

Welcome CNU Captains, CLASS OF 2021!

Even though the first day of class is not for months, it's time for you to start thinking about your academic plans. Over the next few minutes you will find out more about liberal learning at Christopher Newport University and prepare to complete the **course preference module**, an online tool that allows you to tell us which courses you want to take during the fall 2017 semester.

HELPFUL HINT:

Click text in blue for more information about that particular topic.



LET'S GET STARTED
WITH SOME BASICS »



Liberal LEARNING

All students must complete Christopher Newport's [liberal learning core curriculum](#) in order to graduate.

LIBERAL LEARNING FOUNDATION

Introduces you to the expectations and habits of mind that are hallmarks of university life, and gives you the fundamental tools necessary for advanced engagement in ideas.

- **Economic modeling and analysis**
- **Logical reasoning**
- **Mathematical literacy**
- **Second language literacy**
- **Written communication literacy**

LIBERAL LEARNING AREAS OF INQUIRY

Allow you to explore and experience the breadth of liberal learning in the following areas:

- **Creative expressions**
- **Civic and democratic engagement**
- **Global and multicultural perspectives**
- **Investigating the natural world**
- **Western traditions**





Learning COMMUNITIES

Every first-year student is a member of a **Learning Community (LC)**, a small group of students who take a core set of classes together. Each LC is based on an area of academic interest or a theme and includes courses that set you on the path toward graduation.



Area of Academic INTEREST

An area of study you wish to pursue. During your second year, you will formally declare your major. Prior to declaring your major, you can explore different subjects while completing [liberal learning core](#) requirements.



Course Preference MODULE

The **course preference module** suggests learning communities that fit your academic interests and characteristics based on your questionnaire answers. In addition, the module allows you to select courses of interest within the following areas:

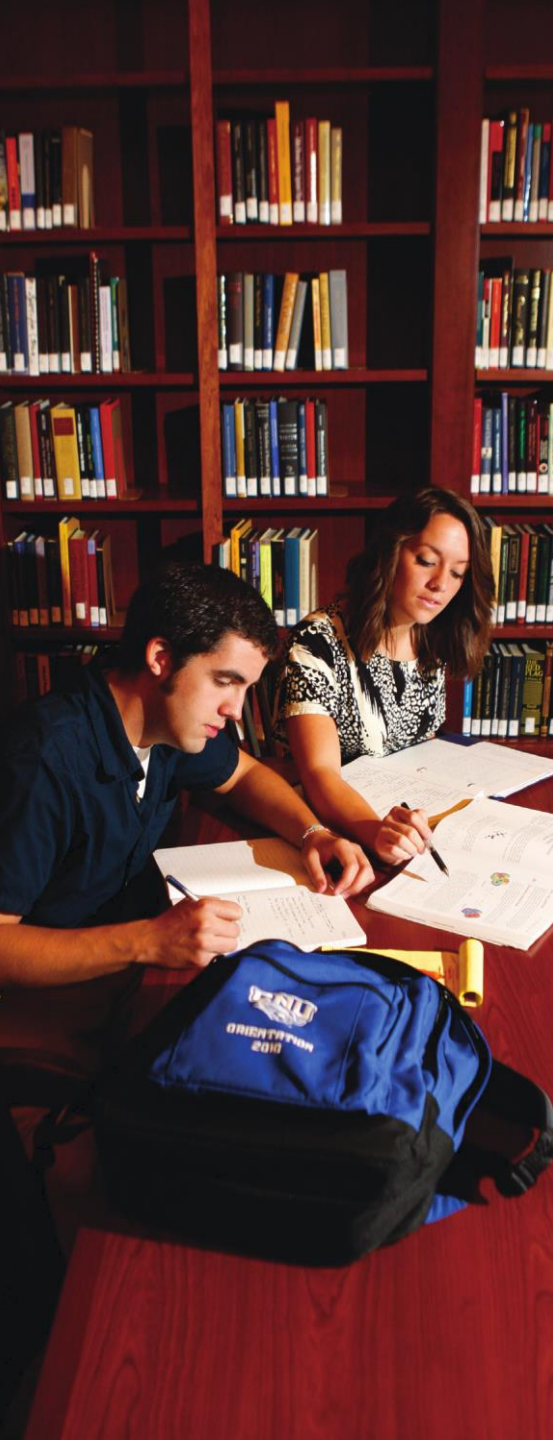
- Liberal learning foundation
- Area of inquiry
- Electives



How it WORKS

- The course preference module is pre-loaded with courses that fit your area of academic interest, basic required courses from various parts of the [liberal learning core curriculum](#) and elective classes.
- The courses you see in the module are all appropriate for you as you start your academic journey.
- All you have to do is read about each section and indicate the learning community and courses you are most interested in taking.





Your Class SCHEDULE

Once you submit your course preferences, we will use them to build your fall 2017 schedule.

Many things are taken into consideration to ensure you are placed in the correct classes:

- Whether or not you will be an [NCAA athlete](#)
- [AP, IB, Cambridge](#) and [dual-enrollment](#) credits
(The Office of the Registrar will make adjustments as necessary as it receives test results and dual-enrollment transcripts, so be sure official test results and transcripts are sent to the Office of the Registrar.)
- Membership in the [President's Leadership](#) or [Honors](#) Programs
- Area of academic interest
- Other information you provide in the academic profile module regarding your interests

Go with THE FLOW

Complete the course preference module.

Receive your official fall 2017 class schedule on day two of Setting Sail orientation in June.

During Welcome Week in August, meet with your faculty core adviser to discuss your class schedule, your goals and how to begin a successful Christopher Newport career.



Keep IN MIND

The courses you see listed in the course preference module are all appropriate and pre-loaded according to your area of academic interest, the liberal learning core curriculum, and your status in the President's Leadership and/or Honors Program.



CREDIT HOURS

- In order to graduate in four years, it is recommended that students take an average of 15 credits per semester. This may mean taking 14 credits one semester and 16 credits another.
- To be a full-time student you must be enrolled in 12 or more credits.
- A student who enrolls in more than 17 credit hours will be charged the full-time rate plus the per-credit-hour rate for each credit hour over 17.



Next STEPS

You are now ready to take the next step in your journey!

Please exit this presentation and continue to the course preference module.

