

CANISIUS COLLEGE APPLICATION

Freshman and Transfer Students
Undergraduate Admissions



EVERY
JOURNEY
STARTS
WITH A
FIRST STEP.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO APPLY FOR FRESHMAN ADMISSION

- Complete the enclosed application. Canisius College is also a member of the Common Application and gives full and equal consideration to students who use this method to apply for admission. You may obtain a paper copy of the Common Application or apply online at www.commonapp.org.
- Submit your completed paper application or the online counselor recommendation form to your high school counselor. Your counselor should complete the recommendation and attach an official copy of your high school transcript and standardized test scores.
- Have the results of your SAT or ACT exam sent directly to Canisius College when you register for either exam. The Canisius SAT code is #2073. The ACT code is #2690.

NOTE: If you are an adult applicant age 22 or older applying for freshman admission, you are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores. Instead, submit a statement describing your activity/employment since leaving high school.

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Canisius College Office of Undergraduate Admissions
2001 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208-1098

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Toll-free: 1-800-843-1517
Local: 716-888-2200
Web: canisius.edu/admissions
Email: admissions@canisius.edu

IMPORTANT CANISIUS COLLEGE CODES:

SAT: 2073
ACT: 2690
FAFSA: 002681

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Students who have attended other colleges or universities may submit this application for admission or apply online with the Common Application. Official transcripts should be submitted for all college work in addition to the transfer recommendation form found at canisius.edu/transferrec. Students who have completed fewer than 24 credit hours at the time they apply for admission must also submit an official high school transcript and standardized test scores. For more information about transfer admission or Canisius College, visit the transfer students section of the admissions website at canisius.edu/admissions/transfer.

ROLLING ADMISSIONS AND EARLY ACTION

Canisius adheres to a rolling admission policy that allows you to apply at any time until the class is full. Canisius offers early action with a deadline of November 1st. If you choose this option, you will still have until May 1, the National Candidates' Reply Date Agreement, to make your college decision. High school seniors who do not apply by November 1st are encouraged to apply by March 1st of their senior year for full and equal consideration.

ADMISSION AND TIMELINE SCHEDULE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

- Submit your application for admission and all supporting documents and academic information. You will be considered automatically for an academic merit scholarship when you apply for admission.
- Visit Canisius for our Open House or on a Saturday or weekday to learn more about our diverse academic programs, student life opportunities, admission and financial aid. Schedule your visit online at canisius.edu/visit.
- Use the Canisius Net Price Calculator, a tool to help families plan future educational costs, found at canisius.edu/npc. The Net Price Calculator is based on Canisius' current academic year costs. The "net price" is derived by subtracting a student's potential scholarship and grants from the estimated cost of education.

DECEMBER – JANUARY

- Watch the mail for your admissions decision letter and academic merit scholarship notification if you applied for admission by November 1st.
- If you intend to apply for Canisius' **music or art scholarships**, be sure to do so by the appropriate deadlines in January or February. More information about the scholarships and online applications may be found at canisius.edu/finearts.
- Visit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website at fafsa.ed.gov to sign up for your pin number. This will make it easier and faster for you to apply for financial aid. Both you and your parent or guardian will need a pin number, which serves as your online signature.

JANUARY– FEBRUARY

- Attend a Canisius Experience day. Enjoy a specialized visit that will allow you to immerse yourself in the Canisius College experience. This program gives you the opportunity to shadow a class, set up lunch with a faculty member or current student, meet with an admissions counselor, or take a tour. More information can be found at canisius.edu/visit.
- Be sure that your parent or guardian files the FAFSA to be considered for all forms of financial aid available at Canisius. We recommend that you file the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov by February 15th for the fastest processing time. The Canisius FAFSA code is 002681.

MARCH – APRIL – MAY

- Attend one of our many events for accepted applicants, including Accepted Students Day. Invitations to these events are sent by mail and more information can be found online at canisius.edu/visit.
- Watch the mail for your financial aid award if you filed the FAFSA by February 15. Read the award letter carefully and contact the Office of Student Financial Aid with any questions you may have, toll-free at 1-800-541-6348 or in Western New York at 716-888-2300.
- **Your tuition (\$200) and housing (\$200) deposits are due by May 1 to reserve your seat in the freshman class.** Housing is prioritized based on date of deposit, so we recommend that you send your deposit as soon as you have made the decision to enroll. Deposits may be sent to the Office of Admissions. You may also pay your deposit by credit card online at canisius.edu or by calling the Office of Admissions toll-free at 1-800-843-1517 or in Western New York at 716-888-2200.

