



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

COUNSELOR GUIDE



Our students are a diverse group chosen for both their academic achievements and commitment to engagement through meaningful extracurricular activities.

We emphasize the importance of interviews and demonstrated interest in Christopher Newport University as part of our holistic application review process, because we should work together to find the best fit!

We strive to inspire both hearts and minds and we celebrate the values inherent in the liberal arts and sciences. Students come first at Christopher Newport University, and they bring our campus alive with their energy, enthusiasm and intellect. Our students learn to live lives of significance. We applaud their extraordinary accomplishments and hope your students choose to join us on campus!

WHAT'S NEW AT CNU

- + Minors in Forensic Science and Music
- + Nursing Program collaboration with Riverside Health System
- + School of Engineering and Computing
(Formerly Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering)
- + Three Certificate Programs -
Data Analytics, Research & Creative Activity and Professional Ethics
- + Four year program in elementary education
- + New Science and Engineering Research Center under construction
- + CNU Athletics ranked #14 nationally - Learfield Director's Cup (out of 400+ Division III programs)
- + Courses and Seminars: Sports Management, Artificial Intelligence (AI)



FINANCIAL AID DATA

\$16,755

Average financial aid package

33%

Percentage of freshmen receiving a merit award

*Financial Aid packages are sent via email soon after each decision notification date

DEADLINES

FAFSA

Priority

March 1, 2025

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Preferred

December 15, 2024

Priority

February 15, 2025

ANCHORED IN EXCELLENCE

NUMBER ONE REGIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA

*U.S. News

90+

Areas of
study

60% of classes
have 19 or fewer
students

70% graduation rate

"national 5-year public average is below 50%"

96%

of graduates are employed
or in grad school within
six months of graduation

FOUR RECENT

NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 Women's Soccer 2022 Softball
2023 Men's Basketball 2024 Cheerleading

4,500

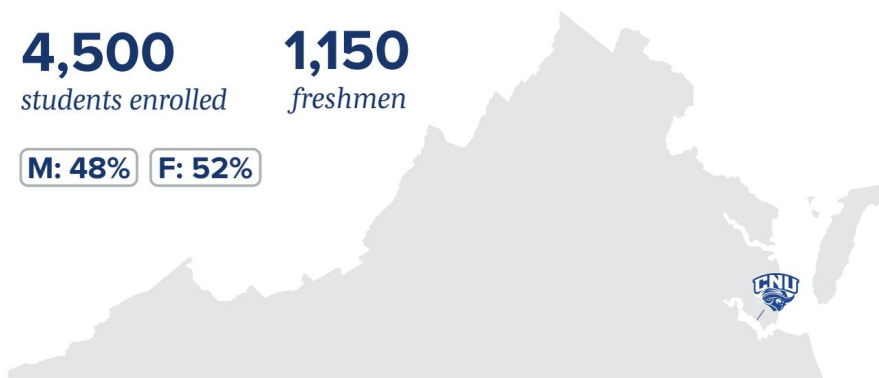
students enrolled

1,150

freshmen

M: 48%

F: 52%



Current students hail from
every region of Virginia

28 OTHER STATES

26 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE*

1200 Average SAT (Evidence-Based
Reading & Writing and Math)

3.8 Average high school GPA

*Fall 2023

400+

 renewable freshman scholarships
for honors and leadership students

24 VARSITY TEAMS

NCAA Division III
Coast-to-Coast Conference

200

clubs and student
organizations

ON-CAMPUS PARKING

for all students,
including freshmen

The Ferguson Center for the Arts and Torggler Fine Arts Center offer endless opportunities to enjoy and study the performing and visual arts.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA)

The only public university
in the U.S. to earn a
perfect "A+" grade for
strength of curriculum

Bloomberg Businessweek

America's top 100
best undergraduate
business schools

Poets & Quants

#3 business school
among public
universities in Virginia

Learn.org

Communication and
psychology programs
among best in nation

Study.com

Biology program
#8 in the U.S.

The Princeton Review

The Best 390 Colleges

#7 for Internships
(Nationally ranked)

Top 20:

- + Best Quality of Life
- + Most Engaged in
Public Service
- + Best College Dorms

#4 Nationally among
public universities
and #1 in Virginia

Top Master's in Education

Top 5 Elementary Education
Graduate Programs

AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- African American Studies
- American Studies
 - Constitutional Studies
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
- Anthropology
- Applied Physics
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Bioethics
- Biology
 - Biology – Cellular, Molecular and Physiological
 - Biology – Integrative
 - Biology – Kinesiology
 - Biology – Organismal and Environmental
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
 - Childhood Studies
 - Child Life
 - Chinese Studies
 - Civic Engagement and Social Justice
- Classical Studies
- Communication
 - Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Data Science
- Digital Humanities
- Discrete Mathematics
- Economics
 - Mathematical Economics
 - Economic Policy
 - International Economics
- Elementary Education (PreK-6)
- Electrical Engineering
- English
 - Literature
 - Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- Finance
- Forensic Science
- French
- Global Commerce and Culture
- German
- Geography
- Greek Studies
- Health, Medical and Wellness Studies
- History
 - Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
 - Information Science
 - International Affairs
 - International Culture and Business
 - Journalism
 - Judeo-Christian Studies
 - Latin
 - Latin American Studies
- Leadership Studies*
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
 - Mathematics – Computational and Applied
 - Biology and Life Sciences
 - Economics
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Physics and Engineering
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Middle East and North Africa Studies
- Military Science (ROTC)
- Museum Studies
- Music
 - Performance
 - Composition
 - Music Studies
 - Creative Studies
 - Pre-Certification: Choral
 - Pre-Certification: Instrumental
- Neuroscience
- Nursing**
- Philosophy
 - Pre-Seminary Studies
 - Studies in Religion
- Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy of Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
 - 2D and 3D Media
 - Graphic Design
 - Photography and Video Art
- Theater
 - Acting
 - Arts Administration
 - Design/Technical Theater
 - Directing/Dramatic Literature
 - Musical Theater
 - Theater Studies
- U.S. National Security Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Writing

