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Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the UConn community. We are so thrilled that your child chose the University of Connecticut for their college education. Your new UConn student is about to begin an exciting and challenging educational experience. This experience will provide them with a multitude of opportunities to grow, develop and have fun. It is during the college years that students transition to adulthood and eventually move out into the world to make their own way. Developing autonomy, making responsible choices, and establishing their identity are some of the qualities that help this happen.

We recognize that an important part of a college student’s education is the support they receive from their home base. Although many students feel they are going through the college experience alone we know that parents and guardians are going through the journey with them. While they may be studying away from home technology makes it possible for students to give parents a play-by-play and day-by-day description of what is going on in their lives. In this age of text messaging, e-mails, cell phones and facetimeing, parents are drawn right into the college experience more than ever.

During this period of transition and growth students may need support as they are faced with new challenges and experiences both in and out of the classroom. It is important to their growth and development, however, that they handle the college life situations that arise even though you may be very tempted to intervene or take control of the situation. The skills of autonomy and resiliency are ones that take practice to develop as students make their own decisions and abide by them.

Be assured that UConn has a multitude of resources and support services to assist your student through their UConn experience. The Parent & Guardian Handbook was designed to enhance your knowledge about these resources and support services on the Storrs campus. We
feel by knowing what is available, parents can suggest where their students should go for assistance when situations arise. By working together, we can help your new UConn student gain the most from their college years. Again, welcome to UConn and Congratulations on being the parent/guardian of a University of Connecticut student! You're a member of the Husky family now.

Best wishes,

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Director Orientation Services
UConn Storrs Campus
Academics

Schools & Colleges

As one of the top public research institutions in America, UConn’s fourteen schools and colleges offer seven undergraduate degrees in over one hundred majors.

The University requires all students to complete at least 120 credits toward their degree, however some schools require more than 120 degree credits for graduation.

All undergraduate students are required to complete general education requirements in addition to their major course work. General education requirements ensure that students become articulate and acquire intellectual breadth and versatility, critical judgment, moral sensitivity, awareness of their era and society, consciousness of the diversity of human culture and experience, and a working understanding of the processes by which they can continue to acquire and use knowledge. Some schools and colleges may add to general education requirements. To avoid delaying the progress of their degree, students should always discuss their progress in completing general education requirements with their advisor prior to registering for classes.

Students are required to complete at least six credit hours in each of the four content areas, which include: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Science & Technology, and Diversity & Multiculturalism. Undergraduate students may earn a degree from the following Schools and Colleges:

- College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources
- Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture
- School of Business
- Neag School of Education
- School of Engineering
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- School of Fine Arts
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy

Classes

During students’ time at UConn, they will experience all types of classes – large, small, lecture, lab, writing, quantitative, and computing skills.

Generally, a small class has a capacity of 25 or 30 students, but some may be as small as 19 people. These tend to be more personal than large classes and class participation is common, if not required, by the professor. The typical large class can range from 75 to 400 students and is primarily lecture-based. Class discussions are usually held during small discussion groups led by teaching assistants. Discussion groups give students an opportunity to ask further questions or to clarify material covered in the large lecture classes.

After speaking with your students, you may find that their professors utilize lecture time differently. Professors may cover material directly from the reading, use the text as a “jumping off point” for lectures, and/or lecture on material completely different than assigned homework reading. A professor’s course syllabus will give students an idea of how a particular course is taught.

Lab courses usually allow students to learn by doing. These class sessions (labs) are typically three to four hours long with class time spent experiencing the practical applications of the content taught in class.

The classes your students will take reflect the University faculties’ requirement for students developing writing, quantitative and computing skills. In the online course catalog, courses including one or more of these skills have a letter following the course number indicating the skill(s) taught. Examples of these letters follow:

- W - major writing assignments aimed at teaching the student to write clearly.
- Q - requires knowledge and use of mathematics and/or statistics above the basic algebra level.
- E - discusses the interactions between human society and the natural world.
First Year Experience (FYE)

The University's First Year Experience Program helps new students be “successful from the start.” Over 80% of incoming UConn students take advantage of these one-credit small classes (15-19 students) that bring new First-Years together once a week with other new students.

The University offers three types of FYE courses. The first type is UNIV 1800 University Learning Skills courses. These are taught by a team of faculty, staff, or undergraduate student mentors. They help students get started on the right track to academic and personal success. These classes cover crucial topics such as mastering University academics, adjusting to a new living environment, and getting actively involved with the campus community.

The second type is “First Year Seminar” classes for Transfer students. UNIV 1820 Faculty-Student Seminars focus on a topic of the faculty instructor's personal interest and provide students with interactive discussion and in-depth learning. Seminar topics are diverse and in the past have included classes focused on Bioethics, Middle Eastern Culture and Politics, Web Marketing, Cooking, and Crime Science.

The third type of course is UNIV 1810, and these are for students in Living-Learning Communities (LCs). Students who live together in these communities will also take a course together to meet their neighbors and enhance the sense of community. Some communities have peer mentors or continuing UConn students living on the floor as part of the LC, in addition to the Resident Assistant (RA) on the floor.

For full FYE descriptions and the most up-to-date list of class meeting times visit fye.uconn.edu.

Class Registration

UConn follows a semester system with two semesters making up an academic year. Registration for continuing students occurs near the middle of the semester for courses they wish to take the following semester. Students must meet with their academic advisor to discuss courses for the following semester before registering for them. Course registration is done online using the Student Administration System, also called “PeopleSoft.” In order to use the system students are assigned a Net ID and password which they will need to change when they first log into the system. Every University class has a call number that is entered into the system so it can be added to a student’s schedule. Students can access the system at studentadmin.uconn.edu.

Academic Advisors

First-Year students and sophomores are assigned to a particular advisor or to a central office of academic advising in a school or college. Juniors and seniors are advised by faculty members in the department of their major. The advisor helps students develop a program of courses for registration and is also available throughout the year to formulate a plan of study leading to a degree. Although the advisor is responsible for providing direction to students in making appropriate academic decisions, it is the responsibility of the students to become familiar with the academic regulations and degree requirements of the University, as well as special requirements of their major. Most students have a permanent advisor by their fourth semester and some even earlier. The University expects students, not parents, to contact academic advisors.
Academics
Support Services

Academic difficulties can occur, so to support students UConn offers numerous resources. Encourage your students to seek help when the first signs of trouble begin. Students should avoid waiting to seek help because if they wait too long it may be too late. Resources are available along the way to help students adjust and be successful. A partial list of resources follows:

Office Hours- Professors are required to establish office hours for their students so they can drop by for help. These are often indicated on the course syllabus and appointments can usually be made if students are unable to make office hours. Encourage your students to visit their professor’s office hours for extra assistance in courses.

Teaching Assistants (TAs)- Some large courses have teaching assistants, also known as TAs, in addition to the professor. Large lecture courses may be broken down into smaller sections once a week and students can obtain extra help there. TAs may also hold drop-in office hours.

The Quantitative Learning Center (Q Center)- The Quantitative Learning Center is located in the Homer Babbidge Library. It offers free tutoring to students enrolled in Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, and Chemistry courses. For more information about the Q Center, visit qcenter.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-1961.

The Writing Center (W Center)- The Writing Center helps students with writing in any course that involves writing. The Writing Center is located on in the Homer Babbidge Library.

Students are able to schedule an appointment online at writingcenter.uconn.edu, or by calling (860) 486-4387, or stopping by during their open hours.

The Academic Achievement Center (AAC)- The Academic Achievement Center is a walk-in service, staffed by trained undergraduates who coach students in effective ways to study material, develop time management strategies, and manage stress so that it does not negatively impact their performance. The Academic Achievement Center is located in ROWE 217. For more information about what the AAC can do for students call (860) 486-4889 or visit achieve.uconn.edu.

