



New Student Checklist - ATHLETE

Fall 2026

Congratulations on being accepted to Columbia International University!

This checklist is designed to help you become RAM READY!

Sections are divided into MONTHS when items can be worked on.

If you are accepted mid-year, just follow the steps in order.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

- ☐ **SECURE YOUR SPOT!**  ciu.edu/deposit
 - Submit \$100 Enrollment Deposit
 - Submit \$100 Housing Deposit (Resident Students only)
- ☐ **LOGIN TO MyCIU (Student Portal)**  my.ciu.edu
 - Your login/password and Student ID# were sent to your personal email upon acceptance.
 - This will be your go-to place to find information about housing, financial aid, your bill, etc.
-  Contact Admissions | admissions@ciu.edu | 803.807.5024
- ☐ **REGISTER WITH NAIA TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY**  play.mynaia.org
 - Create your Student Profile (check often for tasks to complete).
 - Order all high school, dual enrollment and college transcripts to be sent directly to NAIA.
 - HomeSchool Students have specific requirements. Call Rebecka Vessey at 803.807.5043 to discuss.
 - NAIA is responsible for determining eligibility of first time athletes prior to competing.
 - This decision can be as late as August depending on how quickly you submit paper work.
 - Look at JUNE section on this checklist for final steps.
- ☐ **SUBMIT TEST SCORES**
 - SAT and ACT get submitted to NAIA.
 - AP and CLEP scores get submitted to CIU (must be sent directly from College Board).
- ☐ **REGISTER WITH FRONT RUSH**  frontrush.com
 - Complete Student Questionnaire.
 - You will receive an email about Front Rush in June requesting you to complete many documents.
-  Contact Rebecka Vessey, Director of Athletic Compliance | rebecka.vessey@ciu.edu | 803.807.5043

OCTOBER

- ☐ **COMPLETE FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**  studentaid.gov
 - The 2026-2027 FAFSA opens on October 1, 2025.
 - CIU FAFSA code: 003429
 - You may need help from your parent/guardian due to the specific tax/financial questions.
 - This is how federal, state, and institutional aid is awarded from CIU.
-  Contact Admissions | admissions@ciu.edu | 803.807.5024
- ☐ **ACCEPT FINANCIAL AID OFFER & COMPLETE DOCUMENTS**  my.ciu.edu>My Financial Aid

JANUARY

- Financial Aid will compile Athletic award packages in late March.
- If you submit FAFSA later, awards typically take about 3-4 weeks to process.
- You will receive an email with your Financial Package offer and digital document to sign.
- If you accept package, complete the Docusign Financial Aid Agreement.
- Then accept/decline your awards and complete any documents in your MyCIU student portal.

 Contact Patricia Campbell, Financial Aid | finaid@ciu.edu | 803.807.5036

☐ SIGN LETTER OF INTENT

- After signing the Financial Aid Agreement, you will receive a Docusign Letter of Intent through email.
- This can be signed earlier than February if you agree with an ESTIMATED Financial Aid Package.

FEBRUARY

☐ HOUSING APPLICATION [my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Residence Life](https://my.ciu.edu/CampusLife/ResidenceLife)

- This is how you are housed and matched with a roommate based on your preferences.
- Once you are matched, find your roommate info on MyCIU.
- To live off campus, you must meet specific criteria. Request the Appeal Form from Admissions.

 Residence Life | reslife@ciu.edu | 803.807.5488

☐ REGISTER FOR AN ADMITTED STUDENT DAY ciu.edu/visit

- Required event for all new students offered Friday, May 29 or Friday, June 26.

 Contact Visit CIU | visitciu@ciu.edu | 803.807.5058

☐ ACCOMODATIONS & RESOURCES ciu.edu/academics/student-success

- Our Academic Success Center provides personalized accommodations and assistance for students with physical impairments, learning disabilities, dietary restrictions, mental health needs, etc.
- Provides mentoring and tutoring services, a program for Hope Scholarship recipients and more!

 Contact Academic Success Center | academicsuccess@ciu.edu | 803.807.5611

☐ LOGIN TO CIU EMAIL outlook.office.com

- You will receive an email with your CIU email address and password.

