

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

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The Office of Admission provides the following services:

- Reviews and acts on applications for freshman admission to the University and merit scholarship candidacy.
- 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 and electronic marketing material.
- Determines eligibility for in-state tuition.
- Represents the University at high school visits, college fairs, panel presentations and other recruitment venues.
- Sponsors on- and off-campus recruitment events.
- Conducts personal admission and scholarship application interviews.

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.

Admission Deadlines for Fall Freshman Applicants

<u>Application</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Notification Date</u>
Early Decision	November 15	December 15
Early Action	December 1	January 15
Regular Decision	February 1	March 15

Admission Deadlines for Spring Freshman Applicants

<u>Application</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Notification Date</u>
Regular Decision	October 1	Rolling

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 26-unit Advanced Studies Diploma (ASD) program, or its equivalent. This program requires four units of English, four units in the social sciences, four units in mathematics, four units in laboratory science, three units in one foreign language or two units in two foreign languages, two units in health and physical education, two units of electives, and one unit in fine arts or career and technical education. The mid-range (middle 50 percent) for successful applicants is a 3.50/4.00 GPA and a 1070-1240 SAT (critical reading and math), 1140-1290 SAT (evidence-based reading and writing and math) or 23-27 ACT (composite). Each applicant is reviewed individually and holistically.

- American sign language courses may be used to meet minimum high school foreign language course requirements.
- The University accepts results of either the SAT or ACT. Applicants who have achieved a 3.50 cumulative high school GPA (on a 4.00 scale), or rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes 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, extra-curricular involvement and admission interview. A limited number of Test Optional spaces are available within each entering freshman class.
- An essay or personal statement of approximately 250-500 words.
- All admission applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule an admission interview. Interviews are required for all merit scholarship applications administered by the Office of Admission.
- *Optional* – personal recommendation, preferably from a teacher in a core subject.
- Degree-seeking applicants must submit a non refundable application fee (see Undergraduate General Fees).

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, 2017. 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 must be forwarded to the Office of Admission from the applicant's secondary school. Official 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 Students:** Applicants must submit a transcript describing their college-preparatory courses and test results from either the SAT or ACT. A *Home School 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 February 1 and Oct. 1, for the fall and spring semesters, respectively. 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). If these documents are not in English, certified English translations are required.
3. Submit official scores from the SAT or ACT if native language is English. 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 one of the following testing agencies to demonstrate English proficiency if native language is not English: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); International English Language Testing System (IELTS); International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP).
5. Submit a *Financial Resources Statement*, including any official bank statements or affidavits to demonstrate the financial resources required to pay the cost of attendance at CNU.
6. Submit a non-refundable application fee (see *Undergraduate General Fees*).

Enrichment Program for High School Students

The University offers well qualified 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 only courses for which they meet the prerequisites. An interview with the Dean of Admission is required, after receipt of the following application materials.

- Non-Degree Application for admission, including a \$65 application fee.
- Official high school transcript.
- Official SAT or ACT scores.
- Letter of recommendation from high school principal, granting permission to take college courses at CNU.

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 chart published annually. Prospective students should check the CNU website for updates at cnu.edu/registrar/placement/.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Credit.** Students who want to have courses reviewed for college credit must supply 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 individual exam score.
- **Advanced Placement Program (AP) of the College 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.