

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

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The Office of Admissions 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.

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 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, three units in 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 1050-1280 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. This policy does not apply to transfer students. The residential experience is designed for students who reach 17 to 22 years of age by September 1, 2012. 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 Admissions 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 moved to the next academic term.) However, applicants planning to live in on-campus housing should apply well in advance of these dates. 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 show that you can afford to study in the United States.
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 standard-

ized test scores, such students may take 100 and 200-level courses. An interview with an admission counselor 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.

Advanced Placement Policies

The University will review student records for advanced placement credit in accordance with the following policies. Please note that these policies and the required scores are reviewed and updated annually. All advanced placement credit is posted to the advising transcript available on the student's individual CNU Live account. Prospective students should check the CNU website for updates at www.cnu.edu.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Credit.** Students who want to have courses reviewed for college credit must supply an official IB Diploma (with test scores) to the Office of Admissions. Departmental or elective credit is awarded .
- **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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The following scores are effective for Fall 2013 applicants.

Credit received through the Advanced Placement (AP) exam may be applied toward degree requirements. Please note that these policies and the required scores are reviewed and updated annually. Prospective students should check the CNU website for updates at www.cnu.edu. Listed below are acceptable tests and minimum scores necessary to earn credit at CNU:

<u>AP Test</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>CNU Equivalent</u>
Art History	4	6	FNAR 201-202
Art History	3	A*	A*
Art Studio	3	B*	B*
Biology	4	7	BIOL 107/108/109L
Calculus AB	4	4	MATH 140
Calculus BC (C*)	4	8	MATH 140 & 240
Chemistry	4	7/8	CHEM 121/121L & 122/D*
Chemistry	3	4	CHEM 103/103L
Computer Science A	4	4	CPSC 150/150L
Computer Science A	3	3	CPSC 110
Computer Science AB	4	4	CPSC 150/150L
Economics (Macro)	4	3	ECON 201
Economics (Micro)	4	3	ECON 202
English Lang/Comp	5	6	ENGL 123
English Lang/Comp	4	3	ENGL 123
English Lit/Comp	5	6	ENGL elective credit
English Lit/Comp	4	3	ENGL elective credit
Environmental Science	4	4	BIOL 115/109L
French	4	12	FREN 101-102/201-202
French	3	6	FREN 101-102
Geography (Human)	4	3	GEOG 201
German	4	12	GERM 101-102/201-202
German	3	6	GERM 101-102
Government (American)	4	3	GOVT 101
Government (Comparative)	4	3	GOVT 215
History (European)	5	6	History Elective Credit
History (European)	4	3	History Elective Credit
History (U.S.)	5	6	HIST 121-122
History (U.S.)	4	3	HIST 121
History (World)	5	6	HIST 111, 112
History (World)	4	3	HIST 111
Latin: Literature	5	6	LATN 101-102
Latin: Vergil	5	6	LATN 101-102
Music Theory	4	3	MUSC 211
Physics B	4	8	PHYS 151/151L & 152/152L
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism & Calculus AB (4) or BC (3)	4	4	PHYS 202/202L
Physics C: Mechanics & Calculus AB (4) or BC (3)	4	4	PHYS 201/201L
Probability and Statistics	4	3	MATH 125
Psychology	4	3	PSYC 201
Spanish	4	12	SPAN 101-102/201-202
Spanish	3	6	SPAN 101-102

A* Department makes individual recommendation.

B* Credit is dependent upon portfolio and documentation.

C* A Calculus BC report with an AB subscore of 4 is awarded 4 credits for MATH 140.

D* Department makes individual recommendations for CHEM 122L

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM CREDIT

The following scores are effective for Fall 2013 applicants.

Students who want to have courses reviewed for college credit must supply an official IB Transcript to the University Registrar for evaluation. Please note that these policies and the required scores are reviewed and updated annually. Prospective students should check the CNU website at www.cnu.edu. Christopher Newport University offers credit according to the following chart:

<u>IB Exam Subject</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>CNU Equivalent</u>
Anthropology (higher level)	4	3	ANTH 203
Biology (higher level)	5	7	BIOL 107, 108, 109L
Chemistry (higher level)	5	7/8	CHEM 121/121L, 122/*
Chemistry (standard level)	6	7/8	CHEM 121/121L, 122/*
Computer Science (higher level)	4	3	CPSC 125
	5	7	CPSC 125, 150, 150L
	7	11	CPSC 125, 150, 250 & labs
Economics (higher level)	6	3	ECON 202
English A (higher level)	6	3	ENGL 123
	7	6	ENGL 123 & English Elective Credit
Foreign Language (higher level)	4	6	LANG 101, 102
	5	12	LANG 101-202
Geography (higher level)	4	3	GEOG 201
	5	6	GEOG 201, 202
Information Technology in a Global Society	4	3	CPSC 125
Mathematics (higher level)	5	4	MATH 140
Philosophy (higher level)	5	3	PHIL 202
Philosophy (standard level)	6	3	PHIL 202
Physics (higher level)	4	4	PHYS 201, 201L
	5	8	PHYS 201, 202 & labs
Psychology	4	3	PSYC 201
Religious Studies (higher level)	5	3	RSTD 211
Religious Studies (standard level)	6	3	RSTD 211

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Advanced standing credit is awarded for Cambridge examinations. The pre-approved departmental equivalencies for qualifying examination scored are listed below.

<u>Cambridge Exam</u>	<u>Grade**</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>CNU Equivalent</u>
Biology	A, B or C	6	Biology 107 & 108
Computer Science	A, B or C	3	Computer Science 125
Chemistry	A, B or C	6	Chemistry 121 & 122
English Language	A, B or C	3	English 123
French	A, B or C	0	French 300 level placement
German	A, B or C	0	German 300 level placement
Mathematics:			
• Pure Mathematics	A, B or C	4	Math 140
• Statistics	A, B or C	3	Math 125
Physics	A, B or C	6	Physics 151-152
Psychology	A, B or C	3	Psychology 201
Divinity	A, B or C	3	Religious Studies 232
Sociology	A, B or C	3	Sociology 205
Spanish	A, B or C	0	Spanish 300 level placement

** Grades of A, B, or C on selected A-level and AS-level examinations.