CANISIUS COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION



\$40 APPLICATION FEE

FEE WAIVED

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL FORMER LAST NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

PREFERRED FIRST NAME DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) GENDER† MALE FEMALE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PERMANENT HOME MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

Would you like to be notified of select events via text messaging? YES NO

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? YES NO If no, please explain status:

Canadian citizens, please indicate your consent to receive electronic messages from Canisius College? YES NO

Are you Hispanic/Latino? YES NO

What is your race? (Select one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List below, in chronological order, all high schools and colleges or universities you have attended. Misrepresentation in any statement made here may be considered sufficient reason for refusal of admission.

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY/STATE	DATE ENTERED	DATE LEFT	DATE GRADUATED OR REASON LEFT

List all courses in which you are currently enrolled:

List all dates you have taken or will take the SAT-I or ACT exam:

SAT MONTH/YEAR SAT MONTH/YEAR ACT MONTH/YEAR ACT MONTH/YEAR

Semester you wish to enroll: FALL SPRING YEAR: _____ Are you applying to be a: FRESHMAN TRANSFER

Have you previously applied to or attended Canisius College? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Do you intend to live in Canisius College housing? YES NO

Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus unless they will be commuting from their family home.

Do you intend to apply for financial aid? YES NO

This has no impact on the admission decision; it simply allows us to communicate with you about the financial aid timeline.

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Please indicate your first and second choice of major by placing a 1 and 2 on the line next to your selections. If you are still considering a variety of majors, check the box in the UNCERTAIN section that best describes your interests. Please note that you are not locked in to the major you choose on this application. You may change your major at any time.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Laboratory Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Information Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescence Education (grades 7-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Behavior, Ecology and Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education/Health Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art History | <input type="checkbox"/> European Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education/Sport Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Training/Sports Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bioinformatics | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional and Technical Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood Education (grades 1-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology and Anthropology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> International Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education/Childhood Education (grades 1-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Management | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education (birth-grade 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics & Statistics | |

In addition to your choice of major(s), please indicate your interest in any of the following programs:

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- Dental Medicine*
- Osteopathic Medicine*
- Pharmacy *
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Veterinary

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- All-College Honors Program
- BA/MBA Dual Degree
- BA/MBAPA Dual Degree
- Fashion Merchandising†
- Military Science/ROTC

STUDY ABROAD

- Australia
- Belgium
- Brazil
- El Salvador
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Spain

UNDECIDED?

If unsure of a specific major, check the box in one of the following areas that best describes your interests:

- Humanities
- Business Administration
- Education
- Natural Science
- Not sure at this time

* Joint degree program.

† Offered in conjunction with the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please tell us more about your extracurricular involvement(s). You may attach an additional document if necessary.

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List any employment or military service:

EMPLOYER	POSITIONS HELD	TYPE OF WORK	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT
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List all other colleges/universities to which you have applied:

Do you intend to apply for the Urban Leadership Learning Community (ULLC) program? **YES** **NO**

For more information visit canisius.edu/ullc

Check here if you wish to receive Army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) information.

Are you a member of Phi Theta Kappa? **YES** **NO** Date of induction: _____

Are you a member of Alpha Beta Gamma? **YES** **NO** Date of induction: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Occasionally the Office of Admissions corresponds with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Please tell us where and to whom to send this information.

Check one: **MR. & MRS.** **MR. ONLY** **MS. ONLY** **OTHER** Relationship: _____

FIRST NAME(S)	LAST NAME(S)
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MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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FATHER'S OCCUPATION AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	MOTHER'S OCCUPATION AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
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Are you the child of a Canisius College faculty or staff member? **YES** **NO**

Did either your mother or father attend college? **YES** **NO**

Did your father graduate from Canisius College? **YES** **NO** YEAR(S) _____ DEGREE(S) EARNED _____

Did your mother graduate from Canisius College? **YES** **NO** YEAR(S) _____ DEGREE(S) EARNED _____

If your mother is a graduate of Canisius, please indicate her maiden name: _____

Number of siblings: _____ Older: _____ Younger: _____

Are you a veteran of the U.S. military? **YES** **NO**

Are you a spouse/dependent of someone who has served in the U.S. military? **YES** **NO**

Do you plan to use your military veteran benefits? **YES** **NO**

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor (except a traffic violation)? YES NO

If yes, give details: _____

ESSAY (FRESHMEN & TRANSFERS)

Please write a brief essay of at least 250 words about a significant experience, achievement or person in your life, or another topic of interest to you.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (FRESHMEN ONLY)

Please include up to two letters of recommendation from teachers or school administrators (i.e. school counselor, principal, etc.)

