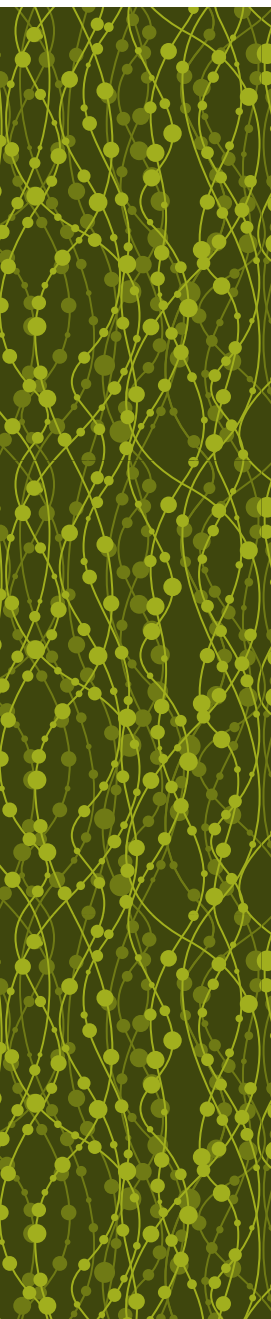
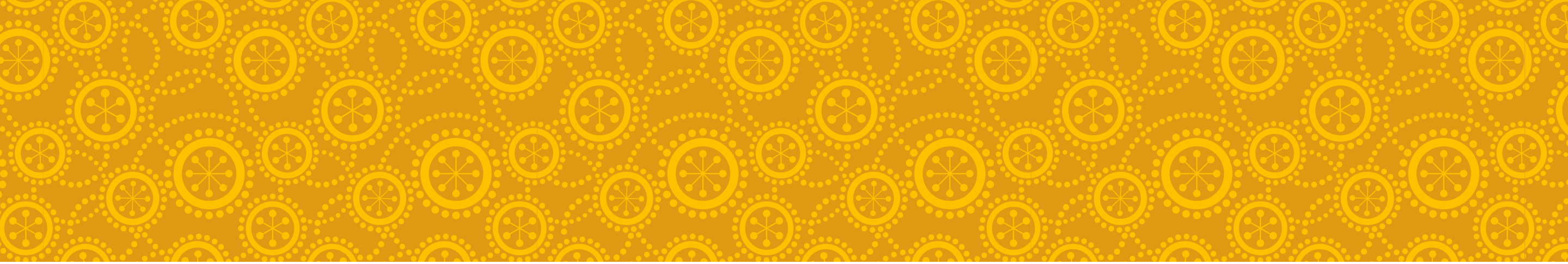


what
are your
gifts?



Concordia
University Irvine
{SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA}



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You have been given a particular set of gifts...a mix of talents, abilities, traits and temperaments that are unique to you. At Concordia University Irvine, we help you discover and develop your God-given gifts so you can use them wisely in your future.



LOCATION

good to know

• **Our campus is spectacular.**

Sitting high on a hilltop with views for miles, in between two nature preserves, it's a world of its own.

• **You're safe and sound here.**

Irvine has been designated as "America's Safest City" for many years by the FBI. Our campus is gated, guarded and located in a quiet family neighborhood.

• **Excitement is nearby.**

It's a short drive to the beach, shopping malls and even Disneyland. It's a diverse community with so many different cultures and things to do.

• **Get your future started.**

Internships and hands-on learning opportunities abound in Orange County, because many companies are headquartered here.

Welcome to Concordia University Irvine

“Wow.” That’s what all first-time visitors to our campus say. Take a stroll around our 75 acres and you’ll find first-rate athletic fields, high-tech classrooms and spacious residence halls set among rolling lawns. A one-mile path encircles the campus, separating it from fields of seasonal yellow flowers in the nature preserves next door. The campus sits atop a hill, and at night the lights of the city twinkle below. Take a seat on the grass near the chapel, gaze up at the sky, and you and your friends can enjoy the nightly Disneyland fireworks show.



