ACADEMICS AT CLARK

STARTING YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY: FIRST YEAR ADVISING AND THE

CLARK CURRICULUM
Agenda

• Overview of Academics at Clark
• Clark’s Curriculum:
  ➢ Program of Liberal Studies
  ➢ Problem of Practice Course
  ➢ Culminating Capstone
• Academic Advising at Clark
• Advanced Standing Credit
• Undecided Students
• Accelerated Degree Program
Overview of Academics at Clark

• A selective liberal arts college within a research university

• Students can become agents of their own learning

• LEEP: Liberal Education & Effective Practice
Clark’s Curriculum: Program of Liberal Studies

• Perspectives courses
  ➢ Global Comparative Perspective (GP)
  ➢ Natural Science Perspective (SP)
  ➢ Values Perspective (VP)
  ➢ Historical Perspective (GP)
  ➢ Aesthetic Perspectives (AP)
  ➢ Language and Culture Perspective (LP)

• Critical Thinking courses
  ➢ Formal Analysis (FA)
  ➢ Verbal Expression (VE)

• Diversity Inclusion Requirement
  ➢ D & I
Clark’s Curriculum:
First Year Intensives

• What are they?
• Size
• Types of First Year Intensives
  ➢ Topic Focused
  ➢ Research oriented
  ➢ Introduction to a discipline
• How do you choose an FYI

Every First Year Intensive course fulfills one of Clark’s Program of Liberal Studies requirement.
Clark’s Curriculum: Problems of Practice & Culminating Capstone

• Problems of Practice Courses
  • Learning out of the classroom
    • Internship
    • Research with faculty
      ➢ Specialize/Marketable Skills
      ➢ Professional network

• Culminating Capstone
  • Independently / group
  • Skills and knowledge
Academic Advising at Clark

• Pre-major Advisers
  ➢ Summer Advisers
  ➢ First Year Intensives Advisers

• Major advisers

• Pre-professional Advisers
  ➢ Pre-Med
  ➢ Pre-Law
  ➢ Pre-Engineering

• Specialized Advisers
  ➢ Student Accessible Services
  ➢ Student Success (Probation) Advisers
  ➢ Multicultural & First Generation Student Support
Advanced Standing Credit

• Students may generally receive a maximum of 4.0 units of advanced standing credit.

• Up to two PLS requirements may be waived with advanced standing credit.
  • a 4.0 semester credit course is equivalent to one Clark unit (course)
  • a 3.0 semester credit course is equivalent to .75 Clark unit
Undecided Students

- Exploration
  - Courses
  - Decision-Making Checklist
  - Self-Knowledge
- Modeling Opportunities
- Written Exercises
- Majors Fair
- Declaration deadline
Advice on Selecting a Major

• www.clarku.edu/offices/aac/advice/
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Accelerated Degree Program
What Are the Eligibility Requirements?

Incoming First-Year Students: to qualify for a full tuition scholarship, Clark undergraduates must:

• Have been a full-time undergraduate for four years (8 semesters);
• Meet the admission requirements of the graduate program to which they are applying;
• Achieve a minimum 3.40* GPA for the 2nd & 3rd years of study in aggregate and complete all additional academic requirements specific to the program they seek to enter;
• Achieve a minimum 3.40* GPA for the fourth year of study and complete all additional departmental requirements;
• apply to the program by the specified deadline prior to the final two semesters of undergraduate study.
• Complete the BA degree within five years of initial entry to Clark University.

* A higher GPA is required for some programs
Incoming Transfer Students: will be eligible for a 50% tuition scholarship during their fifth year if they:

• are a full-time student for at least one full academic year prior to admission at the end of the junior year;

• obtain a GPA of at least 3.40* for courses taken at Clark University;

• maintain a GPA of at least 3.40* during the senior year;

• meet the admission requirements of the graduate program of interest;

• apply to the program by the specified deadline prior to the final two semesters of undergraduate study.

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What Programs are Available?

Biology
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Communications (MSPC)
Community Development & Planning
Education
Environmental Science & Policy
History
Geographic Information Science (GIS)
International Development & Social Change (IDSC)
Information Technology (MSIT)
Management (MBA)
Finance (MSF)
Physics
Public Administration (MPA)
QUESTIONS?