YOUR SIGNATURE IS NECESSARY TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION

I certify that the information which I have given on these pages is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am accepted for admission, I shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the college that may be in effect or that shall be put into effect while I am a student.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION (FRESHMEN ONLY)

Please enclose the following with the application and submission materials to:

Canisius College

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

2001 Main Street

Buffalo, NY 14208-1098

SUBMISSION MATERIALS:

Student transcript, including results of SAT or ACT exams

Additional documentation such as an essay, resume or letters of recommendation

Your school profile

COUNSELOR'S NAME

TITLE

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL CODE (CEEB)

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

Student's cumulative average: _____ WEIGHTED UNWEIGHTED Student's class standing: _____ OF _____

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school,

the applicant's course selection is: MOST DEMANDING DEMANDING AVERAGE

Percentage of graduating class attending: **FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS:** _____ % **TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS:** _____ %

What is your professional judgment regarding this student's aptitude and preparedness for baccalaureate studies at Canisius College?

HIGHLY RECOMMEND RECOMMEND RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATION DO NOT RECOMMEND

UNABLE TO JUDGE AT THIS TIME PREFER NOT TO RESPOND

Please use the lines below for written comments you would like to provide for this applicant or enclose a separate letter.

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) is available to New York state residents who are academically and financially disadvantaged.

Check here if this applicant would like to be considered for HEOP. YES NO

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

The School Counselor section of the Canisius website includes detailed information about admission policies, scholarships, visitation opportunities, and the academic profile at canisius.edu/counselors.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Canisius College offers an extensive merit-based scholarship program to reward students for outstanding academic achievement. Students will be evaluated for an academic scholarship when they are evaluated for admission. A separate application is not required.

Academic scholarships are based on a three-year cumulative high school average (freshman through junior year) and the highest SAT-I combined score (critical reading and math only) or ACT composite score. If students qualify for an academic scholarship at Canisius, they will be notified of the scholarship amount when they receive their admissions decision letter. Find out how much scholarship money you could be eligible to receive at canisius.edu/scholarshipcalculator.

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are automatically considered for a transfer scholarship when they are evaluated for admission. Scholarships are awarded based on cumulative academic performance for all coursework completed at the university level. Students may also be considered for either one (but not both) of the following scholarships:

- Phi Theta Kappa members: \$2,000
- Alpha Beta Gamma members: \$2,000

To be considered, students must submit proof of induction at the time of application.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES (DIVISION I TEAMS ONLY)

Register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse during the fall of your senior year. Registration forms may be found in your school guidance office or online at ncaa.org under Rules & Eligibility.

ALL-COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

Applicants to Canisius are automatically evaluated for admission to the All-College Honors Program. Students who are eligible are sent an invitation to participate in the program shortly after they receive their admissions acceptance packet. Students will be enrolled automatically in the All-College Honors Program unless student notifies us.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Canisius commends students who have challenged themselves with the rigor of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate coursework. These types of courses are taken into consideration when students are reviewed for admission and scholarships, particularly students who have enrolled in the International Baccalaureate diploma program.

Canisius awards credit to students with scores of 3 or better on most Advanced Placement exams. Scores must be sent directly from the College Board to the Office of Student Advisement once the student has made the decision to enroll at Canisius.

Students who complete the International Baccalaureate diploma will be awarded a maximum of 30 credit hours and will have their individual diploma exams evaluated as transfer credit. Credit for standard level exams will only be awarded if the student has completed the diploma program. Credit for higher level exams may be awarded to students who have not completed the diploma program. A score of 5 is required to be awarded credit for either type of exam. Scores must be sent directly from the International Baccalaureate Organization to the Office of Student Advisement once the student has made the decision to enroll at Canisius.

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Canisius offers joint degree programs in dental medicine and osteopathic medicine. Each of these programs is a seven-year combined program with students spending three years at Canisius and four years at professional school. The bachelor's degree is awarded from Canisius after successful completion of the first year at the professional school. The professional degree (D.D.S., D.O., D.P.M. or O.D.) is awarded at the end of seven years.

To be considered for admission to a joint degree program, students should check the box indicating their program of interest on the application for admission. Students who have checked one of these boxes will first be considered for admission to Canisius College. The director of the pre-medical program will then review the academic records of students accepted for admission to Canisius and recommend eligible students to the appropriate professional school. Students being considered for the joint degree program with the University at Buffalo Dental School will be asked to schedule an interview with the director of admissions at the dental school. Admissions decisions are typically made by the professional schools by early April and students are notified of the decision prior to May 1.