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of campus or visit
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LOCATION



Right in the Middle of Everything

The campus is a safe and secluded oasis, but it's surrounded by so many options for fun! Here are a few ideas for your free time:

Within 5 miles

- Hike to the top of French Hill on campus
- Head to In-N-Out for a Double-Double and fries
- Ride the 100-foot Ferris wheel at Irvine Spectrum
- Bowl a strike at Irvine Lanes

Within 15 miles

- Have a bonfire at Corona del Mar State Beach
- Ride *Pirates of the Caribbean* at Disneyland
- Spot starfish in the tide pools at Crystal Cove State Park
- See a baseball game at Angel Stadium
- Surf at The Wedge in Newport Beach

Within 50 miles

- Pose with your favorite star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- Stroll the famous Santa Monica Pier
- Experience King Kong in 3D at Universal Studios Hollywood
- Cheer on the Lakers at Staples Center

Within 100 miles

- Ski at Big Bear Mountain Resort
- Dive in a pool in Palm Springs
- Watch Shamu jump at Sea World in San Diego
- Go rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park





FAITH

good to know

• **We welcome everyone!**

Concordia is a Christian campus founded on the Lutheran faith. But no matter what your faith background, you'll feel at home here.

• **Want a quick spiritual boost?**

Head to chapel for 30 minutes, held four days a week. You're not required to attend, but many of our students do.

• **Get to know Him better.**

We provide many opportunities to develop a close relationship with God on your own terms, without faith requirements.

• **Service to others is big at Concordia.**

Students help out people around the corner—and around the world—on missions and study trips.

• **Christ is in our classrooms.**

Your professors may discuss topics from a Christian viewpoint, but they won't dictate what you should believe.



Grace Alone. Faith Alone.

You might be surprised that Concordia does things a bit differently than some other Christian universities. For example, we don't require you to attend chapel, sign a faith statement, or minor in Theology. Why is that? Because as a Lutheran institution, we take the idea of "Grace Alone, Faith Alone" to heart.

God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works (Ephesians 2:8-9). "Grace alone" means that God loves, forgives, and saves us not because of who we are or what we do, but because of the work of Christ. And we receive that grace through faith alone. God does not force us, he invites us with no conditions on His gift.

Likewise, we invite our community to be spiritually involved because they truly want to be. And there is plenty to involve you...not only chapel and Bible studies, but missions and service opportunities. You're not required to participate, but once you see the impact you can make on the world by sharing your faith and kindness, you'll be hooked.



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“If the University is teaching students who are only capable of living in a Christian bubble, then we've failed. With Christianity as their foundation, our students will be facing all of life's challenges, all of its mess. That's life! Go out and embrace it!”

— Jon Jordening, Director of Contemporary Worship



SHOUT it Out!

Light a bunch of candles, pick up a guitar, sing, pray and rejoice with us at SHOUT! This student-led worship happens every Thursday night and it's just one of the services at Concordia, held in both contemporary and traditional styles. We also have Chapel four mornings a week, and Sunday evening services. There are over a dozen Bible study groups, too.

Welcome to the Family

Concordia University is affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you're not Lutheran, you might be wondering if you'll fit in here. Don't worry, you will. There are students from over 50 different denominations at our campus, making up one happy Concordia family. There are ten schools across the nation in the Concordia University System.



FAITH



Serving Others Serves the Lord

Nearly everyone here is involved helping others, both locally and on mission trips to India, Haiti, China, Africa and other countries.

How did you use your gifts to show Christ's love this year?

I tutored homeless children at the rescue mission every week.

I helped out at the Children's Hospital of Orange County.

We brought people with mental disabilities to Concordia basketball games and made them part of the Concordia family.

I handed out food every week to the homeless in Santa Ana.

I taught English in Calcutta, India at the Mother Teresa home.

Planting Seeds

CONCORDIA STUDENTS HELPED TO PLANT A GARDEN FOR FIKISHA, A PROGRAM TO HELP STREET BOYS IN THE SLUMS OF NAIROBI. FOUNDED BY CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE ALUMNI IN 2009, THE FIKISHA PROGRAM HAS HELPED OVER 70 BOYS WHO WERE ONCE CAST AWAY FROM SOCIETY, BRINGING EDUCATION, INDEPENDENCE AND HOPE THROUGH CHRIST. IT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION IN ACTION AT CONCORDIA.



developing your gifts

Your gifts are just seeds. They need to be planted and showered with care, guidance and a lot of sunshine. Concordia is an ideal environment to nurture your gifts and watch the amazing ways they grow. Here are some of the ways gifts are growing at Concordia.

