



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL COUNSELOR GUIDE





THE CLASS OF 2024 is a superb group of student leaders chosen for both their high academic achievements and their commitment to engagement through meaningful extracurricular activities.

We now place more emphasis on interview ratings and demonstrated commitment to Christopher Newport University during the holistic application review process than in years past.

As we strive to transform hearts and minds, we celebrate the values inherent in the liberal arts and sciences. Students come first at Christopher Newport University, and we are deeply committed to the outstanding young men and women who bring our campus alive with their energy, enthusiasm and intellect. Our students learn to **lead lives of significance**, and as they demonstrate exceptional leadership both in and out of the classroom, we applaud their extraordinary accomplishments.

APPLICATIONS BY ADMISSION PLAN

Admission Plan	Applicants	Admitted	Admit Rate
Early Decision	375	319	85%
Early Action	4,452	3,752	84%

**Only completed applications resulting in an official decision for fall 2020 are included.*



Financial Aid DATA

\$14,530 Average financial aid package

40% Percentage of freshmen receiving a merit award

FAFSA DEADLINE

Preferred - December 15, 2020
Priority - March 1, 2021

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Preferred - December 15, 2020
Regular - February 15, 2021

2020-21 COSTS PER YEAR

	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition	\$14,924	\$27,790
Room and Board	\$12,120	\$12,120
TOTAL	\$27,044	\$39,910

 cnu.edu/tuition

 cnu.edu/financialaid

Areas of STUDY

■ Major ▲ Minor ● Concentration

- Accounting
- ▲ African American Studies
- ▲ American Studies
 - Constitutional Studies
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
- ▲ Anthropology
- ▲ Applied Physics
- ▲ Asian Studies
- ▲ Art History
- Biochemistry
- ▲ Biology
 - Biology – Cellular, Molecular and Physiological
 - Biology – Integrative
 - Biology – Organismal and Environmental
- ▲ Business Administration
- ▲ Chemistry
 - ▲ Childhood Studies
 - ▲ Civic Engagement and Social Justice
- ▲ Classical Studies
 - Classical Languages
 - Classical Studies
- ▲ Communication
 - Computer Engineering
- ▲ Computer Science
- ▲ Criminology
 - Cybersecurity
- ▲ Data Science
- ▲ Dance
- ▲ Digital Humanities
- ▲ Discrete Mathematics
- ▲ Economics
 - Mathematical Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- ▲● Literature
- ▲● Writing
- ▲ Environmental Studies
- ▲ Film Studies

- Finance
- ▲ French
- ▲ German
- ▲ Greek Studies
- ▲ History
 - ▲ Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
- ▲ Information Science
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- ▲ International Culture and Business
- ▲ Judeo-Christian Studies
- ▲ Latin
- ▲ Latin American Studies
- ▲ Leadership Studies*
- ▲ Linguistics
- Management
- Marketing
- ▲ Mathematics
 - Mathematics – Computational and Applied
 - Biology and Life Sciences
 - Economics
 - Physics, Dynamics and Engineering
- ▲ Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- ▲ Middle East and North Africa Studies
- ▲ Military Science (ROTC)
- ▲ Museum Studies
- Music
 - Pre-Certification Choral
 - Composition
 - Creative Studies
 - Pre-Certification Instrumental
 - Music Studies
 - Performance
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
 - Pre-Seminary Studies
 - Studies in Religion
- ▲ Philosophy and Religion

- ▲ Philosophy of Law
- ▲ Political Science
- ▲ Psychology
- Social Work
- ▲ Sociology
- ▲ Spanish
- ▲ Studio Art
 - ▲● Graphic Design
 - ▲● Photography and Video Art
 - 2D and 3D Media
- ▲ Theater
 - Acting
 - Arts Administration
 - Design/Technical Theater
 - Directing/Dramatic Literature
 - Music Theater/Dance
 - Theater Studies
- ▲ U.S. National Security Studies
- ▲ Women's and Gender Studies

Advising

TRACKS

Biotechnology and Management
Pre-Health
Pre-Law
Pre-Med

Master's

PROGRAMS

Applied Physics and Computer Science
Environmental Science
Financial Analysis
Teaching



cnu.edu/academics

**approved as a second major only*

Scholarship PROGRAMS

President's Leadership PROGRAM (PLP)

As part of PLP, each student earns a minor in leadership studies. Through challenging courses, public service, personal development, foreign study and other targeted opportunities, PLP empowers leadership students to make a difference — to become caring, knowledgeable and effective leaders for America and the world. **Each student receives an annual residential scholarship and one-time study abroad scholarship, as well as priority housing in a PLP Learning Community and priority course registration.**



cnu.edu/plp

Honors PROGRAM

This unique program offers students more freedom to customize their academic experience for their personal and professional aspirations by reducing the liberal learning core requirements. This allows more time for interdisciplinary seminar-style courses and challenges students by means of study abroad, independent research, internships, jobs and volunteer experience relevant to their passions. **Each student receives an annual residential scholarship and one-time study abroad scholarship, as well as priority housing in an Honors Learning Community and priority course registration.**



cnu.edu/honors

• FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES •

LUTER SCHOOL
OF BUSINESS
cnu.edu/business

MASTER OF ARTS
IN TEACHING
cnu.edu/teacherprep

PRE-HEALTH
cnu.edu/prehealth

PRE-MED
cnu.edu/premed

PRE-LAW
cnu.edu/prelaw

INTERNSHIPS
cnu.edu/careerplanning

LEARNING
COMMUNITIES
cnu.edu/learningcommunities

STUDY ABROAD
cnu.edu/studyabroad

SERVICE
cnuengage.org

UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH
cnu.edu/research

Applying TO CNU

We encourage students to apply to Christopher Newport as early as possible. We anticipate receiving 8,000 applications for only 1,200 spaces in the fall freshman class.

