The Office of Admission provides the following services:

- Reviews and acts on applications for admission to the University.
- Makes referrals to the academic departments for curricular advising.
- Provides guided tours of the campus.
- Conducts information sessions on and off campus.
- Distributes University publications.
- Determines eligibility for in-state tuition.
- Represents the University at high school visits, college fairs, panel presentations and other recruitment venues.

It is the policy of Christopher Newport University to admit students whose ability and preparation indicate potential for success in the programs of study offered. CNU does not discriminate in admission on the basis of race, gender, color, age, religion, veteran status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or political affiliation. Students may be admitted as degree-seeking students to the University beginning in the fall or spring semesters. Applicants must meet published deadlines, and the University will accept the best-qualified applicants on a space-available basis.

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### Freshman Admission Requirements, Degree-seeking

Admission to Christopher Newport University is selective and competitive. Space is limited in each entering class and admission is reserved for the best-qualified applicants. General requirements for freshman admission are:

- Graduation from an accredited secondary school or its equivalent. Christopher Newport University emphasizes strong academic preparation. Freshman applicants are expected to have completed a college preparatory curriculum, such as Virginia’s 24-unit Advanced Studies Diploma (ASD) program, or its equivalent. This program requires four units of English, three units in the social sciences, four units in mathematics, four units in laboratory science, and either three units in one foreign language or two years of two foreign languages. The mid-range (middle 50%) for successful applicants is a 3.40-3.90/4.00 GPA and a 1090-1284 SAT (critical reading and math). Each applicant is reviewed individually.
- The University accepts results of either the SAT or ACT. Applicants who have achieved a 3.50 GPA (on a 4.00 scale), or rank in the upper 10% of their high school graduating classes, and have pursued a rigorous curriculum, may apply to the University without submitting a standardized test score. Test optional applicants will be reviewed for the strength of their academic curriculum, recommendations, personal statement, and admission interview.
- An essay or personal statement of approximately 250-500 words.
- Optional--personal recommendation, preferably from a teacher in a core subject.
- Optional--We encourage any student applying for admission to interview at CNU.
- Degree-seeking applicants must submit a non-refundable application fee (see Undergraduate General Fees).

Effective with the Fall 2010 freshman class, first, second and third year students are required to live on campus unless they live with a parent or legal guardian in one of the following exempted areas: Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, Yorktown, Seaford, Grafton, or Tabb. The residential experience is designed for students who reach 17 to 22 years of age by September 1, 2013. Students who are younger or older than the previously stated ages will receive consideration on a case by case basis.

### Documents Required for Freshman Applicants

The following documentation must be submitted in addition to the application for admission:

1. **Current High School Students:** An official transcript and secondary school report must be forwarded to the Office of Admission from the applicant’s secondary
school. SAT or ACT scores are also required (except for Test Optional applicants).

2. **High School Graduates/Adults:** Applicants who graduated prior to the current year must also submit an official final high school transcript designating graduation date. (SAT or ACT is required of applicants who graduated from high school less than five years prior to applying.)

3. **Home Schooled:** Applicants must submit a transcript describing their college-preparatory courses and test results from either the SAT or ACT. A *Homeschool Supplement Form* is required at the time of application submission.

**Admission for International Students**

Christopher Newport University is authorized by federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. The admission application deadlines for international students are March 1 and Oct. 1, for the fall and spring semesters, respectively. (All supporting documentation must be received by these deadlines or the decision will be deferred to the next academic term.) Since the University is a state-supported institution, it cannot provide financial aid to international students. International applicants who are not U.S. citizens are required to:

1. Submit an application for admission under degree-seeking status.
2. Submit official copies of secondary school transcript(s) and/or leaving certificate(s). If these documents are not in English, certified English translations are required.
3. Submit official scores from the SAT or ACT. Results should be sent directly from the testing agency. The CNU SAT code is 5128 and the ACT code is 4345.
4. Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). If English is not the applicant's native language, and secondary school instruction was not in English, a TOEFL score of 71 or above for the internet-based test, 197 or above on the computer-based test, 530 or above on the paper-based test are required.
5. Submit a *Financial Resources Statement*, including any official bank statements or affidavits to demonstrate the financial resources required to pay out-of-state tuition, fees, and room/board at CNU.
6. Submit a non-refundable application fee (see *Undergraduate General Fees)*.

**Enrichment Program for High School Students**

The University offers certain high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to enroll in limited coursework at CNU prior to graduation from high school as a way to bridge the gap between high school and college. Open to students with strong academic backgrounds and standardized test scores, such students may take 100 and 200-level courses. An interview with an admission officer is required, following receipt of application materials.

Admission into this program is open to **seniors** who:

- Have cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or higher;
- Present SAT scores of 580 critical reading/520 mathematics or higher.

Admission into this program is open to **juniors** who:

- Have cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or higher;
- Present PSAT and/or SAT scores of 600 critical reading/550 mathematics or higher; and
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher who has taught the student in the academic discipline in which the student plans to enroll at CNU. The letter should address the student’s skills and ability in that discipline, motivation and study habits.

**Placement Credit Policies**

The University will review student records for placement credit in accordance with the following policies. Please note that these policies and the required scores are reviewed and updated annually. Official score reports from each testing agency are required. All placement credit is posted to the advising transcript available on the student’s individual CNU Live account after the May 1 Enrollment Deposit Deadline based on the test score and applicable CNU credit award chart below. Prospective students should check the CNU website for updates at www.cnu.edu/undergrad/general/ap.pdf.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Credit.** Students who want to have courses reviewed for college credit must supply an official proof of IB Diploma completion (in addition to official test score reports) to the Office of Admission. Departmental or elective credit is awarded based on exam score.
- **Advanced Placement Program (AP) of the College Entrance Examination Board.** Departmental or elective credit is awarded for each eligible course based on exam score.
- **University of Cambridge International Examinations.** Departmental or elective credit is awarded for each eligible course based on exam score.