"Concordia's gated community is **so secure and safe.**
I feel I can do my best here." — Caitlyn Lau, Honolulu, Hawaii

"I really like the small class sizes because **I receive personal feedback**
from the professors." — Amanda Fielder, Pymble, Australia

"I have always been athletic, but the soccer program brought me **out of my shy shell.**" — Audrey McKay, Fullerton, California

"Living in the dorms with other people has helped me **to develop my patience**
and understanding." — Jessica Easley, Sunland, California

"On the **Nationally ranked speech and debate team,**
we traveled to 12 tournaments in different states." — Chase Harrington, Laguna Hills, California



ACADEMICS

good to know

We're well respected academically.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked CUI in the "Top Tier," among the best regional universities in the West.

Our professors spend quality time with you.

Because our classes average 17 students, your professors will give you one-on-one attention.

Our Core Curriculum will open your eyes.

These courses reveal the amazing connections between things in our world.

We don't put God in a box.

As a Christ-centered Lutheran school, we look at how the Christian faith interacts with each academic area.

The world is your classroom.

Our Around-the-World Semester and study abroad programs let you learn while you travel the globe.



Our Recipe for Deep Thinking

The world doesn't fit into neat compartments, like science, art or math. Everything connects and meshes together in amazing ways, and you'll discover some of them in our Core Curriculum. As a freshman, you'll take "linked" courses that reveal some of the connections between math and philosophy, and between biology and theology. As a sophomore, you go on to tackle history and literature. The Core Curriculum puts Concordia in a select class of respected liberal arts universities.



ACADEMICS



What is Truth?

DO YOU SEE A VASE, OR TWO PEOPLE TALKING? YOU CAN GET A TRUER PICTURE OF REALITY WHEN YOU SEE FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES. OUR CORE CURRICULUM TEACHES YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE AND USE DIFFERENT "LENSES" TOGETHER TO SEE THE TRUTH WITH GREATER CLARITY.

“One day, I left the Core class and everything just clicked. I could see all the connections the prof had been pointing out. I was like, ‘This is a miracle!’ ”

— Nick Kopinski, Aliso Viejo, California

We Take Teaching Personally

Think of a favorite teacher you had in high school, one who really cared and inspired you to do your best. Now, imagine if all of your college professors were so invested in you. That's a glimpse of what your experience will be like with our faculty. Teaching is very personal to them. Professors routinely go above and beyond, mentoring students in research projects and opening the door to internships. They strive to be not only teachers, but also models of Christian kindness.

Small Classes, More Participation

With an average of 17 students per class, there's no hiding in the back row. You'll learn to share your ideas and join the discussion in ways that just aren't possible at a large school. The point? We want you to develop your own outlook and become a wise, honorable and cultivated citizen of the world.



ACADEMICS



Gain a True Global Perspective

Imagine yourself living in Paris, Italy, Ghana or South Korea. These are just a few places where Concordia students have studied. Would you rather study in England, Australia or Costa Rica? Come talk to us about all of our study abroad programs.

For a truly unforgettable experience, take part in our Around-the-World Semester program, where a group of Concordia students and faculty travel the globe together. They hold classes, soak in the local culture, and perform service work, visiting a total of 10 different countries in one remarkable semester.



Going Around the World in One Amazing Semester

"I GIVE IT TWO THUMBS UP. IF I HAD MORE THUMBS, I WOULD GIVE THEM. IT WAS THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE." THAT'S WHAT AMBER WATSON FROM CORONA, CALIFORNIA SAID ABOUT AROUND-THE-WORLD SEMESTER. A GROUP OF 30 STUDENTS AND FACULTY TRAVELED TO ARGENTINA, RUSSIA, TURKEY, EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL, KENYA, INDIA, INDONESIA AND CHINA, STAYING IN EACH COUNTRY FOR TWO WEEKS. THEY TOOK FIVE CLASSES DURING THAT TIME, AND DID SERVICE PROJECTS EVERY DAY, FROM TEACHING ENGLISH IN CHINA TO HARVESTING POTATOES IN RUSSIA. SAYS AMBER, "THE EXPERIENCE HAS FOREVER CHANGED MY LIFE, AND I WILL NEVER BE THE SAME."

