The University

History: Founded in 1869 and named in honor of Lee Claflin, a prominent Methodist layman from Boston, and his son William Claflin, then governor of Massachusetts.

Location: Orangeburg, South Carolina
50 miles southeast of Columbia; 75 miles northwest of Charleston

Campus: 50-acre main campus
Colors: Orange & Maroon
Endowment: $48.6 million
Affiliation: The United Methodist Church

Accreditation: Claflin University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Claflin University.

Carnegie Class: Baccalaureate Colleges - Arts and Sciences

Enrollment & Admissions
Total students (Fall 2022): 1,830

Undergraduate students
1,748 enrolled
68.7% female
31.3% male

Graduate students
82 enrolled
80.5% female
19.5% male

International Students: 2%
Student Distribution: 30 states and Washington D.C.; 12 countries; 46 Counties in South Carolina
Percentage of in-state students: 83.2%
Online Enrollment: 304
Acceptance Rate: 62%
Persistence Rate: 94%
Retention Rate: 79%
Pell Recipients: 72%

Academics
Undergraduate majors (UG): 38
Graduate majors (GR): 5
Online degrees: 9 (4 UG, 5 GR)
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Top 5 Undergraduate majors: Biology, Psychology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Mass Communications

Core Curriculum: Interdisciplinary, project-oriented approach with emphasis upon liberal arts, leadership, co-curricular engagement, and experiential learning activities

Program Accreditations: Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); National Association of Schools of Music (NASM); American Chemical Society (ACS); Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET); and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

100% of students complete a thesis or research project prior to graduation

Freshman Class Profile (2026)
First-time/Full-time: 390
Average SAT: 970
Average ACT: 19
Average GPA Mid-Range: 3.5
Top 25% HS Rank: 28%

President: Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack
Student Success (2022)

Acceptance Rate: 62%
Student Loan Default Rate: 7.5%
Persistence Rate: 94%
Undergraduate Placement Rate: 80%
Alumni Giving Rate: 40%

Athletics
Mascot: Panthers
Conferences: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association & Peach Belt (Baseball)
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Number of Teams: 11 varsity sports teams

Student Life
Living on Campus: 63%
Campus Organizations: 85
Fraternity & Sororities: 9
Computer Ratio: 1:1
Residential rooms with network access: 100%
Multimedia Classrooms: 100%
Computer Labs: 27
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex

Career/Professional Development Support
Student Success Center
Career Pathways Initiative
Career Development Center
Writing Center
Study Abroad Program

U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2023 Rankings
A Top 10 Nationally Ranked HBCU
#1 Annual Alumni Giving Percentage Among All HBCUs
A Top Performer on Social Mobility

Claflin University Ranked #3 HBCU
With Highest 4-Year Graduation Rate by US News and World Report