4+1 DEGREE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Several Canisius departments offer a 4+1 degree option, which allows students to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees in just five years. The option is intended for students for whom a master's degree is necessary preparation for their career goals, is desirable as a goal in itself, or is viewed as additional preparation before pursuing a doctorate or professional degree. For more information about the 4+1 degree programs, please contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-843-1517 or 716-888-2200.

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Academically and financially disadvantaged students who are New York state residents may apply to be considered for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP). Please check with your school counselor for more information about HEOP and be sure to have your counselor check the HEOP box on the counselor portion of the application if you would like to be considered for the program.

MYCANISIUS.EDU

We recognize that once you have been accepted for admission, you and your family will want access to as much information as possible as you make your decision. Visit the MyCanisius website at my.canisius.edu.

- Register for The Griffin Experience
- Register for accepted student events
- Check out our FAQ section for students and parents
- Connect to detailed information about academic majors and programs and student services on campus

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Canisius College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion or creed, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or disability in administration of its education policies, employment practices, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

WHY CANISIUS COLLEGE?

JESUIT TRADITION

At Canisius, you'll be challenged on many levels. It's a Jesuit ideal called *cura personalis*, translated "care for the whole person." It means your education here will expand your mind, strengthen your body, and enrich your spirit. Whatever your faith, you are welcome here. Our Jesuit heritage dates back 450 years, but we continually reinvent its expression. Every day, we explore new ideas. We search for truth. We take time to reflect. We serve others. You will be part of a community where faculty and administrators serve as your mentors, helping you apply your skills and talents in ways that will benefit the world around you.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A Canisius education will require a lot of you. You'll be expected to work hard and work smart. Research ways to conserve the environment. Lead a study on autism research. Manage a real financial portfolio. Volunteer in Nicaragua, administering swinging flashlight eye exams in preparation for medical school. Whatever your field, whatever your dreams, we'll help you start exploring. Choose from over **145 majors, minors and special programs** and work one-on-one with faculty in your major to personalize your learning experience. With a **student-teacher ratio of 12:1** and an **average class size of 17**, Canisius ensures that your success is not just probable – it's inevitable.

BRIGHT FUTURE

The strength of the Canisius alumni network isn't just that it's 42,000 strong, or that it spans the globe, or that its ranks have included congressmen, renowned doctors, news anchors, NHL managers, bank presidents, and senior executives at UPS and Goldman Sachs (just to name a few). The strength of our alumni network is that they stay connected. Our alumni are uncommonly invested in our success. When you're looking for an internship, prepping for the big interview, or adjusting to corporate culture, they'll be there. They'll offer sound advice and good recommendations. There's a good chance they'll even offer you a job. So wherever your adventures take you, you need not go alone.

HELPING FAMILIES

At Canisius, we strive to make our educational experience well within reach for you and your family. So before you make a final college decision, ask for guidance. Our experts love answering questions. They'll help you navigate federal and state aid, financing plans, scholarships, grants, and need-based institutional awards. In the true Canisius spirit, they'll help you explore solutions and find the tools to realize your dreams.

STATE OF THE ART

In addition to having wireless access across campus, students benefit from access to the state-of-the-art Science Hall, renovated Bouwhuis Library, Montante Cultural Center, award-winning dining services and an athletic complex that has been hailed as a model for urban campuses nationwide. Our 72-acre campus rests atop a labyrinth of tunnels. The underground network runs from Dugan Hall to Old Main, from Street Side Café to Bouwhuis Library, connecting our students to everything they need.

LOCATION

Downtown Buffalo pulses with life. Appreciate art at the Albright-Knox. Brave hot chicken wings at Anchor Bar. We have parks, shops, music, restaurants, sports and businesses galore. Beyond city limits, hiking trails stretch for miles in our many state parks. The ski slopes at Ellicottville are less than an hour away. And, of course, there's Niagara Falls. In addition, internships, professional sports events, and volunteer opportunities are all nearby.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Consistently ranked among the best regional colleges in the North by *U.S. News & World Report*, Canisius is also the #8 Best Value Regional University in the North. But it's our students who are truly impressive: 9 out of 10 students who apply to medical and health or law schools are accepted; our students' CPA exam results are #1 in New York; and approximately 90% or more of our graduates are working or in graduate school within one year after graduation.