UConn Connects- The UConn Connects Program serves as an intervention program to help students be more successful academically. This program pairs each student with a staff or peer facilitator who will guide them through the semester. To learn more visit achieve.uconn.edu.

The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD)- The Center for Students with Disabilities works to enhance and create a comprehensive accessibility to ensure an equal educational experience. The CSD is located on the 2nd Floor of the Wilbur Cross Building, visit csd.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-2020 for more information.

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)- The ISSS office is located in McMahon Residence Hall on the mezzanine level. The office supports the greater internationalization of the University of Connecticut through the development and delivery of services and programs that help international students, scholars, faculty and staff accomplish their academic and professional goals at UConn. For more information (860) 486-3855 or visit isss.uconn.edu.

Opportunities for Students
The offices listed above have various opportunities for students to become involved. Students can work with the AAC as coaches or as math or writing tutors in the Q or W Centers. It is a good way for students to get involved, share their expertise with the UConn community and in some cases, get paid for their work.
Next Generation Connecticut

Next Generation Connecticut is former Governor Dannel P. Malloy’s proposal to greatly expand educational opportunities, research, and innovation in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines at UConn over the next decade.

The shared goal of this proposal is to leverage the strength and resources of the University to build Connecticut’s future workforce, create jobs, and bring new life to the State’s economy.

Some of the goals of this ambitious 10-year plan include:

- Build STEM facilities to house materials in science, physics, biology, engineering, cognitive science, genomics, and related disciplines.
- Construct new STEM teaching laboratories.
- Create a premier STEM honors program.
- Upgrade aging infrastructure to accommodate new faculty and students.

** You can find more information about Next Generation Connecticut at nextgenct.uconn.edu

Bioscience Connecticut

Bioscience Connecticut is former Governor Dannel P. Malloy’s plan to jumpstart Connecticut’s economy by creating construction-related jobs immediately and generating long term, sustainable economic growth based on bioscience research, innovation, entrepreneurship and commercialization.

This plan includes increasing UConn’s medical and dental school enrollment in order to secure UConn Health’s future as a top tier academic medical center.

Bioscience Connecticut provides:

- $864 million investment in genomics and personalized medicine.
- Generate $4.6 billion increase in personal income and generate 16,400 permanent jobs by 2037.

**Adapted from the UConn 2016 Fact Sheet

(Above) Peter J. Werth Tower is a STEM residence hall that opened for Fall 2016 as part of Next Gen UConn. It features many STEM Living Learning Communities and an innovation lab with a 3D printer

Former President Tom Katsouleas and Jonathan the Husky asking UConn Trivia questions during the UConn Forward Event held at the Pratt & Whitney Hanger Museum in October 2019.
At the center of research and learning—and one of the most tangible symbols of higher education—the library is the heart and soul of every great public university. The UConn Library system is highly ranked among its regional and national peers and forms the largest public research collection in the state. The collection contains some 3.5 million physical volumes, over 450,000 ebooks, and robust access to a wide variety of electronic journals and research databases.

The University’s main library, the Homer D. Babbidge Library, is located at the center of the Storrs academic core, and serves over 1.3 million yearly visitors in both graduate and undergraduate programs. Inside the Babbidge Library students can find a variety of resources and services, including public computers and printing, a 3D printing lab, electronic instruction classrooms, tutoring in writing, quantitative work and languages, and various styles of study spaces ranging from individual quiet study to group work.

Other resources on the Storrs campus include the Music & Dramatic Arts Resource Center in the Fine Arts complex, the Pharmacy Library in the Pharmacy/Biology building, and the Archives & Special Collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. Each of the University’s regional campuses maintains a library dedicated to serving the programs at those sites.

Who was Homer D. Babbidge?

Homer D. Babbidge was the president of UConn from 1962 to 1972. He advocated for a stronger research oriented institution in Storrs by increasing collection development and overall number of periodicals and inventory of books. By the end of his term as president, the UConn library passed the one million volume mark and joined only 58 other universities that had a collection of one million or more.

For more information visit lib.uconn.edu
Student Activities provides holistic development to UConn students by enriching their intellectual, ethical and social development. The Department of Student Activities provides programming and opportunities that engage students in community involvement and leadership opportunities. Student Activities is committed to providing excellent programs and services that promote student self-governance, respect for diversity, civic responsibility and life-long learning. This office is located in the Student Union Room 307.

Community Outreach (CO)- Community Outreach offers students opportunities to engage in service related activities that enhance the quality of life of others in the community while enriching their own learning experience at the University of Connecticut. The CO office is located in the Student Union Room 302.

All CO programs are student led and over 100 students hold formal leadership positions. The Office of Community Outreach has also been recognized on the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction!

- One-time and regular service programs that meet self-identified community needs.
- Volunteer and federal work-study positions in local human service agencies and schools.
- Professional and leadership development for participants and coordinators.
- Advising for individual students, student organizations, faculty and staff who desire assistance in developing a service-related project.
- A point of access for community partners wishing to engage the UConn student body in public and community service initiatives.

Programs Office- The Programs Office is dedicated to providing excellent programs and services that enhance students’ experiences. These programs engage students with their campus community while providing educational opportunities in a fun and exciting environment. The Programs Office is also available to advise all student organizations on any aspect of event planning. The Programs Office is located in the Student Union Room 308.

Major events and advising that are provided by the Programs Office include:
- Family Weekend
- Homecoming
- Husky Week of Welcome (WOW)
- Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG)
- Summer Student Activities
- UConn Late Night

Student Involvement Office- The Student Involvement Office exists to help students get connected with involvement opportunities on campus, as well as promote active campus engagement. They also provide support for student organizations. The Student Involvement Office is located in the Student Union Room 302. For more information visit uconnect.uconn.edu.

Leadership Office- The Office of Leadership Programs offers a comprehensive, unique, and cutting edge approach to leadership development programming which seeks to prepare students to be engaged, forward thinking, and global citizens. In order to do this, Leadership Programs provides three levels of programming.

- Explore Programs: Introduce students to the basic concepts and principles of leadership.
- Engage Programs: Apply theory to practice within academic disciplines and co-curricular activities.
- Elevate Programs: Prepare students for leadership beyond the institution.

The Leadership Office is located in the Student Union Room 302.
Opportunities for Involvement

Is your student thinking about getting involved? The University of Connecticut has over 700 registered clubs and organizations on campus that reflect the diverse interests of the student body, and round out one of the top campus activities programs in the nation. The Student Involvement Fair, held in early September and early February, gives new students the opportunity to see what co-curricular opportunities are out there. The Involvement Fair provides students with the ability to connect with representatives from several different groups.

Getting involved on campus is a great way for students to make new friends, meet new people, learn new skills, explore interests, develop leadership skills, advance their future career, continue athletics, and create new technologies. The sky is the limit! UConn has a full listing of clubs and organizations at uconntact.uconn.edu; students can visit this site for more information about student involvement!

UConn’s Cultural Centers celebrate the University’s commitment to diversity and civility. The Cultural Centers coordinate and sponsor a wide variety of programs and events that are available to all UConn students. The Centers are an excellent opportunity for students to engage with members of their identity group(s), or explore cultures and lifestyles of other identity groups. All five centers have locations on the fourth floor of the Student Union, and are open to all students.

Cultural Centers

Asian American Cultural Center
(860) 486-0830
asacc.uconn.edu

H. Fred Simons African American Cultural Center
(860) 486-3433
aacc.uconn.edu

Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center
(860) 486-1135
latinx.uconn.edu

Rainbow Center
(860) 486-5821
rainbowcenter.uconn.edu

Women’s Center
(860) 486-4738
womenscenter.uconn.edu
Faith Communities

There are many faith communities in and around the UConn campus. The clergy, leaders and coordinators of the faith communities at the University of Connecticut and in the town of Mansfield have a special commitment to serving the spiritual life of the students, faculty and staff at the university. All students and families are invited to participate in the worship and activities of these faith communities. For more information and a full list of faith communities visit UConn Faith at faith.studentaffairs.uconn.edu.

