Division II in Men and Women's Athletics and part of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC). The men's athletic teams are: football, cross country, basketball and baseball. The women's teams are: volleyball, track and field/cross country, basketball, softball, tennis and cheerleading. Please visit [www.ClarkAtlantaSports.com](http://www.ClarkAtlantaSports.com) for a comprehensive view of what we have to offer. Through the Panther Fit Center, CAU also offers physical fitness training with a state of the art fitness center housed in the Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson Student Center— offering classes in Cycling, Yoga, Cross Fit Exercise Training Sessions hosted by certified fitness trainers. In addition, intramural sports are offered in Flag/Powder Puff Football, Basketball, Kickball, Chess and Soccer. These activities are held in the Panther Fit Center, Panther Stadium and Epps Gymnasium.
15. **What makes your school different from other colleges/universities that are similar in size and reputation?** Clark Atlanta University is the largest private, historically black institution in the country and is the only university located within an academic center such as the Atlanta University Center. It is located in one of the fastest growing cities in the United States that provides great opportunities for students interested in internships and co-op programs. In addition, our location provides a wonderful training ground for students after graduation.
16. **Can I take classes at other schools in AUC or in the Atlanta area?** Yes, we offer cross registration at Spelman College and Morehouse College upon approval from your academic advisor. Cross Registration with other colleges/universities within the metro Atlanta area is also available by way of our partnership with the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE) program.
17. **Are freshmen allowed to bring their cars?** Freshmen students can bring their cars; however, students will need to register their vehicle by purchasing a parking permit for one of the university lots.
18. **When is the deadline for fall applications?** April 1<sup>st</sup>
19. **When is the deadline for the confirmation fee?** May 1<sup>st</sup>
20. **How much is the confirmation fee?** \$475.00, which is non-refundable.
21. **Can I set up a payment plan for the confirmation fee?** No, you must submit the total amount for processing.

22. **What does the confirmation fee cover?** The confirmation fee covers your acceptance into the university, reserves your space and allows you to register for on campus housing.
23. **Can my final high school transcript be faxed?** No, your official final high school transcript must be mailed to the Office of Student Recruitment and Admissions, by July 1<sup>st</sup> with the graduation date posted on the transcript.
24. **I am currently a high school student taking college courses. Can those courses transfer to Clark Atlanta University?** Yes, upon completion of the courses, please have the institution send an official transcript to the Office of Student Recruitment and Admissions.