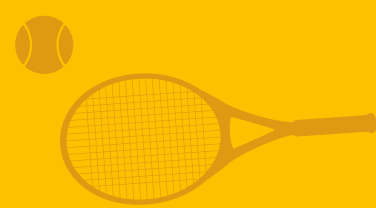
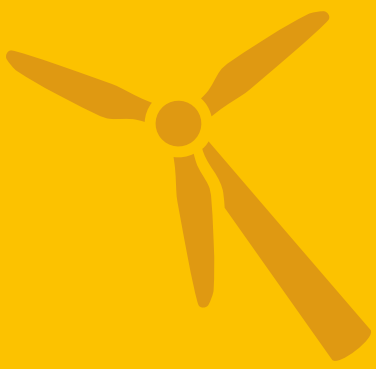
Flex That Mental Muscle

Ready for a mental challenge? You'll find many of them at Concordia. For example, you can participate in the President's Academic Showcase. You'll perform research on any subject you find interesting, with the help of a mentoring professor. Then you create a research paper and an academic poster explaining your ideas. In the competition, the top projects receive cash prizes...

and more importantly, the prestige of being a showcase winner!

If you're ready for a longer challenge, our Honors Program was made for you. Students in this program can choose from a variety of Honors courses with even smaller class sizes, and special opportunities for those planning to attend graduate school.





“Our theatre program gives students a voice and a way to express themselves.”
 — Tony Vezner, Associate Professor, Theatre Department

“I passed out food to the homeless every week.”
 — JoAnna Pugh, Sacramento, California

“My passion is helping young adults and children.”
 At Concordia I was able to touch their lives.”
 — Kathryn Baldwin, Victorville, California

“Next year, I will be a Residents' Advisor in the dorms to develop my leadership skills.”
 — Trenton Semple, Riverside, California

“Being surrounded by students and faculty who shine with Jesus' love is truly a lovely presence.”
 — Erika Hernandez, Santa Fe Springs, California

sharing your gifts

What's the point of having gifts? They were given to us to serve the Lord, often by serving others in various ways. While it's nice to sing in the shower, it's much better to sing for the enjoyment of a crowded concert hall. Or hit a homerun for your cheering schoolmates...counsel a friend who's down...or lead a Bible study group. Whatever your own gifts, it's more fun to share them with others. You'll have plenty of chances at Concordia.



ATHLETICS/ARTS

good to know

• **Concordia Eagles athletes are winners.**

Eight men's and nine women's teams are very competitive at the Division I – NAIA level in the Golden State Athletic Conference.

• **Music fills the air.**

It's a big part of our community, with excellent and widely respected choral and instrumental music programs.

• **There's a lot of drama on campus...**

as well as comedy, musicals and other stage genres. Our strong theatre program is attracting national attention.

• **We heart art.**

Students in our popular art program exhibit their work all over campus, and we display innovative work from visiting artists.

• **We reward talent.**

Concordia bestows a number of generous scholarships for talent in athletics and the performing arts.



ATHLETICS/ARTS



Intercollegiate Athletic Teams

- BASEBALL (M)
- BASKETBALL (M, W)
- CROSS COUNTRY (M, W)
- SOCCER (M, W)
- SOFTBALL (W)
- SWIMMING (M, W)
- TENNIS (M, W)
- TRACK & FIELD (M, W)
- VOLLEYBALL (M, W)
- WATER POLO (M, W)

Capturing National Titles

Concordia's Men's Baseball team recently captured the national NAIA crown. This racks up the fifth national title for Concordia athletic teams. Recently seven of our athletic teams were nationally ranked in the NAIA top 10. Our athletics program emphasizes both performance and character—we're a Champions of Character five-star institution. We also have club Lacrosse and many intramural sports such as flag football, dodge ball and ultimate Frisbee.