Commuters

If students are commuting to campus, they have a lot of options similar to residential students. They can purchase a meal plan, join an intramural sports team, use the recreation facility and relax in the commuter student lounge.

Off-Campus & Commuter Student Services offers support for commuter students through programming, commuter appreciation week, and lunch and learn sessions. To learn more about what services and support students can access through Off-Campus & Commuter Student Services, visit their website, offcampus.uconn.edu or call them at (860) 486-8006. You can also stop by their office in Student Union Room 315.

Veteran Affairs and Military Programs

The Veteran Affairs and Military Programs office provides a full range of benefits and services to students that have served or continue to serve in the Armed Forces. These services include benefits processing, event programming, and community outreach. Their goal is to provide an excellent experience for all veterans and members of the military that attend the University of Connecticut and for each of them to know that they are an important and integral part of the University.

The University has supported several veteran or military specific programs such as a Military Appreciation Day at a fall football game, an annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial, and color guard representation at most home basketball and football events.

Please visit their website at veterans.uconn.edu to learn more about programs and benefits available, or call them at (860) 486-2442. Their main office is located in Hawley Armory (North Tower).
The William Benton Museum of Art

The William Benton Museum of Art is Connecticut’s State art museum. Drawing largely from its collection of over 6,500 works of art, the Museum presents exhibitions of art dating from the 15th through the 21st centuries. The Museum also creates special exhibitions drawn from outside sources as well as loaned exhibitions. Special events include gallery talks, campus art walks, academic and non-academic discussions, musical performances, and family programs. The Museum officially opened as an art museum in 1967, its roots go back to the early 20th century and the days of the Connecticut Agricultural College before it became the University of Connecticut.

The original Museum building was constructed in 1920 and served as The Beanery, the campus’s main dining hall until the mid-1940s. It is among the core campus buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Museum has continued to build collections over the years, and in 2004 the Benton grew in size with the addition of the Evelyn Simon Gilman Gallery, a sunlit atrium, The Beanery Coffee Shop, and The Museum Store. The galleries and administrative offices were completely renovated. The Benton has become a university museum of significance, a vital part of the University environment, and an important art venue in the Northeast. Please visit their website, benton.uconn.edu, for visiting hours and admission information. The William Benton Museum of Art is located on 245 Glenbrook Road, and can be reached at (860) 486-4520.
The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts

The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in December 1955, is the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season, Jorgensen events attract more than 70,000 students, faculty and staff from the University of Connecticut, as well as residents from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Jorgensen presents 25-30 nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles annually, ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment.

Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state’s educational and cultural leader. In addition to performances, visiting artists augment the formal educational process with Convocation and master classes for the Department of Music, informal Q & A’s and panel discussions, and participation in First Year Experience classes taught by the Jorgensen director. In addition to the presenting program, the Jorgensen staff works closely with Student Activities, campus cultural centers and academic departments, producing events and presentations that are topical, and which enhance the quality of the college experience at the University of Connecticut.

With over 2,300 seats in a flexible space, Jorgensen’s attractive architectural features highlight the breadth of its presentations. Jorgensen also houses the Jorgensen Gallery and Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre, which is the home of Connecticut Repertory Theater. More information on events and tickets can be found at jorgensen.uconn.edu or by calling the ticket box office at (860) 486-4226.

The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry

The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry is one of America’s hidden treasures—a superb collection of over 2,500 puppets from all over the world, an archive of books, manuscripts, posters, drawings, audio-visual materials and photographs all covering the history of puppetry. It is also the new home of the Puppeteers of America’s Audio-Visual Collection: the largest collection of videotapes, films, and other media about puppetry in the United States. The Ballard Institute curates and produces exhibitions of puppetry, both at the Ballard Museum and for touring across the United States. The Institute also offers workshops, museum tours, artists’ forums, film showings, performances, and other events and programs that promote the art of puppetry as a twenty-first-century art form with deep historic and global roots. To learn more, visit bimp.uconn.edu, or call (860) 486-8580. The Institute is located in Downtown Storrs, 1 Royce Circle, Suite 101B.
Campus Life

Campus Recreation

Intramural Sports- If your student enjoys organized athletics but does not play at the varsity level, the Recreation Department sponsors an extensive intramural program. There are participation opportunities for men’s, women’s, and co-recreational play; example sports include: soccer, flag football, tennis, water polo and many more! Registration dates, schedules, and other pertinent information is posted on the intramural webpage at recreation.uconn.edu/intramural-sports/, as well as on the IMLeagues site. If your student has any questions about playing or joining a league, have them call or email UConn Recreation at recreation@uconn.edu or (860)486-0002.

Student Recreation Facility- In fall 2019, the New Student Recreation Center opened on Hillside Road across from the UConn Bookstore. When the new Student Recreation Center opened, the former Student Recreation Facility closed. The new facility features a 30,000 plus square-foot fitness center, four full-size basketball courts, with 2 additional MAC courts, a running track, an aquatics center with a 25-meter swimming pool, a wellness center, squash and racquetball courts, space for club sports, and other flexible spaces to support UConn’s recreation programs and activities.

The Student Recreation Center also offers a variety of Group Fitness classes, which are part of the Fitness and Wellness Program. Students can register for these fitness classes on the UConn Recreation website with their NetID and password.

UConn Outdoors- UConn Outdoors is one of the many diverse programs and services brought to your students by UConn Recreation. The programs are implemented by the UConn Adventure Center (UAC) located in the new Student Recreation Center on Hillside Road opens. The goal of UConn Outdoors is to offer engaging and enjoyable instructional adventure experiences. UConn Outdoors seeks to challenge and support students by allowing them to take a break from the campus grind and meet some great new people!

UConn Outdoors is proud to provide:

- Knowledgeable instruction
- Friendly & attentive service
- Exciting programming
- Quality outdoor equipment & facilities
- Leadership development

Their staff includes outdoor professionals, qualified volunteers and fellow UConn students who have prepared, through their training system, to offer students a fantastic adventure experience. They have led successful programs for the past 20 years throughout New England, the continental United States and beyond. For more information on involvement opportunities with UConn Outdoors, visit recreation.uconn.edu/programs/uconn-outdoors/.
**Campus Athletics**

**Athletics** - From cheering at Gampel Pavilion and Rentschler Field to participating in victory parades and rallies, UConn fans have some of the best school spirit in the country. Students are able to attend rallies and games to cheer on their favorite teams during the year. UConn students, alumni, and fans from all over Connecticut – and beyond – rally around Husky pride.

**Where are the home football and basketball games played?**

UConn Football hosts home games at Pratt and Whitney Stadium at Rentschler field in East Hartford, CT. Located roughly 30 minutes from campus, Rentschler Field seats 40,000 including a student section of over 4,000! UConn Men’s & Women’s Basketball games are played at Gampel Pavilion (on campus) and the XL Center in downtown Hartford, CT. The Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) typically runs buses for each of the home games at Rentschler Field and the XL Center. Bus information is available in the fall at the start of the academic year. Therefore, if your student does not have a car, they can still enjoy athletic events here at UConn.

**How does my student get access to friends and family tickets?**

Throughout the course of the year, UConn Athletics will periodically offer students the opportunity to purchase single game tickets for mom, dad, friends, etc... through the “Friends & Family” offer. Typically offered at a discount, these tickets will be available for select sporting events and will need to be purchased in-person at the UConn Ticket Office (located in the breezeway between Gampel Pavilion and the Hugh S. Greer Fieldhouse). Ticket offers will be sent to students via email during the school year.

