

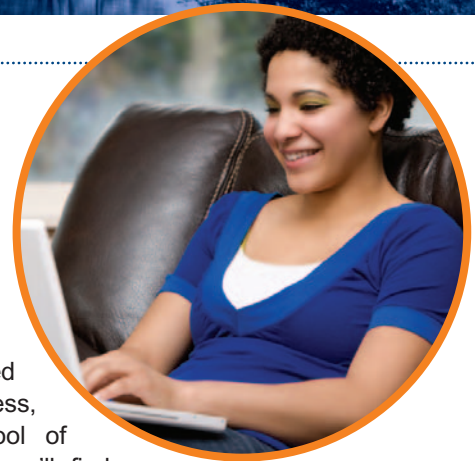
# Clayton State University Review

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## Choosing Your Major

*Do you need help in making your big decision?*



**F**uture college students have two difficult questions that only they can answer, with lots of input from family and friends, of course: 1) where should I go for my higher education, and 2) what should I study? Even after deciding which school to attend, the question of major can be a difficult one to answer. After all, most people have a variety of subjects, issues, and skills they enjoy—and narrowing them all down into the one major that will likely lead to a future career can cause a lot of stress and second-guessing.

Clayton State University requires prospective students to list their expected majors on their applications, and there's no "undecided" option. So, if you're pondering what to list in that blank space, here is some helpful information.

- You can check out [www.GACollege411.org/](http://www.GACollege411.org/). Just click on the "Explore Careers" link. If you need more guidance, click "Career Assessments" and take their self-assessment quizzes.
- The College Board web site has a great section listing profiles for every possible major, and which universities offer them. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), and then type "majors and careers central" into their search engine.
- The Clayton State University web site has a lot of great information about the major programs of study and degrees offered. Just go to [www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu), and then click on "Academic Programs". You'll find all the departments and schools listed here, with links to their own web

pages. So, for example, if you're interested in studying business, click on the "School of Business" link and you'll find information about all the various majors programs: accounting, general business, management, and marketing.

- Did you know at Clayton State, you have the option of creating your own course of study? Liberal Studies (for liberal arts-based programs) or Integrative Studies (for science-based programs) can let you combine different courses to create a program that works for you. For example, if you want a career running your own online business, you could create a curriculum involving classes in both information technology and business. You'll have to work with an advisor to design your program.

Don't forget: even though you have to start with a major, you can change your mind, preferably before you begin your junior year. You may choose computer science as a freshman, and then after some composition classes decide that English is a better fit, with technical writing as your anticipated career. Luckily, that's what college is all about: taking time to discover what matters to you, and how you can make a difference in the world. ■



**We're Still Accepting Applications  
for our Fall 2009 Semester!**

**Deadline: July 15, 2009**

Applications and official documents must be submitted and all files must be complete by this date.

# Making Sense of Application Paperwork

Completing your application file can be easy if you're organized!

Every semester, admissions counselors review stacks of application files carefully, using the information provided to decide whether or not prospective students meet the requirements for admission to Clayton State University. Some students submit their applications early and with all necessary components in place, ready to work with the counselors to provide additional information if necessary. Other students wait until the last minute, filling in blanks and throwing paperwork together—and then hope that it all works out. Can you tell which students are more likely to get acceptance letters and have a better transition to college?

Remember: students are not considered for admission until their files are complete. Be sure to submit all necessary paperwork early if possible—and definitely by the deadline!

## Here's a list of all required items for application to Clayton State:

- A completed application for admission
- You can fill out an application online at [www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu) or [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)
- If using a paper application, be sure all blanks are filled in and your application is signed.
- A \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee
- If you apply online, you'll need to use a credit or debit card
- If using a paper application, please enclose a check or money order made out to Clayton State University with the application.
- You may be eligible for an application fee waiver through College Board. For more information, go to [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees/feewaivers.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees/feewaivers.html).
- Your official high school transcript
- If you haven't graduated yet, you'll need to send a preliminary transcript. Then, after graduation you'll submit an official final transcript.
- Your transcript must be in an unopened, sealed envelope with the high school seal. You can deliver it yourself (it must stay sealed!), or request your high school send it.
- Your SAT and/or ACT scores
- When you take these tests, request that your scores be sent directly to Clayton State University. Clayton State's code is 5145 for the SAT and 0803 for the ACT.
- If you didn't originally request your scores be sent to Clayton State, you can still have them sent by visiting the below Web sites:  
[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html)  
[www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

**If you are admitted to Clayton State, you'll also be required to submit a certificate of immunization.**

Download the form on [www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu). The form must be completed and signed by a doctor, nurse practitioner, or health department official.

