Welcome to Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). Congratulations on making an excellent choice! You are becoming part of a most talented and diverse student body. The CCSU community is filled with exciting opportunities both inside the classroom and throughout the campus.

With great pride, CCSU has a well-deserved reputation for putting students first. We strive to demonstrate our commitment in all we do and to foster connections between you and the campus community.

Your experience as a CCSU student begins this summer with our First-Year Student Orientation Program. This guide details the steps you need to take to ensure a successful enrollment and attendance at CCSU. Completing the Course Schedule Interest (CSI) Form is of utmost importance.

Your time at Central will offer numerous opportunities, where you will be able to challenge yourself and work with exceptional faculty in a community that inspires exploration, achievement and personal growth. We’re here to assist you in navigating your first college experience, and we look forward to supporting you throughout your academic career at Central Connecticut State University!

Welcome to the Central Family,

President Zulma Toro
**First-Year Student Checklist**

- Pay Admissions Deposit
- Review Information on Advising and Majors – see page 4-5
- Activate BlueNet and CCSU Email Accounts – see page 6
- Take the Writing Placement Exam (if required) – see page 6
- Take the Math Placement Exam (if necessary) – see page 6
- Complete the Course Schedule Interest (CSI) Form – see page 7
- Select a First-Year Student Orientation Date – see page 8

**Additional tasks to complete:**

- Complete Health Forms [www.ccsu.edu/health](http://www.ccsu.edu/health)
- Send in AP Scores, Final High School and College Transcripts to Admissions [www.ccsu.edu/admissions](http://www.ccsu.edu/admissions)
- Apply for Financial Aid (if applicable) [www.ccsu.edu/finaid](http://www.ccsu.edu/finaid)
- Apply for On-Campus Residence (if applicable) [www.ccsu.edu/reslife/howtoapply](http://www.ccsu.edu/reslife/howtoapply)
- Contact Student Disability Services (Accommodations if applicable) [www.ccsu.edu/SDS](http://www.ccsu.edu/SDS)
Advising is a big deal in college. There are four schools within the University and each has an advising center dedicated to helping students make good academic decisions. There is even an advising center for students who either have not chosen a major yet or who want to explore multiple majors. It’s important to know which school your major belongs to and which advising center will guide you through your initial enrollment at Central. The five advising centers are described below.

**Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**
The Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) prepares students to take their place in a complex, diverse and challenging world. The programs in CLASS include the fine arts, the humanities and the behavioral and social sciences leading to a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. CLASS includes 17 departments, 38 majors and 60 minors from which to choose.

A liberal arts education provides students with the essential communication and critical thinking skills that are the foundation for success at CCSU and beyond. CLASS majors also provide subject-specific foundations for graduate work and for a wide variety of careers, which includes teaching.

CLASS graduates enter careers in fields such as business, government, education and community service. Many CLASS graduates also continue their education in graduate and professional programs. For a complete list of majors, visit the following link www.ccsu.edu/class/programs.html.

**Contact us:** Arts and Sciences Advising Place (ASAP) • Carroll Hall, Room 138 • asap@ccsu.edu • 860-832-2600

**School of Business**
The CCSU School of Business curriculum provides a strong liberal arts foundation, plus a high quality business education. The School of Business is an accredited member of AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – the most prestigious accreditation available to business schools. Students in our Business School are exposed to Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Management, and Marketing leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS). Presently, the School offers 5 majors and 7 minors from which to choose. We prepare the next generation of leaders by empowering our students for a successful professional future.

Students may apply for admission to the School of Business as part of their initial application for admission to the University. Students will be in pre-major status until they are formally admitted to business major status.

For a complete list of majors visit the following link www.ccsu.edu/business/programs.html.

**Contact us:** Student Services Center • Vance Academic, Room 216 • sobadvising@ccsu.edu • 860-832-3205
School of Education and Professional Studies

The School of Education and Professional Studies (SEPS) has a long history of training educators and human service professionals. SEPS is recognized as a leader in both education and other human service fields. SEPS offers an array of majors.