**TICKET POLICY FOR UCConn STUDENTS**

UConn students no longer have to buy tickets to attend any regular season home sporting events.

UConn students who go to ticketed events will only need to swipe their student ID at the gate for admission and will get in on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the university.

This is the policy at home events for men’s and women’s basketball, football, men’s and women’s soccer, and men’s hockey.

Students will continue to be able to attend all non-ticketed events free of charge.
What are the varsity sports teams at UConn?

Men’s varsity sports- Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Soccer, and Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field.

Women’s varsity sports- Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field, and Volleyball.

Where do I go for more ticket information for athletic events?

You or your students may visit the UConn Ticket Office in person, located in the breezeway between Gampel Pavilion and the Hugh S. Greer Fieldhouse. In addition, ticket information is available at uconnhuskies.com or by calling 1-877-AT-UConn (1-877-288-2666) or (860) 486-2724.

UConn Fight Song

U Conn Husky, symbol of might to the foe. Fight, fight Connecticut, it’s victr’y, Let’s go Connecticut U Conn Husky, victr’y again for the White and Blue
Jonathan, the University of Connecticut’s Husky Dog mascot, is seen at many athletic and other public events. However, for much of UConn’s early history, the institution lacked a mascot.

Jonathan’s rise to glory started on November 9, 1934, when Connecticut State College (UConn, as it was known in the 1930s) played rivals Rhode Island Agricultural in football, a “ram-napping” occurred. Connecticut State College’s students kidnapped Rhode Island’s Ram mascot. At this time, Connecticut State College did not even have a nickname, let alone a school mascot. This kidnapping raised interest on campus for selecting a mascot for the college. “Connecticut Campus” (school newsletter) held a mascot contest and the winning entry was the Husky. The Husky was suggested because the winters in Storrs were as cold as those of Canada’s Yukon Territory.

After the mascot had arrived, it was time to find it a name. The alumni paper, the “Connecticut Alumnus” took this task upon itself and launched a contest, which revealed the winning entry of Jonathan, inspired by Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut’s revolutionary war-era governor.

In 1935, shortly after arriving on campus the first Jonathan Husky Dog died as a result of injuries after being hit by an automobile. He was buried on the hill opposite East Campus. Several months later in the fall of 1935, Jonathan II made his debut. He was a Siberian Husky, and ever since, the Husky mascot has been a white dog. He arrived on campus just in time to meet Ulysses, the Rhode Island Ram mascot, during the annual football game.

Many of the husky dogs have been very tenacious. Jonathan II chased Brown University’s bear up a tree. Police and fire fighters were needed to retrieve the frightened bear. In November 1947, Jonathan III was halted by security at the gate of Yale Bowl. After gaining admittance to the Bowl, Jonathan III chased Yale University’s bulldog around the Yale Bowl.

Jonathan IV, a Siberian Eskimo-Samoyed mix with some grayish markings, also was not fond of Yale’s bulldog, as he grabbed the bulldog by the nose the first time the two mascots met. Jonathan IV stayed with UConn from 1949-1959 and was known to growl at opposing basketball players when they scored against Connecticut.

1934-1935: The first husky mascot, a black and white Eskimo husky, was born July 23, 1934 in Huntington, Connecticut. During the American Revolution, George Washington is said to have referred to Connecticut’s then-Governor Jonathan Trumbull as “Brother Jonathan.”
Apparently with Jonathan V, the tenacity disappeared. Reports of the time call Jonathan V “shell shocked” because he was unable to tolerate the noise and emotions of fans at football games. He was retired early because he cowered in the presence of large crowds.

While a husky dog replacement was being selected, a costumed “mascot” began making appearances in 1964. He was not called Jonathan at first, but rather “Homer the Husky,” a reference to the then still-new president, Homer D. Babbidge, Jr.

The next actual Husky Dog, Jonathan VI, had a short career, as just 2 months after being introduced to campus, a car hit him. His successor, Jonathan VII, came as a gift from the student body at the University of Alaska in March 1965 to repay UConn’s student body for donations following an earthquake in Alaska.

Jonathan VII was almost sold as protest against the war in Vietnam because the Student Senate, today’s Undergraduate Student Government, determined that the dog “represented the establishment.” Fortunately, a student petition saved the dog, and from that point on, Alpha Phi Omega (APO), the service fraternity, has handled the dog.

A changing of the mascot occurred at a football game in 1977 as Jonathan VIII was introduced and Jonathan VII retired. Jonathan VIII died of cancer in May, 1991. Initially the next mascot was named Jonathan IX, but before his public debut, APO announced that he was really Jonathan X. It was said that there had been 2 dogs called Jonathan VIII, but verifications from public record has not been found. Jonathan X died in 1995 after being hit by a car.

The spring of 1995 was a busy season at UConn. In April 1995, the UConn’s women’s team won the NCAA basketball championship. Shortly after the title, a Husky dog statue was dedicated outside Gampel Pavilion. In May, Jonathan XI replaced his predecessor. Jonathan XI represented the University through an animal therapy program to help children and the elderly.

Jonathan XIV is the current mascot who was selected after a careful search for just the right pup by a student committee. He arrived on campus as a nearly nine-week-old puppy. He lives with his big brother, Jonathan XIII, and gets his basic training from an experienced hand (ummm – make that – paw).
UConn Traditions & Husky Pride

**Husky Opening Weekend for New Students (Husky WOW)**- Husky WOW celebrates the beginning of a new academic year and is one week in length. There is an incredible array of activities to connect students to UConn and get them excited about the upcoming year. Some of these activities are geared towards the entire family, such as: the UConn Parents Reception, Family Stations and sporting events.

After you say goodbye to your students, they will have the opportunity to attend Convocation, meet WOW groups, and attend different WOW events with their groups. When the dates and events for Husky WOW are finalized over the summer the information will be posted on the Husky WOW website huskywow.uconn.edu/

**Family Weekend**- This annual UConn tradition is for the entire family to enjoy! Family Weekend is a time for families to return to campus and see how their students are doing. This weekend of fun-filled events gives you a snapshot of the University’s culture, the community’s academic excellence, and the energy of our vibrant campus. Various events are held on campus and throughout Downtown Storrs such as: campus tours, receptions, entertainment at the Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts, and endless dining options like the Family BBQ!

When the dates and events of Family Weekend are finalized in early fall the information will be posted on the Family Weekend website, familyweekend.uconn.edu
Homecoming- Homecoming is a time for the entire UConn community to show their Husky pride! Students will be able to attend events, or may be in the events depending on their involvement in organizations.

- **Homecoming Parade**- Student organizations create floats to display and small routines to perform along the route for families and other students to enjoy.

- **SUBOG’s Homecoming Carnival**- Families and students can enjoy rides, food, and activities at this time. Everyone is welcome to participate, the more the merrier!

- **Lip Sync Competition**- One of UConn’s signature Homecoming events, where teams from all different student organizations compete in a high energy lip syncing contest. Each team choreographs a routine set to popular music and performs in front of thousands in Gampel Pavilion.

- **Royalty Pageant & Alma Mater Sing Competition**- Students will see the Homecoming court crowned and enjoy singing UConn’s Alma Mater with other students!

- **Homecoming Football Game**- You and your students can cheer on the UConn Huskies at the Homecoming football game! #BleedBlue

For more information about the events at this year’s Homecoming, visit [homecoming.uconn.edu](http://homecoming.uconn.edu).
**Winter Weekend** - Have your students ever seen a one ton sundae? We didn’t think so! Winter Weekend falls on the first weekend in February every year. This is a time when students can enjoy concerts, comedians, and activities to cure their winter blues. Check out [subog.uconn.edu](http://subog.uconn.edu) for more information and schedules for Winter Weekend.

