



New Student Checklist - ATHLETE














SPRING 26


















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 near the end of the year, just follow the steps in order.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE	<div><input type="checkbox"/> SECURE YOUR SPOT!  ciu.edu/deposit</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit \$100 Enrollment Deposit• Submit \$100 Housing Deposit (Resident Students only)</div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE 2025-2026 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)  studentaid.gov</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.</div> <div><div></div><div>Contact Admissions admissions@ciu.edu 803.807.5024</div></div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> LOGIN TO MyCIU (Student Portal)  my.ciu.edu</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your login information was sent to your personal email upon acceptance.• This will be your go-to place to find information about housing, financial aid, your bill, etc.</div> <div><div></div><div>Contact Admissions admissions@ciu.edu 803.807.5024</div></div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> REGISTER WITH NAIA TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY  play.mynaia.org</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• NAIA is responsible for determining eligibility of first time athletes prior to competing.</div> <div><div></div><div>Contact Director of Athletic Compliance rebecka.vessey@ciu.edu 803.807.5043</div></div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> SUBMIT TEST SCORES</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAT and ACT get submitted to NAIA.• AP and CLEP scores get submitted to CIU (must be sent directly from College Board).</div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> REGISTER WITH FRONT RUSH  frontrush.com</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Student Questionnaire.• You will receive an email about Front Rush in June requesting you to complete many documents.</div> <div><div></div><div>Contact Director of Athletic Compliance rebecka.vessey@ciu.edu 803.807.5043</div></div>
OCTOBER	<div><input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPT FINANCIAL AID OFFER & COMPLETE DOCUMENTS  my.ciu.edu>My Financial Aid</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once you submit FAFSA, Athletic 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.• Login to MyCIU to accept/decline your awards and complete requested documents.</div> <div><div></div><div>Contact Patricia Campbell, Financial Aid finaid@ciu.edu 803.807.5036</div></div>
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING APPLICATION  my.ciu.edu>Residence Life>Campus Life</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.</div> <div><div></div><div>Residence Life reslife@ciu.edu 803.807.5488</div></div>

OCTOBER CONT.	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> SIGN LETTER OF INTENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After signing the Financial Aid Agreement, you will receive a Docusign Letter of Intent through email. • This can be signed earlier if you agree with an ESTIMATED Financial Aid Package. </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> LOGIN TO CIU EMAIL  outlook.office.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will receive an email with your CIU email address and password (on or after October 15). </div> <div>  Contact Information Technology 803.807.5199 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTER FOR CLASSES  my.ciu.edu>Academics>Advising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to plan your first semester courses. • Instructions can be found at the link above. </div> <div>  Contact Advising advising@ciu.edu 803.807.5625 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> RAM READY VISIT  ciu.edu/visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule an on campus appointment with your Admissions Counselor and Academic Advisor to complete you checklist items. (Appointments are available until January 7). </div> <div>  Contact Visit Office visit@ciu.edu 803.807.5058 </div>
NOVEMBER	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE HEALTH FORMS  my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Forms </div> <div>  Contact Health Services healthservices@ciu.edu 803.807.5056 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> SUBMIT FERPA (Permission To Access Records)  my.ciu.edu>Academics>Forms>FERPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives permission for your Parents/Guardians to access your records. </div> <div>  • You will need your CIU email and password to complete. </div>
DECEMBER	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE SPORTS PHYSICAL  ciu.rams/compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must have an up to date physical completed AFTER December 1. • You will receive an email with the PDF Document for physician to complete. • The completed document must be uploaded to Front Rush. </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> ACCOMODATIONS & RESOURCES  ciu.edu/academics/student-success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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! </div> <div>  Contact Academic Success Center academicsuccess@ciu.edu 803.807.5611 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPTS  play.mynaia.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FINAL high school, dual enrollment and college transcripts are required for eligibility. • Fee waivers are available if you qualify. • Dual Enrollment courses are only accepted through your college transcript. </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REVIEW & RESOLVE BILL  my.ciu.edu>Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills will be ready by mid-December. • If you select the interest free payment plan, your first installment must be paid by January 6. • If you select to pay your bill in full, payment must be made by January 6. </div> <div>  Contact Student Accounts ciuaccounting@ciu.edu 803.807.5016 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> ADMITTED STUDENTS WEBINAR  ciu.edu/visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, December 3 at 4:00 PM (Registration link above). • Helpful "Ram Ready" information for students and their parents. </div>



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.



READ STUDENT HANDBOOK



[my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Student Handbook](#)

- Submit Digital Acknowledgement Statement at end of booklet.



REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE



[my.ciu.edu>Campus Life>Home>Vehicle Registration](#)

- 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)



[ciu.edu/welcome-weekend](#)

- Friday, January 9 at 9:00 AM in the Jones Center.



START CLASSES MONDAY, JANUARY 12!

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



[ciu.omnilert.net](#)