SEPS majors require very specific classes that are limited to students in that major and involve a strict order of classes to complete college on time. All SEPS majors require hands-on learning that takes place off campus in community settings like schools, hospitals and human service agencies. For a complete list of majors visit the following link www.ccsu.edu/seps/ugPrograms.html.

Contact us: SEPS Advising Center (SEPS) • Barnard Hall, Room 229 • sepsadvising@ccsu.edu • 860-832-2370

School of Engineering, Science, and Technology

The School of Engineering, Science, and Technology (SEST) provides educational opportunities in an array of engineering, technological, mathematical, and scientific disciplines. The programs in SEST lead to either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree. SEST includes 11 departments, 26 majors, and numerous minors from which to choose.

Faculty teaching and research highlight both theory and its practical application to solving problems. We have a technology-rich and interdisciplinary learning environment that offers students a rewarding academic experience through experiential and active learning that embraces the concept of “thinking, learning, and doing.” We further prepare students to meet dynamic engineering, technological, mathematical, and scientific challenges as leaders and members of engineering, technical, management, research, biomedical, statistical, and educational teams. For a complete list of majors, visit the following link www.ccsu.edu/sest/programs.html.

Contact us: SEST Student Services Center • Copernicus Hall, Room 241 • sestssc@ccsu.edu • 860-832-1863

Explore Central

Students who are undecided about their major can begin at CCSU as an Exploratory student. As an Exploratory student, you will have the help of our team of professionally trained Academic Advisors who are ready to assist you in actively exploring and identifying a variety of majors to match your career goals. We encourage you to take advantage of the numerous campus resources available to educate and assist you in discovering your personal, educational, and career goals. We will ask you to be intentional and purposeful as you move toward selecting a major by the time you complete 30-45 credits. The Explore Central Office will help facilitate a smooth transition to the appropriate academic department once you have made the decision about your major and have met prerequisite academic requirements. For more information, please visit www.ccsu.edu/explore/index.html

Contact us: Explore Central • Carroll Hall, Room 146 • explorecentral@ccsu.edu • 860-832-1614
ACTIVATE YOUR CCSU ACCOUNTS

ACTIVATE YOUR BLUEINET ACCOUNT
If you haven’t already done so, activate your CCSU BlueNet Account. This BlueNet Account will provide access to systems such as CentralPipeline, WebCentral-Banner Web, and Blackboard Learn. In other words, as a student you will use these technology resources to check your bills, make payments, register for classes, receive important notices from the University, see your grades, and much more. To activate your BlueNet Account go to www.ccsu.edu and select the CentralPipeline link at the top of the page. From there click on Accounts Management and follow the prompts.

ACTIVATE YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT
Another important account to activate is your CCSU Email Account. Your CCSU Email is the only way that you will be contacted by faculty, staff, and departments on campus. Activate your “@my.ccsu.edu” email RIGHT AWAY in order to receive information on First-Year Student Orientation.

To activate your “@my.ccsu.edu” email account:
1. Open your web browser and navigate to http://my.ccsu.edu
2. Enter your “@my.ccsu.edu” email address
3. Enter your initial password – the 8-digit CCSU ID number found on your Acceptance Letter
4. Click on Sign-in, then follow the prompts to complete the activation process and change your password
5. Open your web browser and navigate to http://my.ccsu.edu
6. Enter your “@my.ccsu.edu” email address and the password you selected, then click on Sign-in

Please visit our Information Technology Department website for more information - www.ccsu.edu/it/.

WRITING AND MATH PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Writing Placement:
The Writing Placement Exam is designed to help each incoming student find the writing support and instruction most suited to his or her individual skill level. If you received a notification about the exam by mail or email, that letter should have all the information you need, but if you have questions, feel free to check out the FAQ within the following link – www.ccsu.edu/english/exam.html. If you still have questions, please contact Ms. Careen Waterman at careenw@ccsu.edu with your full name, student ID#, and the nature of your question.

