



Clafin University

The World Needs Visionaries

Institutional Profile Fall 2009

Type of University: Independent, four-year, co-educational, residential, career-oriented liberal arts university affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

History: Founded in 1869, Clafin University is the oldest historically black college or university in South Carolina. It is also the first college in the state to welcome all students regardless of race or gender.

Faculty: 109 full-time teaching faculty with 77 % holding terminal degrees in their fields.

Student/Faculty Ratio: Student-faculty ratio: 14:1.

Academic Year: Fall and spring semesters and a summer session.

Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment: 1860 students are enrolled with 40% male and 60% female from 43 South Carolina counties, 28 states and 11 countries.

Academic Programs: The University offers broad based education in liberal arts and sciences combined with internships and other career-focused programs. There are 35 undergraduate majors organized in four schools including the School of Education, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Business and the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The university also provides educational opportunities for adult learners through its Professional and Continuing Studies and Graduate Programs. The university also offers master's degrees in Business Administration (MBA), Biotechnology and Education.

Cost: 2009-2010 tuition and fees: \$13,172. Room and board: \$7,078-\$8,932. These amounts are set annually by the Board of Trustees.

Financial Aid: 96% of full-time students attending Clafin receive some form of financial aid. Need-based scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs are available for eligible students.

Student Services: Comprehensive programs in personal, health, career, and placement counseling.

Housing: Ten Residence Halls, including 8 for women and 2 for men, accommodating about 1,003 students (334 males and 669 females.)

ROTC: Clafin University's School of Education offers an Air Force ROTC program on campus. Clafin graduates who complete the R.O.T.C. program (a cross enrollment agreement with South Carolina State University) may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

Intercollegiate Sports: The University holds membership in NCAA Division II and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for student-athletes. Men's teams include compete in basketball, baseball, tennis, track and field and cross country and women's teams consist of basketball, softball, volleyball, track and field and cross country.

Location: Clafin University's historic 46-acre campus is located in Orangeburg, South Carolina, about 40 miles south of Columbia.

A Sample of National Recognitions

- Ranked the **#1 HBCU** for the second consecutive year by Forbes.com
- Ranked **#1 in the South** among 80 schools nationally for its "Strong Commitment to Teaching"
- Ranked **#2 in the South** among 77 schools nationally as a "Top Up-and-Coming School"
- Ranked **#12 in the Top Tier** among Baccalaureate Colleges in the South by U.S. News and World Report
- Ranked **#2 in Annual Alumni Giving (36%)** among *Top Tier* Colleges in the South and **#1 among HBCUs**

