



Department of International Development, Community and Environment

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING IDCE STUDENTS

We look forward to your arrival on campus. Please notify the IDCE Office regarding the date and time of your arrival. It is best to arrive during office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to make arrangements for a place to stay ahead of time.

Planning before Arrival for Temporary Housing

It usually takes several days to find an apartment in the Worcester area. If we know of your arrival **ahead of time**, the IDCE staff will try to arrange temporary housing with an IDCE graduate student while you look for an apartment (1-2 days only). However, this depends upon student availability. Generally, IDCE students have left for summer jobs or internships during the summer break.

Alternately, you can make hotel reservations for two or three days. Be sure to ask if the hotel offers a Clark University discount rate.

HOTEL CONTACT INFO APPROX.COST*

Crowne Plaza Hotel 508-791-1600 \$106-\$189 per night
10 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA www.crowneplaza.com
(5-10 min. taxi ride to Clark)

Hampton Inn 508-757-0400 \$117+ per night
110 Summer Street, Worcester, MA www.hamptoninn.com
(5-10 min. taxi ride to Clark)

Fairfield Inn and Suites 508-832-9500 \$121-184 per night
718 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA www.marriott.com
(10 min. drive to Clark)

Comfort Inn 508-832-8300 \$85-130 per night
426 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA www.comfortinn.com
(10 min. drive to Clark)

La Quinta Inn 508-832-7000 \$55 – 110 per night
444 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA www.lq.com

The Sumner House (Bed & Breakfast) 508-845-6446 \$90-110 per night
5 Church Road, Shrewsbury, MA www.sumnerhouse.com
(10-15 min. drive to Clark)

Please note that students are responsible for hotel costs.

IDCE Contact Information (between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday)

Jackie Murphy, IDCE Office Manager
IDCE Office, 10 Hawthorne Street, 508-793-3767
jmurphy@clarku.edu

EMERGENCY Contact after Office Hours (only) Clark Campus Police: 508-793-7575

Upon Arrival at Logan Airport in Boston (approximately 1 hour from Clark)

Worcester Airport Limousine's shared van leaves for Worcester approximately every hour. To make reservations, go to www.wlimo.com or call 508-756-4834 or toll free: 800-660-0992. Worcester Airport Limo offers a 10 % discount to students. On the internet form, please indicate that you are a student in the "special notes" section so you will receive the discount. Knight's Limousine Service also has a shared van. For advance reservations, go to www.knightlimo.com or call 508-839-6252, or toll free 800-227-7005 or email info@knightlimo.com. The cost for these shared vans is approximately \$50, one way, town car service for 1 passenger is approximately \$133 and private van service for 1 passenger is approximately \$137. Service may be offered until midnight. Both limousine services will bring you directly to Clark or a nearby hotel.

Buses and trains to Worcester from Boston leave from South Station. To get to South Station from Logan Airport, you can take the "T", the local metro system. The Silver Line takes you directly from Logan Airport to South Station. The current cost is approx \$2. You may also take a taxi to South Station from the airport. At South Station, 700 Atlantic Avenue, you can take the bus or train to Worcester.

Greyhound Bus (www.greyhound.com or 800-231-2222) comes to Worcester almost every hour starting from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. The cost is approximately \$12. You may also take the Amtrak-MBTA train from South Station. Commuter trains leave periodically from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is approximately \$7.75. For fare and schedule information, visit www.mbta.com.

Upon Arrival in Worcester

Once you arrive in Worcester, take a taxi from the Worcester bus terminal or train station to Clark or to your housing or hotel. The ride should cost less than \$10. (Ask for the rate ahead of time.)

Red Cab: 508-792-9999
Yellow Cab: 508-754-3211

Finding Permanent Housing (see Housing Question and Answer Sheet)

Please Note: It is the student's responsibility to find housing. The IDCE Department **cannot** arrange private housing. University graduate housing can be arranged ahead of time through the Office of Residential Life and Housing; however, there are limited spaces. These rooms usually have minimal furnishings (bed, bureau, desk), and utilities are included. The living room and kitchen are common space (shared). You are required to sign a housing agreement/contract. This may be a convenient option for international students. Please go online to

www.clarku.edu/offices/housing/options/graduate.cfm for an application, or email Kevin Forti at kforti@clarku.edu if you have further questions.

The IDCE Office can facilitate connecting IDCE students with roommates. The office maintains a list of IDCE students looking for roommates. Students have many different housing preferences and cost requirements. Some apartments are furnished; others are not; some landlords require a lease, others may not, etc. Students may need to purchase furniture, bedding, linens, dishes, etc. In the Worcester area, homes are approximately 100 years old (or older).

The condition of an apartment depends upon the landlord's maintenance. The ultimate choice of an apartment is up to the individual student. It is strongly recommended that you arrive as early as possible to secure housing.

Registration for Classes

Registration takes place a few days before classes begin. All new students must meet with their advisors to discuss degree program requirements and to obtain approval for their course selections.

Incoming students have a few days to visit and change classes before course registration is finalized. Please look on your CU Web account for registration dates and times that are assigned to you.

Tuition Payment

Payment is expected at time of registration. You should come to Clark University prepared to pay your semester bill as soon as you register for your courses. Please contact your Student Account Counselor with any questions regarding payment.

Health Insurance

Health Insurance information will be sent to you in late May. Though the health insurance plan is expected to remain the same for the 2009-10 academic year, the cost has not been set. The cost for 2008-09 was \$1,160. To view the plan currently in place, please visit www.universityhealthplans.com and click on the link for Clark University.

Driving Directions

From points South: Take Rte 290 East to exit 11 (College Square). Merge onto Southbridge St. (Rt. 12). At second set of lights, turn left onto Cambridge St. Follow Cambridge (past Price Chopper on left) to third light. Stay in right lane. Turn right onto Main St. Go through two lights and turn left onto Hawthorne St. The IDCE House is white and on the right side.

From points North: Take Rte 290 West to Exit 18 (Rte 9, Framingham/Ware). Bear right at the end of the ramp and get into the middle lane. Bear left following signs to Lincoln Square. Take right at second traffic light onto Highland Street. At fifth traffic light, turn left onto Park Avenue. Follow Park Avenue through three lights. At the fourth light, May St., take a left. At the top of the hill take right onto Woodland St. Take left on Hawthorne St. The IDCE House is white and on the left side.

From points West: From the Mass Pike (90), take exit 10 for Rt. 290-E. Take Rte 290 East to exit 11 (College Square). Merge onto Southbridge St (Rt. 12). At second set of lights, turn left

onto Cambridge St. Follow Cambridge (past Price Chopper on left) to third light. Stay in right lane. Turn right onto Main St. Go through two lights and turn left onto Hawthorne St. The IDCE House is white and on the right side.

Leaving Boston: Get on 90-W. Take exit 10 for Rt. 290-E. Take Rte 290 East to exit 11 (College Square). Merge onto Southbridge St (Rt. 12). At second set of lights, turn left onto Cambridge St. Follow Cambridge (past Price Chopper on left) to third light. Stay in right lane. Turn right onto Main St. Go through two lights and turn left onto Hawthorne St. The IDCE House is white and on the right side.

Parking: Please park on the street opposite IDCE House (parking on our side of the street is prohibited by law). Admissions Office Visitor Parking is available in the Maywood Street Parking Lot. However, if this is full, you can try the Downing Street Parking Garage next to the Kneller Athletic Center. Enter and exit on Downing Street only. Spaces may be available in the outdoor lot on Downing Street. Some street parking is permitted, but please check carefully for parking restrictions. All cars parked in Clark University Parking Areas are required to have a permit. Others will be ticketed.