Music is the Heart of Concordia

If you have the gift of music, we want you as part of the close-knit music community at Concordia. Although we're a small university, we have a large number of music ensembles: over 20 different groups perform extensively. One of the largest handbell programs in the nation is found here.

Our Top-Notch Theatre Program

Our nationally recognized theatre program offers you hands-on experience, even if you're not a theatre major. We produce five shows a season in every genre, from musical theatre to classical comedy, drama and dance, all artistically challenging. For example, we built a swimming pool in the theater for an underwater show, and featured a chorus of firefighters on roller skates! Concordia was invited to the prestigious Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Regional Festival, and three faculty members have received awards for excellence in theatre education.



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Choral Music

- THE CONCORDIA CHOIR
- WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE
- MEN'S CHORUS
- CONCORDIA MASTER CHORAL
- EXALT, WITNESS AND ACCLAIM QUARTETS

Instrumental Ensembles

- CONCORDIA WIND ORCHESTRA
- CONCORDIA SINFONIETTA
- CONCERT HANDBELLS
- SPIRIT BELLS
- CHAPEL BELLS
- EAGLE PEP BAND
- STRING ENSEMBLE
- CONCORDIA BRASS
- WOODWIND QUARTET
- PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
- HANDBELL QUARTET
- JAZZ COMBO
- CLARINET ENSEMBLE
- FLUTE ENSEMBLE
- GUITAR ENSEMBLE
- CARILLON RINGERS

Worship Bands

- SUNDAY SOURCE
- COMMON GROUND
- LIFEPOINT
- SHOUT



using your gifts

Your gifts will strongly influence the direction of your career and your family life. Concordia can help you focus your gifts and apply them to your calling. Your future is coming up fast...we want you to be ready!

"When I started my own business, I had the tools necessary, thanks to my professors."

"I had some

amazing professors

who set me up for a successful teaching career."

— Nicole Frasz (Alumna), Orange, California

"As a business student, I will be prepared to not only enter the workforce, but to enter life as a strong Christian."

— Emily Kloos, Vista, California

"An education is supposed to

prepare you for your mission in life, your vocation. That's the Lutheran view."

— Rev. Dr. Scott Ashmon, Director of the Core Curriculum

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COMMUNITY

good **to** know

• **Our community is warm and welcoming.**

Right away, you'll notice the sincere, friendly way we treat each other here. The closeness and caring is for real.

• **You'll love your room.**

Our residence halls are modern, clean and well designed with private space for you to study and sleep.

• **There's a club for that.**

There are dozens of student clubs and organizations to match your interests...or you can start your own club.

• **Never a dull moment.**

From the homecoming dance to concerts to special events, there's always something fun going on.

• **Find your voice.**

Our student government, called ASCUI, polishes your leadership skills as you represent your fellow students.

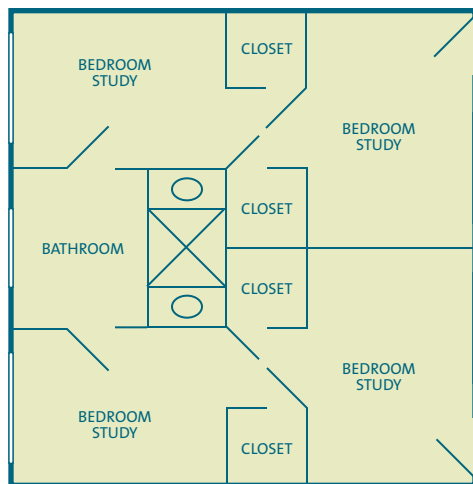


COMMUNITY

Your Home Away from Home

There are two residence halls specifically for freshmen, and the rooms are the envy of students at other schools! Each suite is designed for four people, providing four private spaces for studying and sleeping. The four suitemates share a pair of microwaves and mini-fridges, and a bathroom. There's a common lounge with cable TV, pool tables and ping pong, where you can hang with friends.

