The College

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 (Columbia) Off-campus Site

Colors: Orange & Maroon

Endowment: $28.6 million as of June 30, 2019

Affiliation: United Methodist Church

Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Carnegie Class: Baccalaureate Colleges - Arts and Sciences

Enrollment & Admissions

Total students (fall 2019): 2070

Undergraduate students: 1,986 enrolled (68% female, 32% male)

Graduate students: 84 enrolled (75% female, 25% male)

International Students: 3%

Student Distribution: 25 states and Washington D.C.; 19 countries; 44 Counties in South Carolina

Percentage of in-state students: 84.7%

Online Enrollment: 179

Acceptance Rate: 55%

Persistence Rate: 91%

Retention Rate: 71%

Pell Recipients: 73%

Academics

Undergraduate majors (UG): 37

Graduate majors (GR): 4

Online degrees: 7 (4 UG, 3 GR)

Student to Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Average class size: 16

Instructional Faculty: 129 full-time; 83% with terminal degrees.

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

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)

Freshmen Profile (2019)

First-time/Full-time: 460

Average SAT: 940

Average ACT: 21

Average GPA: 3.45

Top 25 HS Rank: 33%
Student Success/Graduates (2019)

Completers: 381
Top 5 Undergraduate Completion majors:
Psychology, Mass Communication, Biology, Business, Administration, Criminal Justice

Athletics
Mascot: Panthers or Lady 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: 64%
Campus Organizations: 80
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 and World Report 2020 Rankings

Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities: #9
Best Regional College in the South: #9
Best Undergraduate Teaching among Regional Colleges in the South: #7
Most Innovative School among Regional Colleges in the South: #4
Best College for Veterans among Regional Colleges in the South: #3