ADVISING TRACKS

Pre-Law

Pre-Med and Pre-Health

FIVE-YEAR, BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Applied Physics and Computer Science

Environmental Science

Teaching

GRADUATE STUDY

Financial Analysis

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Data Analytics for the Social Sciences

Undergraduate Certificate in Research and Creative Activity

Professional Ethics

● Major ● Minor ● Concentration

*Approved as a second major only

**3+2 program with Riverside Health System



ADMISSION EVENTS AND TOURS

Open House

February 22, 2025 | March 22, 2025

President's Leadership and Honors Visit Days

November 9, 2024 | January 27, 2025 | February 8, 2025

Admitted Freshman Day

April 12, 2025 | April 26, 2025

Day in the Life as a Captain

February 17, 2025

Information Sessions and Campus Tours

Weekdays: 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m.

Group Visits

Contact Kim McDaniel at kimberly.mcdaniel@cnu.edu for additional information. Transportation and meals are available for Early College Awareness and College Access Groups.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNSELORS

INDIVIDUAL VISITS

Contact Dean of Admission Rob Lange at (757) 594-8070 or robert.lange@cnu.edu.

For counselor information, visit cnu.edu/hscounselor. Students may schedule a visit or register for an event at cnu.edu/campusvisit.



MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

For first-time, full-time freshmen

BONNER SERVICE SCHOLARS

The Bonner Service Scholars Program is a four-year, developmental initiative that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond through a partnership with the national Bonner Foundation.

CANON VIRGINIA, INC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded to President's Leadership Program students with an interest in engineering or computer science.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded based on academic credentials for students with intended majors in computer engineering, computer science, or cybersecurity

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students in music, theater and dance, and fine art and art history based on talent and potential demonstrated through audition or portfolio submission

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program features stimulating interdisciplinary seminar courses and requires at least two Honors inquiries chosen from study abroad, independent research, civic engagement or internships. Honors students are also afforded more academic freedom, with seminar coursework satisfying liberal learning core requirements.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP)

PLP is for high-achieving students who have shown a passion for engagement while in high school and who demonstrate leadership potential. This program uniquely integrates the academic study of leadership, service learning and personal development.

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL GROUP (RMG)

Chosen from among the top incoming Pre-Med Scholars, RMG Scholars are mentored by Riverside Health System physicians and gain clinical experiences through summer medical rotations, as well as other medical education activities.

For scholarship details and how to apply visit cnu.edu/scholarships



APPLYING TO CNU

CNU.EDU/APPLY

We encourage students to apply to Christopher Newport as early as possible to receive every consideration for admission and merit scholarships. Admission rates decrease from Early Decision and Early Action through Regular Decision.

Application Type	Deadline to Apply	Notification Date
Early Decision	November 15	December 15
Early Action	December 1	January 15
Regular Decision	February 1	March 15

EARLY DECISION

By applying Early Decision, students agree to enroll if offered admission. While students may apply to other colleges, they agree to withdraw all other applications if admitted. If students feel Christopher Newport University is the right fit for them, applying Early Decision will give students the best chance for admission as it demonstrates their commitment, which we take into account when reviewing their application. Early Decision is binding.

EARLY ACTION

Early Action is a nonbinding option and great choice for students very interested in Christopher Newport University but still considering other colleges. By applying Early Action, a decision will be made long before the traditional spring notification date.

REGULAR DECISION

Regular Decision is also nonbinding and provides the most time for students to submit their application. It has the latest notification date and is the most competitive.

• 2024-25 COSTS PER YEAR •

	TUITION	ROOM AND BOARD	TOTAL
IN-STATE	\$16,828	\$12,820	\$29,648
OUT-OF-STATE	\$31,178	\$12,820	\$43,998

CNU.EDU/TUITION CNU.EDU/FINANCIALAID

ADMISSION INTERVIEWS

These are a great way for applicants to enhance their admission application and receive a personalized introduction to Christopher Newport. We want to learn about our applicants - their personal qualities, challenges overcome and other important information. Interviews, either on-campus or virtual, are strongly recommended for all applicants and are required for scholarship applicants.



TEST-OPTIONAL

We offer test-optional admission and many of our admission offers are made each year to students who choose not to submit standardized test scores.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The President's Leadership Program and the Honors Program offer high-achieving freshman applicants the opportunity to be considered for renewable scholarships, study abroad opportunities, and priority housing and class registration.





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VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR

Check out our virtual tour to preview campus and hear from current Christopher Newport University students. Visit online or download our app to explore our campus in virtual reality. With 360-degree views and cinematic experience, you can choose your path as you travel throughout campus.

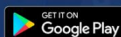
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Christopher Newport - Experience Campus in VR



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