Math Placement:
There are general mathematics requirements for all students as well as different math requirements for each major. Your SAT or ACT Math score is used to determine your eligibility for your first math course. If your score indicates that you need some math review before taking the courses that satisfy the various school and major requirements you will be placed into MATH 099, MATH 102 or MATH 103. If you believe you are prepared for a higher level math course than your SAT or ACT Math score suggests, you may choose to take the Math Placement Exam. Testing into a higher level math course could give you access to certain majors and/or could advance you towards graduation at a quicker pace. You’ll learn more about this during the summer Orientation Program when you meet with an advisor. If you want to discuss your math placement before Orientation, contact your Advising Center.
It is important for you to read everything in this booklet before you complete your Course Schedule Interest (CSI) Form, as this information will help you understand how to answer many of the questions found on the Form. Your responses will be used by an academic advisor in the preparation of your Fall 2018 course schedule, so it is important that you complete this Form yourself, expressing your own interests and preferences. If you have any questions while completing the Form, please contact your Advising Center.

First semester course schedules are created in the order in which the CSI Forms are received! In other words - DO THIS ASAP! This will increase the likelihood of being scheduled for times and classes that fit your preferences.

Please follow the instructions below to complete and submit your CSI Form.

Step I: Choosing a Major
This is critical! The major you choose on the Form is an essential factor in building your fall course schedule.

1. If you are sure of your chosen major and have met the admission criteria, select the major on the Form.
   Please note that the Nursing and Engineering programs have specific admission requirements.

2. If you have a general interest in a specific school, but do not know which of the majors offered in those schools suits you best, you should select “Undeclared Business,” “Undeclared Engineering, Science and Technology,” or “Undeclared Liberal Arts and Social Sciences” as your initial major.

3. Perhaps all you know is that higher education is important to you, but you have no idea what major to choose, select “Exploratory.” Remember that Explore Central can help you explore potential academic majors.

Step II: Completing the Form
Please be sure to have the First-Year Student Guide nearby when you complete the CSI Form online. You may need it when considering your major options. This Form is best viewed using a computer, not your smartphone.

To access the CSI Form:

1. From the CCSU home page, Select Central Pipeline (at the top of the home page)
2. Select WebCENTRAL
3. Log in with your BlueNet credentials
4. Under the Registration/Records tab, select Course Schedule Interest Form (Fall 2018 Freshmen)
5. Answer all the questions with care as we will use your responses to prepare your fall class schedule.
LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION TO SELECT AN ORIENTATION DATE

After completing your First-Year Course Schedule Interest Form, be sure to check your CCSU email account for an invitation to attend one of the Orientation dates below! Be sure to include your parents/guardians before choosing a date. Orientation sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to sign-up as soon as you receive the Orientation email.

STUDENTS
Orientation days are your first opportunity to connect with other first-year students and to meet student leaders who serve as Orientation Leaders (OLs). Your OLs will guide you to an academic advisor, who will help you review your fall class schedule, learn about curriculum requirements, and meet faculty and deans. In addition, the OLs will introduce you to life at CCSU!

Students are required to attend either a one-day or overnight orientation program. Attending the one-day program (8 am to 4:30 pm) will prepare you for your first day of classes. The overnight session adds an opportunity to experience living in a residence hall, have four meals in a dining hall, explore parts of campus you won’t see during the one-day orientation program, and meet other new students through social events in the evening planned especially for you.

FAMILIES
Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend orientation with their student. The family orientation program is tailored to provide information specifically for parents/guardians. For those students participating in the overnight orientation program, family members should participate in activities on Day One (8 am to 4:30 pm) and plan to pick their students up at 2:30 pm on Day Two.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION DATES

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If you have any questions about the Orientation Program or signing up for the event, please contact Student Affairs at student_affairs@mail.ccsu.edu or call 860-832-1601.

We look forward to seeing you on campus this summer!