**Spring Weekend** - Spring Weekend is the end of the year celebration at UConn. This weekend is jam packed with on campus events and activities. Past highlights include a food truck festival, outdoor concerts, a circus, and so much more!

The weekend is capped off with UConn’s muddiest tradition, Saturday’s OOzeball Tournament. The UConn Student Alumni Association started OOzeball in 1984, and it is an annual tradition that has since been adapted at many colleges and universities across the country! In 2019 Oozeball celebrated its 35th year at UConn.

For more information about Spring Weekend, visit [springweekend.uconn.edu](http://springweekend.uconn.edu).

**UConn Bucket List** - Every year, there is a bucket list of activities that every UConn student should do before graduation, below are some examples of bucket list tasks:

1.) Rub the nose of the Jonathan Husky statue for good luck  
2.) Watch the sun rise or sun set on Horse Barn Hill  
3.) Participate in HuskyThon  
4.) Take a photo with the real Jonathan (not the statue)  
5.) Attend the One Ton Sundae and try the “Senior Scoop”  
6.) Take a photo with the Jonathan the Husky statue in your cap and gown when you graduate  
7.) Go to a Men’s or Women’s Basketball game and start a chant  
8.) Take a class in a subject that you have never studied before
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the 2020 and 2021 Orientation programs were conducted online.

The Orientation program at the University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus is an essential experience for students transitioning from high school to college or from another college to UConn. All first-time degree seeking students attending the Storrs campus are required to attend Orientation in order to register for classes. The goal of Orientation is to ensure that new students make a successful transition to the Storrs campus.

Orientation introduces new students and their parents to the UConn Storrs campus along with key services and resources. The program prepares students for their scholarly pursuits in terms of meeting with an academic advisor and registering for the first semester of classes. Orientation is structured where sessions help both students and parents/guardians understand the collegiate experience along with university expectations. It also empowers new students to take personal responsibility for their social and academic choices in college.

**Types of Orientation Programs at the UConn Storrs Campus**

**The Two-Day First-Year Student Orientation Program**
Orientation for First-Year students consists of two days where activities completed on the first day serve as prerequisites for those done on the second day. This program is offered from mid-May to mid-July. There is an optional, separate Parent Orientation program offered during these two days.

**The Transfer One-Day Orientation Program**
Orientation for transfer students consists of a one day program since transfers are already experienced with the transition to college. The one day program offers a comprehensive, accelerated session that gives them the opportunity to meet with an academic advisor to register for classes, and become familiar with the departments and support services at Storrs that may differ from their previous institution. There is an optional, separate Parent Orientation program offered during the session.

**Parent/Guardian Orientation Program**
This optional Orientation program provides interested parents with an opportunity to learn about the university, its community, departments, and support services for students. Parent Orientation is not mandatory for new parents but those who do attend find it informative. Parent Orientation is offered from mid-May through Mid-July, only during the two-day First-Year student and one-day transfer programs. The parent program is totally separate from the First-Year Student and Transfer Orientation programs.

**International Undergraduate Orientation Program**
There is a separate weeklong Orientation program for international students who are studying on an F1 visa at UConn that occurs in August, the week before classes begin. At that time new international students can move into their residence halls to attend the program. This program accomplishes all the tasks that the two-day First-Year student and one-day transfer programs do, but also has sessions that focus on the transition to college life in the United States. There is no parent Orientation program offered during International Orientation.

**Storrs Campus Preview Program**
This program is for continuing degree-seeking students who are changing from a regional campus to Storrs. This one day program is designed to familiarize regional campus students with the Storrs campus. The program consists of assorted sessions in the morning and a campus tour in the afternoon so students can find the locations of their classes.
We asked current students, “If you could give one piece of advice to parents/guardians regarding their college student, what would you tell them?”

“While it is extremely hard to let your child or children go, this is when you really get to see them spread their wings, take flight, and see all your hard work as a parent pay off...this is where you will witness them gain innumerable amounts of maturity, autonomy, and independence. It is really where adulthood begins for them.”
- Hannah, Junior, Psychological Sciences & Human Development and Family Studies, Class of 2021

“The average college student changes their major multiple times. It is okay for them to not know what they want until they try new things. Accept their varied interests in courses and clubs to allow them to find out what they want and who they are. Let them be challenged and learn from their mistakes, it will only help them grow!”
- Cassandra, Economics & Urban and Community Studies, Class of 2019
“Have faith that you raised an amazing kid and don’t be afraid to give your student the space they need to find themselves. But also let them know you will always be there for them if they ask.”

- Peter, Senior, Civil Engineering, Class of 2020

“People change so much in college, let your student explore new things and develop new interests. They become so much more interesting to talk to when that happens!”

- Alexandra, Junior, Design and Technical Production, Class of 2021

“Be excited about your students’ new experiences and endeavors, even if they’re daunting at first! This is in regard to students studying abroad or joining different clubs. Doubt goes a long way to defer a student from getting involved, so showing utmost support is what we definitely want in order for them to prosper here at UConn!”

- Jenesis, Junior, Secondary English Education, Class of 2022
Special Programs

Parent and Guardian Tips
1. If possible, plan a campus visit, football game, or a day at Storrs with your student. Take your students and their friends for a meal or an outing. You will not believe how many friends they have when a free meal is involved especially at the end of the semester when money is low.

2. Never show up on campus unannounced!

3. Send lots of mail, especially in the beginning of the year. No matter how many times you phone, e-mail or text, students truly want to have a tangible piece of paper. They will be thrilled to receive something fun once in a while.

4. During the semester, send a food item that your student loves. If they come home on the weekend, send them back to campus with leftovers.

5. If your student lives in an apartment, plan to cook a favorite dinner once or twice a year for them and their friends. You will not believe the appreciation you receive and the love they feel.

6. For the holidays when your student is away from you, send them something appropriate (i.e., plastic pumpkins filled with Halloween candy).

7. Discuss financial management with them before they start at UConn.

8. Discuss the topic of underage drinking and its implications with them.

9. Remember that you have limited control over your student. Have patience. Trust them to make the right decisions.

10. Treat your student as an adult and let them make the decisions that deal with their college life. It is going to be so easy for you to want to take charge, but pull back. They will develop and grow by making their own decisions, dealing with the consequences of eventually becoming an independent adult, which is a goal of our institution.

11. Remember parental guidance does not mean trying to control your student’s decisions or actions away from home. Keep criticism to yourself, and you will be able to keep the lines of communication open.

12. Encourage your student to foster a good rapport with their academic advisor and to continue to seek advice throughout their academic career. As your student becomes more confident they tend to think they know everything. Mistakes can prove costly in terms of expense and possibly delayed graduation.

13. Make sure your health insurance carrier will cover your student out of state.

14. Obtain an academic calendar every year to help you keep up with important dates. The Registrar’s Office has a five year academic calendar available at registrar.uconn.edu.

15. Persuade your student to develop a network of peers, administrators, faculty and staff they can count on for advice and guidance.

16. Make sure your student updates any address changes in the Student Administration System.

17. If your student begins to get into academic trouble refer them to the First Year Programs Office early on at 860-486-3378.

18. Students who get involved on campus have greater academic success than students who only study. UConn has more than 700 clubs and organizations. Encourage your student to explore what is available and do not believe the “there’s nothing to do at UConn” line.

19. Do not be upset if you do not hear from your student during the first week of classes. Rather, be pleased that they are fitting in so well, having a good time, and keeping busy.
Financial Aid & Scholarships

Application for all need-based financial aid programs begins with submission of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), available online at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa. The FAFSA is the only application UConn requires for the awarding of federal, state, and University funds for the academic year. If your students are receiving financial aid this year, you may already be familiar with this process. The priority deadline for FAFSA is February 15th and the application opens in October 1st.