If you're a Georgia resident, your doctor can use the Georgia Immunization Registry (GRITS) to download a form.

Please contact Clayton State's Office of Recruitment and Admissions at (678) 466-4115 or [csu-info@clayton.edu](mailto:csu-info@clayton.edu) if you have questions or concerns. ■



## Clayton State Counselor Profile

# Joseph Echols, Admissions Counselor

Choosing a university can be intimidating. There's a lot to think about: location, size of campus and student population, degree programs, financial aid opportunities—the list goes on. Considering the potential impact this one decision could have on a student and his or her family, it's no wonder people find the process extremely challenging.

That's why so many potential students are so grateful to meet Joseph Echols. An admissions counselor at Clayton State University for three years, Joseph is never without a reassuring smile on his face. "I absolutely love this school and love talking to potential scholars about how to find the right path for them to attend."

Echols himself is an alumnus of Clayton



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State, graduating with a degree in Business Management in 2006. His skills and knowledge gained as both a student and an admissions professional help him handle any problems prospective students may have—with a personal touch.

Echols reminds prospective students to be sure to take their admissions tests (SAT, ACT) in a timely fashion to ensure their applications are completed promptly. In addition, sometimes students need advice and some creative strategies. "There was a student who had an extremely high GPA, but just did not test well. I talked him through the process, and there were many obstacles to overcome, but he finally got accepted."

Contact Joseph Echols at (678) 466-4115 or [csu-info@clayton.edu](mailto:csu-info@clayton.edu). ■

## Mind the Majors

### Our new list of undergraduate and pre-professional programs

Clayton State University is pleased to offer more than 40 bachelor's degree programs, associate's degree programs, certificate programs, and pre-professional tracks. If you have any questions about one of the programs of study listed below, please feel free to contact Clayton State's Office of Recruitment and Admissions at (678) 466-4115 or by e-mail at [csu-info@clayton.edu](mailto:csu-info@clayton.edu). We'll put you in touch with a counselor or advisor who can help you with your educational and career goals. ■

#### List of Majors / Bachelor's Degree Programs (as of Fall 2009):

##### ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

Computer Network Technology  
Information Technology  
Paralegal Studies

##### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE PROGRAMS:

Information Technology  
Paralegal Studies

##### ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS:

Arts, Core Curriculum  
Science, Core Curriculum

##### Bachelor's Degree Programs:

##### BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAMS:

Communication and Media Studies

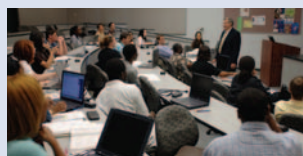
English  
History  
Liberal Studies  
Middle Level Education  
Music  
Theatre

##### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS:

Administrative Management  
Allied Health Administration  
Dental Hygiene Practice and Administration  
Technology Management  
Homeland Security / Emergency Management (coming soon!)

##### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS:

Accounting



Business Marketing and Marketing Management  
General Business Management

##### BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS:

Information Design and Production  
Information Technology

##### BACHELOR OF MUSIC PROGRAMS:

Music – General

##### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS:

Biology  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice

Dental Hygiene  
Dental Hygiene (RDH to BSDH)  
Health Care Management  
Health Fitness Management  
Information Technology – WebBSIT (online degree program)  
Integrative Studies  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Nursing  
Nursing (RN to BSN)  
Political Science  
Psychology and Human Services  
Sociology

##### PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRACKS:

Pre-dentistry  
Pre-engineering  
Pre-law  
Pre-medicine  
Pre-pharmacy



# Visit Clayton State!



### From I-75

Take I-75 to exit 233 (15 miles south of downtown Atlanta). Turn left and follow the green and white signs for 1-1/2 miles north on Georgia Highway 54. Turn right onto Clayton State Boulevard.

### From I-675

Take I-675 to exit 5 west and continue straight on Forest Parkway for two miles. Turn left onto North Parkway. At the first traffic light, Harper Drive, North Parkway becomes North Lee Street. Continue straight on North Lee Street for one block to the next traffic light. Turn left onto Clayton State Boulevard.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

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[www.clayton.edu/futurestudents.htm](http://www.clayton.edu/futurestudents.htm)



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