

Getting Started at Columbus State

IN FIVE STEPS

This handout provides information for students who are applying for acceptance at Columbus State for the first time.

(If you have previously taken Columbus State classes as a CCP student, or are applying as a transient student, please contact Admissions or check your Columbus State email for next steps.)

STEP 1

Apply for Admission

IMPORTANT: Complete this step if you have not previously started or submitted an application for admission. If you have already started/submitted an application, retrieve it under the "Already Started an Application?" section at cscs.edu/apply.

Visit cscs.edu/apply to complete the free, online admission application. Once your application is submitted, you will receive an email within 2-3 business days, with your admission status and next steps.

STEP 2

Apply for Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Additional Services

Go to fafsa.ed.gov to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may also be accessed through CougarWeb, under "Apply for Financial Aid." To track your financial aid status, log on to CougarWeb and go to "Financial Aid Self Service."

Go to cscs.edu/scholarships to apply for Columbus State scholarships. You will automatically be matched with any scholarships for which you qualify, and will receive an email with your next steps, sent to your Columbus State email account.

Go to cscs.edu/military to register for military/veteran benefits.

Go to cscs.edu/disability to register for Disability Services.

STEP 3

Complete Placement Requirements

Being placed in the right classes for your knowledge or skill level is key to success. We can use any of the following to determine the correct placement for your first semester of classes:

- SAT and/or ACT scores
- High school or GED transcript
- Transcripts from any college you attended
- Scores from placement tests you've recently taken

If the documentation options above are not available to you, we will work with you to make sure you register for classes in your first semester that will set you up for success.

Request Test Scores

ACT: Visit act.org (Columbus State college code 3261).

SAT: Visit collegeboard.org (Columbus State college code 1148).

Official transcripts: Contact the school you attended (many offer online transcript services).

Transcripts must be sent directly by the school(s).

For more information on placement and requesting scores or transcripts, visit cscs.edu/placement.

STEP 4

Register for Classes

If you graduated from high school within the past two years and are registering for autumn semester: Watch your Columbus State email for an invitation to New Student Orientation.

All other students attending Columbus State for the first time: Watch your Columbus State email for next steps, including instructions on how to register to attend a New Student Workshop on campus or online.

Success Tip: Research has shown that students who complete required English and math courses in the first year continue in college and graduate at higher levels.

STEP 5

Pay Tuition & Fees

Be sure all tuition and fees are paid no later than five days before the start of the semester. Sign into CougarWeb with your Columbus State username and password, then click “Manage My Account” and follow the prompts.

Access CougarWeb at cougarweb.csc.edu.

For more information on tuition and payment deadlines, visit csc.edu/tuition.

For more information on any of these Admission steps, visit csc.edu/admissions or call:

Columbus Campus (614) 287-5353

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