

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT

SCHOOL COUNSELOR GUIDE



Our students are a diverse group chosen for both their academic achievements and commitment to engagement through all sorts of 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”!

As we strive to inspire 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 how to be successful, and what it means to leave lives of significance. We applaud their extraordinary accomplishments!

WHAT'S NEW AT CNU

- + New President – William G. Kelly
- + International Affairs major
- + Child Life minor
- + Data Analytics certificate
- + Four year program in elementary education
- + Men's Basketball – 2023 NCAA III National Champions
- + Integrated Science Center III construction



FINANCIAL AID DATA

\$15,871

Average financial aid package

31%

Percentage of freshmen receiving a merit award

DEADLINES

FAFSA

Priority

March 1, 2024

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Preferred

December 15, 2023

Priority

February 15, 2024

AT A GLANCE

PUBLIC

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

with a private school feel

90+

Areas of study

SIXTY PERCENT

of classes have 19 or fewer students

66% *four-year graduation rate*

75% *five-year graduation rate*

"national average for public universities is below 40%"

96%

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

A beautiful high-tech campus where you'll make friends for life as you prepare for career success

1,150

freshmen

4,500

total students enrolled

29%

underrepresented students

M: 50% F: 50%

Current students hail from every region of Virginia

29 OTHER STATES

23 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE*

1192 Average SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math)

3.8 Average high school GPA

**fall 2022*

400+ *renewable freshman scholarships for honors and leadership students*

24 VARSITY TEAMS

NCAA Division III
Coast-to-Coast Conference

TWO HUNDRED

clubs and student organizations

ON-CAMPUS PARKING

for all students, including freshmen

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

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 386 Colleges

#7 for Internships (Nationally ranked)

Top 20:

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

Top Master's in Education

Top 5 Elementary Education Graduate Programs

U.S. News & World Report

No. 5 Top Public Schools (Regional Universities in the South)

AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- African American Studies
- American Studies
 - Constitutional Studies
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
 - Biology – Cellular, Molecular and Physiological
 - Biology – Integrative
 - Biology – Kinesiology
 - Biology – Organismal and Environmental
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
 - Child Life
 - Childhood Studies
 - 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
- Electrical Engineering
- English
 - Literature
 - Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- Finance
- French
- German
- Geography
- Global Commerce and Culture
- Greek Studies
- Health, Medical and Wellness Studies
- History
 - Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
- Information Science
- International Affairs
- International Culture and Business
- Judeo-Christian Studies
- Journalism
- 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 Renaissance 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
- Philosophy
 - Pre-Seminary Studies
 - Studies in Religion
- Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy of Law
- Physics
- 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

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

BACHELOR'S TO FIVE-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Applied Physics and Computer Science
Environmental Science
Teaching

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Data Analytics for the Social Sciences

GRADUATE STUDY

Financial Analysis

CNU.EDU/ACADEMICS

● Major ● Minor ● Concentration

*Approved as a second major only



ADMISSION EVENTS AND TOURS

Open House

October 21, 2023 | February 24, 2024 | March 23, 2024

President's Leadership and Honors Visit Days

October 14, 2023 | November 11, 2023
January 27, 2024 | February 10, 2024

Admitted Freshman Day

April 6, 2024 | April 13, 2024

Day in the Life as a Captain

February 19, 2024

Drop your Anchor

April 27, 2024

Information Sessions and Campus Tours

Weekdays: 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNSELORS

High School Counselor Visit Day

February 5, 2024

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**.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP) | cnu.edu/plp

As part of PLP, each student earns a minor in leadership studies. Through challenging courses, public service, personal development, 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.**

HONORS PROGRAM | cnu.edu/honors

This unique program offers students more freedom to customize their academic experience for their personal and professional aspirations. 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.**

Additional scholarship opportunities: Bonner Service Scholars, Canon Leadership Scholarship, Computer Science and Engineering Scholars, Ferguson Enterprises Performing Arts Scholarships, Riverside Medical Group Pre-Med Scholars

ADVISING TRACKS

PRE-HEALTH
cnu.edu/prehealth

PRE-MED
cnu.edu/premed

PRE-LAW
cnu.edu/prelaw

ACADEMIC PILLARS

INTERNSHIPS
cnu.edu/internships

SERVICE
cnu.edu/engage

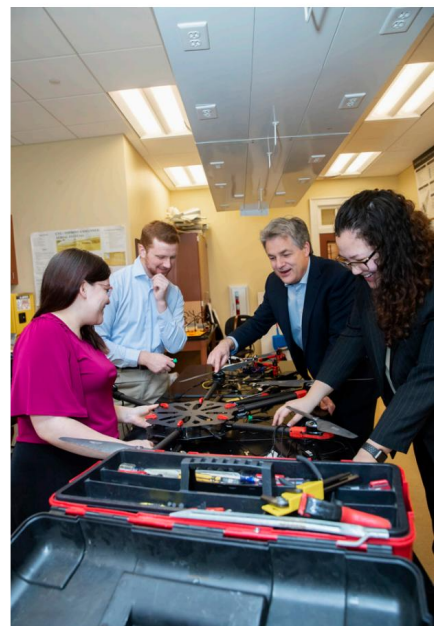
STUDY ABROAD
cnu.edu/studyabroad

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
cnu.edu/research

STUDENT SERVICES

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS
cnu.edu/academicsuccess

CENTER FOR CAREER PLANNING
cnu.edu/careerplanning



APPLYING TO CNU

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

• 2023-24 COSTS PER YEAR •

	TUITION	ROOM AND BOARD	TOTAL
IN-STATE	\$16,351	\$12,720	\$29,071
OUT-OF-STATE	\$30,988	\$12,720	\$43,708

CNU.EDU/TUITION CNU.EDU/FINANCIALAID

ADMISSION INTERVIEWS cnu.edu/interview

Interviews are strongly recommended for all applicants and are required for scholarship applicants. We offer both on-campus and virtual interviews. This personal interaction is an important part of the application process. It is a great way to enhance your admission application and receive a personalized introduction to Christopher Newport. We want to meet you one-on-one to learn about you — your personal qualities, challenges overcome and other important information we can't discern from your test scores or GPA.

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. Our holistic review process takes many factors into consideration, and applying test-optional requires that we place more emphasis on other credentials. Many students still choose to submit standardized test scores from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT), and/or the Classic Learning Test (CLT) to bolster their admission and scholarship competitiveness.

Apply at cnu.edu/apply





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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.

i.cnu.edu/virtualtour

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Christopher Newport - Experience Campus in VR



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