New students may receive merit scholarships from the Admissions Office, which will be included in their admissions letter. Continuing students can apply for scholarships through their specific school or college.

The University participates in the (William D. Ford) Federal Direct Loan program, in which borrowers obtain loan funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education. All Federal Stafford Loan and Federal PLUS Loan borrowers need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for this program. If you would like to learn more about what need-based funding your students are eligible for, you can call (860)486-2819 or email financialaid@uconn.edu.

Personal Finances

Paying for books, phone bills, laundry, toiletries, and entertainment expenditures are only a few of the possible expenses students may incur. Family discussions, prior to students’ arrival on campus, concerning how these expenses will be handled (e.g., allowance, student savings, campus employment, etc.) tend to ease the financial adjustments students must make. A little foresight and planning beforehand can reduce a lot of future anxiety. It is recommended that you all work together to establish a budget to control college spending.

The amount of money students need varies depending on personal spending habits. Book costs for a semester vary from a total of $300 to $800 and may be dependent upon the students’ majors, school/college, and the number of courses taken. Money may also be needed for things like laundry detergent, personal toiletry items, and haircuts. Meal plans are included in the fee bill, however take-out at off-campus restaurants is becoming an important part of college students’ budgets. Other costs may be associated with joining some UConn clubs or organizations. Expenses vary with students and this is why access to a local bank is recommended.
Billing

Tuition bills are referred to as the “fee bill” here at UConn. The fee bill is due August 1st and January 8th and it is in the form of an online e-bill. Students who have not paid or deferred their fee bills by the deadlines may be subject to University sanctions that include cancellation of classes, e-mail accounts, housing, library service, or access to the registration system. There is a late fee charge to all students who miss the August 1st and January 8th payment deadlines. For further information, check the University Bursar’s website at bursar.uconn.edu or call them at (860) 486-4830.

2021-2022 Cost of Attendance

Please access either the Office of Student Financial Aid Services financialaid.uconn.edu or the Bursar’s websites bursar.uconn.edu for information on the cost to attend UConn.
Paperless E-Billing

E-billing offers your student several benefits:

- A “green dividend” through a dramatic decrease in paper consumption for such things as fee bills, envelopes, and inserts, thus helping to conserve our natural resources
- The option for students to designate an authorized user such as a parent or guardian to do business on their behalf
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to billing from any location with a web browser
- Helping to keep tuition and fee costs down by lowering the University’s costs of doing business

Prior to each semester, students and authorized users will be notified by e-mail when their e-bill is ready to be viewed. The University accepts credit card payments via the Internet only. Students and authorized users may pay their e-bills online by e-check or by credit card (note: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, JCB, BC Card, DinaCard and Diner’s Club are accepted and a 2.85% non-refundable convenience fee will apply to your transaction). Traditional paper checks are also accepted, however, checks are scanned and converted to electronic payments. For more information about becoming an “authorized user,” please visit the Bursar’s website at bursar.uconn.edu.

E-bills are fully integrated with the UConn Payment Plan for those who desire to pay in installments. UConn’s e-billing has many of the conveniences typical of online bill paying. For example, students are able to set up optional secure “profiles” that save checking account or credit card information so they do not have to re-enter it each semester. There is even an option to be notified by text message. For more information visit bursar.uconn.edu.

Payment Plan

The University of Connecticut offers an optional installment payment plan for fee bills for students and families who desire a payment plan contract directly with UConn. For those desiring to participate, fall enrollments begin approximately June 25th of each year and spring enrollments begin approximately November 25th. The enrollment period ends on the tenth day of classes of each semester (i.e., at the end of “Add/Drop”). Please note that if you enroll after the first installment is due you will be required to pay any “catch up” installments at the time of enrollment. The plan is interest-free, however, there is an enrollment fee of $100 per semester, and it is necessary to re-enroll in the plan each semester.

To access the plan now, have students log into their Student Administration Account at studentadmin.uconn.edu, click on “Self Service,” then “Student Center,” and scroll down to the “Finances” subsection. Then click on the “UConn payment plan” link and follow the prompts.

Installment payment plan has several advantages:

- Payment plans are set up quickly and easily on a self-service basis directly through your students’ Student Administration account
- Students may grant payment plan access to one or more authorized users, such as a parent
- The plan automatically sends out e-mail notifications concerning changes in the fee bill and the impact on the payment plan budget. This eliminates the risk of under-budgeting or over-budgeting

For more information on the payment plan call (860) 486-4830 or visit bursar.uconn.edu.
Student Employment

Do your students plan on working while in school? There are many opportunities for positions throughout campus! Students can find information about part-time temporary student employment opportunities at the Student Employment website, studentjobs.uconn.edu. These positions are funded by either federal work-study or student labor dollars from departmental budgets. Both programs allow students to earn money to meet educational expenses. It is not necessary to apply for financial aid to secure jobs funded by student labor. If students are offered a Federal Work-Study (FWS) award as part of their financial aid package, it will appear in their list of financial aid awards in the Student Administration System, found at studentadmin.uconn.edu.

FWS eligibility is based upon financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid Services.

All jobs advertised on the Student Employment website are either located at the University (including regional campuses) or in an approved local off-campus community service agency. All student employees are required to complete a federal I-9 form to verify their identity and employment eligibility. For further information concerning these student employment opportunities, log on to studentjobs.uconn.edu.
In 1974, Congress passed the “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act” or “FERPA”, also known as the Buckley Amendment. FERPA applies both to K-12 and postsecondary educational records, although there is one key difference in the way that the law applies. In K-12, the rights under FERPA belong to the students’ parents until the students turn 18. In postsecondary education, the rights belong to the students, regardless of age or dependent status.

The law gives students certain rights concerning their UConn records, including the right to expect that information in their UConn records will be kept confidential, disclosed only with their permission or as permitted under the law. One such provision permits the University to disclose, without a student’s permission, a subset of information known as “Directory Information”. This includes information that, if released, generally would not constitute a violation of privacy. Parents occasionally ask for other student information that does not fall within our list of “Directory Information”, such as student grades, fee bills, and financial aid awards. Under UConn’s FERPA Policy, the University cannot release that information without the students’ permission, even to parents who pay the bills.

So what can parents do to get this information?

1.) Ask your students for the information. We encourage parents to communicate with their students about grades and progress towards educational objectives, and not just at the end of the semester. Mid-semester, prior to the start of registration for the next term, is a very good time to have a conversation about how students’ courses are going in the current term and what courses they plan to take the next semester.

2.) On the FERPA Designee PIN Page students can assign a pin number that will allow any person the student designates to talk to certain University offices about their educational records. Through this system, students can grant permission for designee to talk to certain University officials about Academic & Advising Information, Global Affairs, Husky One Card Information, Parking, Residential Life Information, Student Affairs & Services, Student Conduct, and/or Student Financial Information.

For more information on how students can share their information see the Registrar’s website at ferpa.uconn.edu/share-my-information.
Student Administration System

The Student Administration System, also called “PeopleSoft,” is the UConn system that contains your students’ records. It is a system accessed by all UConn students through the use of their NetID. Their NetID consists of three lower case letters (usually their initials) - abc -, the year they were issued their NetID - 06 -, and a 3-digit sequential number of persons with their initials being assigned a NetID the same year, i.e. abc06003. Their NetID number is unique to them as it serves as one of their identifiers the entire time they are at UConn.

The Student Administration System is the student system and not for use by parents. The System is a very powerful tool with many features that can help make students’ college life easier. They can access the system from any computer, anywhere.

