



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!

Students come first at Christopher Newport University, and they bring our campus alive with their energy, enthusiasm and intellect. Our students are prepared for lifelong success, meaningful service, and leadership in a complex world. We applaud their extraordinary accomplishments and hope your students choose to join us on campus!

WHAT’S NEW AT CNU

- + Minors in Neuroscience and Electrical Engineering
- + First applicants for Nursing Program collaboration with Riverside College of Health Sciences
- + New Science and Engineering Research Center opening in January 2026
- + Santoro Hall renovation (*freshman residence hall*)
- + New Naval ROTC agreement
- + Undergraduate Elementary Education (BAEd) program
- + Winningest college athletic program in Virginia at any level



FINANCIAL AID DATA

\$16,618

Average financial aid package

35%

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, 2026

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Preferred December 15, 2025
Priority February 15, 2026

ANCHORED IN EXCELLENCE

THIRTY PERCENT
OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN FACULTY-LED RESEARCH

90+

Areas of
study

60% of classes
have 19 or fewer
students

74% graduation rate

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

94%

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

TWENTY-FOUR
VARSITY TEAMS -
winningest NCAA teams in VA

4,500

students enrolled

1,164

freshmen

M: 48%

F: 52%

Current students hail from
every region of Virginia

30 OTHER STATES

14 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE*

1170 Average SAT (Evidence-Based
Reading & Writing and Math)

3.7 Average high school GPA

**Fall 2025*

400+ renewable freshman scholarships
for honors and leadership students

ON-CAMPUS

student housing for
first three years

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

Handshake

Top 35 college career
centers in the country

Learn.org

Communication and
psychology programs
among best in nation

Money Magazine

One of America's
best colleges

Niche

Best College Dorms
Number one in Virginia
Number four nationally

Open Doors

Number ten national
ranking for study abroad

The Princeton Review

The Best 389 Colleges

Top Master's in Education

Top five Elementary
Education Graduate
Programs

U.S. News

Number one regional
public university
in Virginia
(Third in the South)

AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- African American Studies
- American Studies*
 - Constitutional Studies
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Bioethics
- Biology
 - Business Administration
 - Cellular, Molecular, and Physiological Biology
- 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
 - Economic Policy
 - International Economics
- Elementary Education (PreK-6)
- Electrical Engineering
 - English
 - Literature
 - Writing
- Environmental Studies
 - Film Studies
 - Finance
 - Forensic Science
- French
- German
 - Geography
 - Global Commerce and Culture
 - Greek Studies
 - Health Studies
- Health, Medical, and Wellness Studies
- History
 - Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
- Information Science
- International Affairs
- International Culture and Business
- Integrative Biology
- Journalism
- Judeo-Christian Studies
- Kinesiology (Biology)
- 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 (Army ROTC)
- Museum Studies
- Music
 - Performance
 - Composition
 - Music Studies
 - Creative Studies
 - Pre-Certification: Choral
 - Pre-Certification: Instrumental
- Not-for-Profit Business Administration
- Neuroscience
 - Nursing**
- Organismal and Environmental Biology
- Philosophy
 - Pre-Seminary Studies
 - Studies in Religion
- Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy of Law
- Photography and Video Art
- Physics
 - Applied Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
 - Social Work
- Sociology
 - Spanish
- Studio Art
 - 2D and 3D Media
 - Graphic Design
- Theatre
 - Acting
 - Arts Administration
 - Design/Technical Theatre
 - Directing/Dramatic Literature
 - Musical Theatre
 - Theatre Studies
- U.S. National Security Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Writing

ADVISING TRACKS

Pre-Law
Pre-Med and Pre-Health

BACHELOR'S TO FIVE-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Applied Physics and Computer Science*
Environmental Science*
Teaching*

GRADUATE STUDY*

Financial Analysis

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Baccalaureate Certificate in Data Analytics in the Social Sciences
Baccalaureate Certificate in Professional Ethics
Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability
Undergraduate Certificate in Research and Creative Activity



ADMISSION EVENTS AND TOURS

Open House

November 1, 2025 | February 21, 2026 | March 21, 2026

Signature Programs Day

November 8, 2025 | January 17, 2026 | February 7, 2026

Admitted Freshman Day

April 18, 2026 | April 25, 2026

Day in the Life as a Captain

February 16, 2026

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.



VIRTUAL TOUR

Check out our online options to preview campus and hear from current CNU students. We offer both a full 360-degree video tour and a self-guided virtual tour.

[YOUVISIT.COM/CNU](https://youvisit.com/cnu)

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 they may apply to other colleges, they agree to withdraw all other applications if admitted. 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 applications. It has the latest notification date and is the most competitive.

MAKING COLLEGE COSTS MANAGEABLE

CNU.EDU/FINANCIALAID

A world-class education is within reach, and our Financial Aid team is here to help make it possible. At CNU, we're committed to helping students and families understand the cost of college and find smart, sustainable ways to pay for it. We have scholarships and financial aid opportunities designed to make an investment in a CNU degree both manageable and meaningful.

ADMISSION INTERVIEWS

Interviews, either on-campus or virtual, are strongly recommended for all applicants and are required for scholarship applicants.



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.



2025-26 COSTS PER YEAR

	TUITION	ROOM AND BOARD	TOTAL
IN-STATE	\$17,219	\$13,116	\$30,335
OUT-OF-STATE	\$31,440	\$13,116	\$44,556

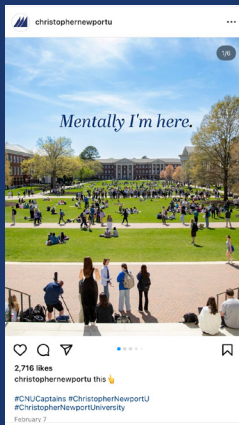
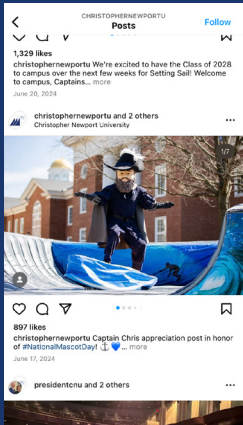
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNSELORS

INDIVIDUAL VISITS

Contact Rob Lange, Dean of Admission
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.

COUNSELOR VISIT DAY

February 24, 2026



OFFICE OF ADMISSION

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