Nobody chooses a college based on food...but ours is really delicious! You'll find a wide menu of freshly made dishes in our dining hall. You can also grab a bite at the Eagle Rock Café, or the Emendare coffee shop across campus.



SUITE FOR FRESHMEN



Fun with Friends

One thing is certain about Concordia: you'll make lifelong friendships here. In our close-knit community, it's easy to get to know people. Your PALs (Peer Advising Leaders) will help introduce you to life at Concordia, and you can get to know people easily by participating in clubs. Whether you're interested in paintball or politics, Spanish or sports medicine, there's a club for that. Or join the student government, where you can run for office and become a leader.

Favorite Campus Events

- Rock the Amp
- Suitcase Bingo
- Kindergarten Day
- Pack the Gym
- Homecoming
- April Concerts
- Midnight Madness



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NEXT STEPS



1

Take a Campus Tour

We offer campus visits Monday through Friday at 9:30 am and 1:00 pm—please schedule ahead of time.

During your visit you can:

- Take a walking tour of campus with current students
- Meet with an Admission Counselor
- Observe a class (when in session)
- Attend Chapel
- Eat lunch at the cafeteria
- Meet with a faculty member, coach or music/theatre director

Or, you can join us for an Open House event or Preview Days. For more information, or to schedule a visit, go to www.cui.edu/visit or www.cui.edu/admissionsevents.

2

Talk to an Admissions Counselor

College is a big decision, and you and your parents probably have plenty of questions. Ask us! We're happy to answer your questions, help you apply, and make you feel welcome.

Phone:

800.229.1200, ext. 3010
or **949.214.3010**

Email:

admissions@cui.edu

Website:

www.cui.edu

3

Apply

When you're ready, you can apply on the Concordia website using the step-by-step directions listed there.

To apply, you'll need:

- Application
- Personal essay
- Letter of recommendation
- Official high school/college(s) transcripts
- Official SAT or ACT scores (freshmen only)
 - SAT code: 4069
 - ACT code: 0227

Useful Websites

Register for the SAT:
www.collegeboard.com

Register for the ACT:
www.act.org

Forms and deadlines for the FAFSA:
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarship search service and financial aid information:
www.fastweb.com

Everything you want to know about Concordia University Irvine:
www.cui.edu



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Your To-Do List

- BE SURE YOU'VE COVERED THE COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMITTANCE
- VISIT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AND TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
- APPLY TO CONCORDIA ONLINE OR ON PAPER
- HAVE YOUR OFFICIAL SAT OR ACT SCORES SENT TO US (FRESHMEN ONLY)
- HAVE YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE(S) TRANSCRIPTS SENT TO US
- SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- WRITE AND SUBMIT A PERSONAL ESSAY
- APPLY FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
- COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) BEFORE MARCH 2

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FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Deadlines

- February 1:** Concordia Scholarship and Activity Awards
- March 2:** FAFSA (Concordia Financial Aid Code: 013885)
- March 2:** Cal Grant Verification Form (California residents only)

Five Things You Should Know About Financing Your Concordia Education

- 1. Most students receive financial aid.** Over 90% of our students receive financial aid, and we award over \$40 million in federal, state and institutional aid each year.
- 2. You can graduate in four years from Concordia.** Classes at many public institutions are impacted, and less than half of the California State University system students graduate after six years of college. Those extra years of tuition add up to really increase the price of a public education.
- 3. A university education is a great investment.** Studies show a bachelor's degree recipient can expect to earn an average 66% more during their work life than a high school graduate.
- 4. Financial aid comes in many forms.** There are grants, scholarships, work study and loans, and most students rely on a combination of them all.
- 5. We're standing by to help.** Contact us with questions large or small concerning your financial aid. We'll walk you through it step by step.

Concordia University Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

- Academic Scholarship
- Activity Scholarship (Music, Theatre and Forensics)
- Athletic Scholarship
- Christ College Grant
- First Generation Grant
- Friends of Concordia Grant
- Lutheran Student Grant
- Transfer Student Scholarship

Outside Opportunities

- Cal Grant
- Federal Work Study
- Pell Grant
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod District Grant

For scholarship amounts and application requirements, please see our website: www.cui.edu/scholarships





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