Students can also use the Student Administration System to:
- Update their mailing address and telephone number
- Search for classes by subject or meeting time
- View a summary of their day/time, instructor, and high school information
- Request an official transcript
- View their transfer credit report
- View their advisors
- View their grades
- Apply for graduation
- Print an enrollment verification
- Accept their financial aid
- View their fee bill
- Make a payment
- Waive financial aid payment rules
- Waive the health insurance fee
- Waive the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) Fee

Most students find the system easy to use, but in case students do have questions an interactive help module is available for the system. It can be found at studentadmin.uconn.edu/help/students.
The University of Connecticut’s Student Health and Wellness is a health care facility fully accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care Facilities. A wide range of services are offered to students, including primary health care, acute care (non-life-threatening), mental health counseling, inpatient care, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, and a pharmacy. Specialized services and programs include a women’s clinic, allergy clinic, athletic medicine, nutritional counseling, health education, a cold self-care center, HIV antibody testing, special health clinics, and substance abuse prevention education.

Services are available to all registered Storrs students who present their UConn ID. There are additional charges for services including lab tests, x-rays, special procedures, annual gynecological exams, certain medical and mental health clinic services, and pharmacy purchases. While insurance coverage is not required in order to receive care at Student Health and Wellness, all full-time students are required by the University to maintain health insurance coverage.

Students may choose to be covered for accidents and illnesses by a personal insurance policy, a plan carried by their parents or a group policy sponsored by the University, sold and administered through a private insurance agency under contract to the University. The University uses what is called a “hard waiver” system to assure students’ health coverage. Under the hard waiver system, all students not wanting the University Insurance plan must waive it by accessing the self-service section of their Student Administration (Peoplesoft) account. It is strongly suggested that a comparison of other coverage versus the Cigna Student Health plan be conducted prior to declining the plan. Please visit the website at shs.uconn.edu for important information regarding plan provisions and billing practices. If the students do not waive out, or if the students do not have coverage, the Student Administration System will assume that the coverage offered under the University sponsored health insurance plan is accepted, and the charge for that coverage will be placed on the students’ fee bill. For further information about Health Insurance Plans call

Important

MANDATORY STUDENT HEALTH HISTORY FORM- DUE: July 1, 2021
Where to get one: Access the Student Health and Wellness website at shs.uconn.edu to access the Student Health History Form.

Purpose of form: The health form documents a student’s medical records as well as provides proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella in order to attend classes. A hold will be placed on the students’ Student Administration Account for non-compliance after the 10th day of classes.

MANDATORY MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION

Connecticut State law requires that any college student residing in university-owned housing be vaccinated against meningitis as a condition for living in the University’s residence halls and apartments. Students can obtain the meningococcal immunization through their health care provider. The health form documents the meningitis immunization. Students cannot move into their residence halls if this requirement is not met. For more information please refer to: shs.uconn.edu.
Student Health and Wellness - Mental Health is committed to helping students benefit from their college experience. The campus environment can be exciting and challenging; it can also be highly stressful since social and emotional concerns can interfere with effective functioning and academic performance. Student Health and Wellness - Mental Health offers a holistic and collaborative model of care. They hope students and families find them to be friendly, helpful and a place that provides services to help students be successful and happy, healthy people.

One way students can do this is to talk to a mental health professional in a supportive atmosphere to aid self-understanding and the resolution of personal concerns. Although Mental Health may work with students in crisis, their primary goal is to assist students with their concerns before they develop into more serious problems. Mental Health works to promote students' emotional, relational, and personal development.

Student Health and Wellness - Mental Health offers a variety of services to students including: group, individual and couples counseling; psychiatric assessment and medication monitoring; campus outreach and consultation; and training. Mental Health provides brief model therapy. In the event that a student’s concerns cannot be met by Mental Health, appropriate and professional referral to community agencies are arranged. Mental Health also offers emergency services 24/7 while school is in session. Emergency services can be accessed during the day by walking in to the center and after hours by calling the Mental Health main number at (860) 486-4705.

In addition to all of this, Mental Health offers a variety of services via its website including information specific for parents and families. Please know that Mental Health considers itself to be partners with UConn parents and families especially during times when they are working with your students. While they maintain strict confidentiality of your students’ mental health records, students are often willing and interested to invite parents and families in to be involved in their treatment. Mental Health is located in the Arjona building, on the fourth floor. For more information visit their website, counseling.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-4705.
Wellness - Mental Health
Safety

The University of Connecticut has over 12,000 students who live on campus, making it a city within a town. Similar to other towns, UConn has its own Public Safety Complex located at 126 North Eagleville Road. This complex contains the Police, Fire and Rescue Departments. The information in this section has been compiled to help heighten your awareness of students’ personal safety and crime prevention at UConn.

Police Department- The University of Connecticut Police Department (UCPD) is an internationally accredited law enforcement agency and a fully functional police agency with the same statutory authority as any municipal police department in the State of Connecticut.

The Department is responsible for, and its primary mission is, the protection of lives and property at the University of Connecticut and all adjacent areas within the jurisdiction of the UConn Police Department. This includes the main campus in Storrs and the regional campuses located statewide. The UCPD currently has a force of over 80 authorized sworn Police Officers of all ranks. Over 50 of those officers are assigned to the main campus in Storrs with the remainder assigned to the regional campuses throughout the state.

UCPD offers a multitude of services to the University, including: filing investigation and crime reports, record units and reporting, victim services, animal complaints, fingerprinting, hiring officers for UConn events, child safety installations, campus security camera program, student internship opportunities, self-defense classes, crime prevention and awareness programs, and the safety techniques and awareness resource team.

For more information on the Police Department including crime statistics for UConn, Storrs visit their website at publicsafety.uconn.edu/police/.

Fire Department- The UConn Fire Department (UCFD) is made up of three divisions: Fire Operations, Fire Administration, and the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector’s Office (FMBIO).
The Fire Operations Division, identified as Tolland County “Station 22,” is located in the Public Safety Building. Station 22 comprises over 20 personnel, all of whom are licensed Emergency Medical Technicians as well as Hazardous Materials Technicians.

UCFD plays a critical and diverse role in safety at the University. Annually, the UCFD responds to 3,000 emergency calls, including emergency medical incidents, fires, hazardous materials incidents, elevator entrapments, odor investigations, gas leaks, confined space incidents, fire alarms, and motor vehicle accidents.

UCFD also provides for standby at about 170 events on campus annually. These include: standby at men’s and women’s basketball, basketball first night, men’s and women’s hockey, football, soccer, track and field tournaments, pump testing, helicopter landings, concerts, annual lip sync, horse shows, polo games, high school visits, K9 Olympics, Oozeball, Spring Weekend, Commencement, move in weekend, Convocation, Halloween, parades, fire watches, and more.

UCFD is responsible for safety inspections across the University. Inspections include sprinklers, alarms, valves, standpipes, buildings, engine companies, preplans, hot work permits, and annual dormitory fire drills that occur once per semester. UCFD actively promotes and maintains safety with ongoing public education programs, including tours for First Year Experience classes and children, lab safety, and RA trainings.

For more information on the UConn Fire Department, visit their website, publicsafety.uconn.edu/fire.

**UConn Alert System**—Campus safety is a vital concern at the University of Connecticut. The University Alert Notification System provides a number of ways in which the University can contact the campus community quickly in the event of an emergency.

The components of the University Alert Notification System include text message, social media, email, voicemail, website alerts, outdoor sirens and Code Blue Phone Kiosks. Each of these components is intended to enhance communications during an emergency.

The multi-faceted alert notification system is the result of work done by a committee of students, faculty, staff and administrators, including UConn’s fire and police personnel, who have worked to put systems into place to give the University community early warning of emergency and weather situations. The committee meets on a regular basis to further monitor and update the system.