Application Type	Deadline to Apply	Notification Date	Binding
Early Decision	November 15	December 15	Yes
Early Action	December 1	January 15	No
Regular Decision	February 1	March 15	No

Early Decision

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

Admission INTERVIEWS

Interviews are strongly recommended for all applicants and are required for PLP and Honors candidates. This personal interaction is an important part of the application process. It is a great way for students to enhance their admission application and receive a personalized introduction to Christopher Newport. We want to meet students one-on-one to learn about them – their personal qualities, challenges overcome, and other important information we can't discern from their test scores or GPA.

 cnu.edu/interview

Test- OPTIONAL

Christopher Newport was one of the first public universities in Virginia to offer test-optional admission over a decade ago, and many of our admission offers are made each year to students who choose not to submit standardized test scores. Until this year, we required a minimum GPA or rank-in-class for test-optional consideration. In light of recent testing and other hardships experienced by students and their families, all applicants for the fall 2021 semester are permitted to apply test-optional.

WE ACCEPT

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



 Apply at cnu.edu/admission



Admission Events and TOURS

To best accommodate prospective students and their families during these challenging times, we offer individual family tours and on-campus student interviews, as well as a number of virtual visit opportunities. All in-person visits must be scheduled in advance.

Please visit cnu.edu/campusvisit to confirm visit availability and options, as they are subject to change.

PERSONAL CAMPUS TOURS

Guests will walk around campus with a current student to learn more about life as a Captain. Following the tour, an admission staff member will be available to provide additional information and answer any questions. Guided walking tours are limited to one family per tour guide.

Weekdays at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

There is also a 360-degree video tour, as well as a self-guided virtual tour available online at cnu.edu/virtualvisit.

VIRTUAL LIVE Q&A

An admission staff member and a current student will share information about the Christopher Newport experience and answer any questions about life as a Captain.

Weekdays at 2:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, we will host a number of virtual events – open house, signature programs and scholarship opportunities, and admission application workshops. Additional details and dates are available at cnu.edu/campusvisit.

Opportunities for COUNSELORS

INDIVIDUAL VISITS

To schedule a campus visit, contact Rob Lange at **(757) 594-8070** or robert.lange@cnu.edu.

COUNSELOR VISIT DAY

We are planning a virtual event for counselors for early spring. Be on the lookout for your invitation!

For important counselor information, visit cnu.edu/hscounselor



At a GLANCE



5,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED

From every region in Virginia, 28 other states and 32 foreign countries

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE*

1,200 FRESHMEN

22% MINORITY STUDENTS

1205

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

25

Average ACT

3.8

Average High School GPA

**As of fall 2019*



56% 44%

TOP 5 INTENDED MAJORS

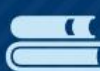
1. Business
2. Biology
3. Psychology
4. Computer Science/Engineering
5. Communication

15% Undecided

260-ACRE campus

4-YEAR PUBLIC
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY

Newport News
VIRGINIA



90+ AREAS OF STUDY



90% OF OUR FACULTY HOLD A PhD

or highest degree in their fields



A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS WITH WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES
Georgian architecture with state-of-the-art technology

400+



RENEWABLE FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR HONORS AND LEADERSHIP STUDENTS



200+ CLUBS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

SMALL CLASSES

60% OF CLASSES HAVE 19 OR FEWER STUDENTS



ON-CAMPUS PARKING FOR ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING FRESHMEN



24 VARSITY TEAMS NCAA DIVISION III
Capital Athletic Conference



RESIDENTIAL

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS REQUIRED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS
OPTIONAL FOR SENIORS



GRADUATION RATES

69% FOUR-YEAR
80% SIX-YEAR



• RECENT ACCOLADES •

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI (ACTA)

1 of 5 public institutions in the nation to to earn a perfect "A" rating for the strength of its curriculum

POETS & QUANTS

Top 50 undergraduate business schools

FORBES

No. 4 among the top 20 colleges for minorities in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields

Top 5 Medium-Sized Public Colleges in the South

KIPLINGER'S

Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

Best 386 Colleges

No. 14 Most Engaged in Community Service

No. 8 Best College Dorms

No. 20 Best Quality of Life

TOP MASTER'S IN EDUCATION

Top 5 Elementary Education Graduate Programs

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

No. 4 Top Public Schools (Regional Universities in the South)

No. 7 Regional Universities in the South



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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



Experience Christopher Newport University in VR