 Contact Information Technology | 803.807.5199

MAY

☐ REGISTER FOR CLASSES AFTER MAY 29 [my.ciu.edu>Academics>Advising](https://my.ciu.edu/Academics/Advising)

- Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to plan your first semester courses.
- Instructions can be found at the link above.

 Contact Advising | advising@ciu.edu | 803.807.5625

☐ SUBMIT FERPA (Permission To Access Records) [my.ciu.edu>Academics>Forms>FERPA](https://my.ciu.edu/Academics/Forms/FERPA)

- Gives permission for your Parents/Guardians to access your records.
- You will need your CIU email and password to complete.

☐ ATTEND ADMITTED STUDENT DAY ciu.edu/visit

- Required event for all new students offered Friday, May 29 or Friday, June 26.
- Meet future classmates, register for classes, review financial offers.

 Contact Visit CIU | visitciu@ciu.edu | 803.807.5058

☐ **COMPLETE SPORTS PHYSICAL** ciu.rams/compliance

- You must have an up to date physical completed AFTER May 1.
- You will receive an email with the PDF Document for physician to complete.
- The completed document must be uploaded to Front Rush.

☐ **COMPLETE HEALTH FORMS** [my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Forms](https://my.ciu.edu/CampusLife/Forms)

 Contact Health Services | healthservices@ciu.edu | 803.807.5056

☐ **SUBMIT PHOTO FOR STUDENT ID**

- Take photo in front of white backdrop/wall
- Email pic to RamID@ciu.edu | Subject Line: Your FIRST & LAST NAME, STUDENT ID#
- You will receive an automated confirmation email that it has been received.
- ID will be ready for you in August during move in/check in.

☐ **REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPTS** play.mynaia.org

- FINAL high school, dual enrollment and college transcripts are required for eligibility.
- FINAL transcripts typically become available June 1. (Fee waivers are available if you qualify).
- Dual Enrollment courses are only accepted through your college transcript.

☐ **REVIEW & RESOLVE BILL** [my.ciu.edu>Finances](https://my.ciu.edu/Finances)

- Bills will be ready by mid-July.
- If you select the interest free payment plan, your first installment must be paid by **AUGUST 14.**
- If you select to pay your bill in full, payment must be made by **AUGUST 14.**

 Contact Student Accounts | ciuaccounting@ciu.edu | 803.807.5016

☐ **ADMITTED STUDENTS WEBINAR** ciu.edu/visit

- Wednesday, July 15 at 4:00 PM (Registration link above).
- Helpful "Ram Ready" information for students and their parents.

☐ **SCHEDULE RAM READY VISIT (Optional)** ciu.edu/visit

- Schedule an on campus appointment with your Admissions Counselor and Academic Advisor to complete outstanding checklist items. (Appointments are available June 29-August 14).

 Contact Visit Office | visit@ciu.edu | 803.807.5058

☐ **READ STUDENT HANDBOOK** [my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Student Handbook](https://my.ciu.edu/CampusLife/StudentHandbook)

- Submit Digital Acknowledgement Statement at end of booklet.

☐ **REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE** [my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Home>Vehicle Registration](https://my.ciu.edu/CampusLife/Home/VehicleRegistration)

- Parking decals can be picked up at the Security Office when you move in/check in.

 Contact Security | 803.807.5555

☐ **TEXTBOOKS** ciu.edu/academics/textbooks

- CIU uses a textbook rental program that you'll be automatically enrolled in.
- Textbooks are estimated at \$20 per credit hour and will be charged to your student account.
- We encourage you to review our textbook resources on our website for more information, including how to change your preferences or opt out if needed.

- Physical textbooks will be mailed to the address listed on your application prior to classes starting and must be returned with the label provided at the end of your course.
- Digital textbooks are accessed by going MyCIU>Quick Links menu> Bookstore> Log In
Username = CIU email address | Password = same as MyCIU and Canvas.



Contact Slingshot | support@slingshotedu.com | 888.392.2930



MOVE IN & CHECK IN (Resident & Commuter Students)

- Check link above for specific dates and times.



ciu.edu/welcome-week



START CLASSES MONDAY, AUGUST 24!

- CIU Alert - Students are automatically registered for our campus emergency notification service.
 - Parents & Guardians can be added by signing into



ciu.omnilert.net