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;
Fort Jackson (Off-campus site)

Colors: Orange & Maroon

Endowment: $55.2 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 2021): 1,866

Undergraduate students

1,779 enrolled

71% female

29% male

Graduate students

87 enrolled

70% female

30% 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: 206

Acceptance Rate: 62%

Persistence Rate: 94%

Retention Rate: 71%

Pell Recipients: 72%

Academics

Undergraduate majors (UG): 37
Graduate majors (GR): 5
Online degrees: 8 (4 UG, 4 GR)

Student to Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Average class size: 16

Instructional Faculty: 118

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 (2021)

First-time/ Full-time: 305

Average SAT: 960

Average ACT: 19

Average GPA Mid-Range: 3.5

Top 25% HS Rank: 28%
Student Success (2021)

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

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2022 Rankings

Top 10 Best HBCU
 Ranked among 75 HBCUs, however Claflin is the #1 HBCU in South Carolina.

7th Best Regional College in South
Institutions that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

3rd Best Top Performers on Social Mobility
Institutions who advance social mobility by enrolling and graduating large portions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants.

Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Best Undergraduate Teaching among Regional Colleges in the South
Most Innovative School among Regional Colleges in the South
Best College for Veterans among Regional Colleges in the South
Best Regional College in the South

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Claflin University Ranked with Highest 4-Year Graduation Rate by US News and World Report