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: $36 million

Affiliation: The 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 2020): 2048

Undergraduate students

1,969 enrolled
71% female
29% male

Graduate students

79 enrolled
78% female
22% male

International Students: 3%

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

Percentage of in-state students: 83.8%

Online Enrollment: 196
Acceptance Rate: 65%
Persistence Rate: 88%
Retention Rate: 76%
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

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 (2020)

First-time/Full-time: 501
Average SAT: 920
Average ACT: 17
Average GPA Mid-Range: 3.5
Top 25% HS Rank: 28%
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: 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

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U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2021 Rankings

9th Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities
(Ranked among 79 HBCUs, however Clafin is the #1 HBCU in South Carolina.)

9th Best Regional Colleges in the South
(Institutions that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.)

14th Top Performers on Social Mobility
(Institutions who advance social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants.)