UConn Alert includes several methods of communication that may be used to notify the campus community in the event of an emergency:

- Text message alerts may be sent to registered cell phones stating the type of emergency and indicating possible action
- Voicemail, email and social media may update students and others about a potentially threatening situation
- The Code Blue Phone Kiosks may broadcast a message and flash lights when there is a campus-wide emergency. There are Code Blue Phone Kiosks located on all UConn campuses
- Outdoor sirens may be activated on UConn campuses as appropriate to alert persons who are not in buildings of an emergency

It is strongly recommended that all students, faculty, and staff register cell phone numbers with the University. Only students, staff and faculty can sign up for text messages. In any of these situations, students and staff who have registered will receive a UConn text message alert advising them of the situation and directing them to additional information. Encourage your students to do the following to sign up:

1. Students should log onto the Student Administration System
2. Click on Self Service, then Student Center
3. Scroll down to the personal information section and access the phone numbers to add or update information as needed
Living on campus at the University of Connecticut is a wonderful, positive experience for students! With UConn’s Residency Requirement, all First-Year students are required to live on campus their first year. Residence hall life provides each student with the experience of being integrated into campus life with all its cultural, social, academic and recreational diversity. UConn has over 12,000 students living on campus in over 100 residence halls. Each of the residential areas are unique and offer a variety of programs and activities to residents.

The majority of rooms on campus are doubles, meaning that two students live in the room. If students are new to UConn, they will most likely live in this type of room. There are also areas on campus that house a higher percentage of new First-Year students and sophomores including: Peter J. Werth Residence Tower, Alumni Quadrangle, Towers Quadrangle, Buckley/Shippee (Honors students only), and Hicks and Grange Halls (East Campus). These areas are designed to help students adjust to college life and transition to community style living. Students will be assigned to these areas with other First-Year students, or with second year students as roommates. Although these areas house a larger percentage of first-year and sophomore students, new students can also be placed in other residence halls around campus. Besides double bed rooms there are triple and quad rooms available as well. These rooms are larger in area to accommodate more students.

The Department of Residential Life is responsible for helping with all aspects of students’ lives while living on campus and addresses the following student needs:

- Assigning students to on-campus housing and providing opportunities to change rooms
- Ensuring that the residence halls are safe, secure and well-maintained
- Providing varied residential living options
- Providing staff who serve as day-to-day resources for students

Residential Life staff work to develop and foster a community focused on providing a seamless student experience between the classroom and the living environments. They encourage students to get involved in their community and give staff input through participation in area councils and various residential programs and committees.
Housing Assignments- Students who filed the housing application will receive information in August sent to their UConn e-mail account notifying them of their housing assignment and informing them how to look up roommate information. Included in this information will be the students’ room numbers and residence hall assignments. Students can access this information, when available, on Apply Online & MyHousing through reslife.uconn.edu.

In addition to the information mentioned above, students can check the Residential Life website to find out their specific check-in time and directions to campus for move-in day. These directions will differ for students depending where they live on campus. We urge you all to follow the specific directions to campus that your students are assigned to avoid extremely long waits and lines on move-in day.

On-campus housing is not guaranteed for all of the time that students are studying at UConn. All students desiring on-campus housing for the following year must re-apply every year in January and meet all application deadlines. Information on upcoming deadlines and applications will be sent to students’ UConn e-mail address. Please help to assure that they are aware of these deadlines. If the demand for on-campus housing exceeds the available supply, a lottery will be instituted to determine which continuing students will receive housing.

Housing Accommodations- If your students have a documented health/medical condition or disability which may impact their living environment, they must contact the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) to register and request a housing accommodation by July 1, 2020. The CSD can be reached at (860) 486-2020 or you can visit their website, csd.uconn.edu.

Residential Learning Communities- Residential Learning Communities (LCs) are themed floors. Together, LC students take related courses, engage in volunteer or service learning projects, and participate in many community field trips, dinners, movie nights, and more. LC students also have the unique opportunity to closely interact with faculty, staff, and peer mentors, who act as a support network as they transition to the University. The LC experience also allows residents to start building a “university portfolio,” which includes composing an exceptional résumé that highlights academic and co-curricular accomplishments in college. The time commitment for participating in a LC is for one academic year. LC residents still find it easy to meet people from all over campus, and to pursue other interests. Visit LC.uconn.edu or call First Year Programs & Learning Communities at (860) 486-0711 for more information.

Special Interest Housing- Residential Life seeks to provide a living environment welcoming to all students; if students identify as LGBTQ+, a student in recovery, a Veteran or a transfer student, they would be eligible for special interest housing.

▶ Gender Inclusive Housing- This is housing that is not limited to the traditional gender binary. Gender Inclusive Housing allows for same-gender, opposite gender or other-gender identities to live together regardless of sex assigned at birth. Students who are offered Gender Inclusive Housing can be assigned to a double, single or triple room in Brock Hall. Students who identify as a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ+) ally can be considered as a roommate to a student who identifies as being LGBTQ+. For more information, visit reslife.uconn.edu/myhousing/.

▶ Students in Recovery - This special interest housing is available for students who identify as being in recovery from alcohol and other drugs. University living can be challenging, potentially putting personal recovery at risk. There is an opportunity available for students to identify as being in recovery which serves as a connector for students seeking supportive roommates. Students who identify as being in recovery and become eligible to be matched with another similar student can do so in MyHousing at reslife.uconn.edu/myhousing/.
Veterans Community - The Veterans Community is a partnership between the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs, Department of Residential Life, and students committed to creating a community for student veterans. This community provides support, connection, and resources that promotes success and growth among student veterans. The primary mission of the Veterans Community is to help veterans transition from military to student life in a supportive environment.

This community is located within South Campus, with four students assigned to each suite (two students in each bedroom of the suite). Within the community, veterans can participate in programs and events that allow for peer learning and connection with other veterans. This community is dedicated to helping veterans navigate the complexities of the college experience and making a successful transition from military life to civilian life. To request to live in the Veterans Community, or for more information, please contact Nikki Eberly in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at (860) 486-3802 or via email at nikki.eberly@uconn.edu.

Transfer Community - The Transfer Community focuses on the needs of transfer students, and consists of both new and returning transfer students. Space is limited to students who request to live in the Transfer Community, but students who are not assigned to the community will be assigned throughout campus with another transfer student when possible. Students interested in this option must select “Transfer Community” on question #1 of the housing application.

Supervision & Residential Life Staff - The Department of Residential Life provides a support system for students to adapt to the new and more demanding environment of living in a residence hall with other students. Resident Assistants (also known as RAs) are paraprofessional student staff and are typically undergraduates. There are approximately 300 RAs in the residential areas of campus. These students have received special training relative to student needs, campus resources, conflict resolution, and overall University policies and procedures.

The student staff is supervised by Assistant Residence Hall Directors (ARHDs), Hall Directors (HDs) and Assistant Directors. The Assistant Residence Hall Directors are graduate students who live in apartments in the residence halls to provide support to the Hall Director or Assistant Director. The Residence Hall Director supervises and maintains safety and enforces the rules and regulations within the area; they serve as campus resources, educators, advisors, and student conduct officers. Lastly, they are directly responsible for the Resident Assistants.

Housing Contract - There is a set of standards that all students living in on-campus housing are expected to observe. Upon submission of the housing application, students are bound to the terms and conditions of the housing contract for both semesters (fall and spring terms). A copy of the contract is available online at reslife.uconn.edu/housing-contract-forms/.
Laundry Facilities- For students living on campus, Residential Life provides laundry equipment throughout the residence halls. The cost of using the machines has been factored into the semester room rate; therefore a student may use the machines as often as needed. All of the washing and drying machines are front loading and energy efficient. For commuters, there are a variety of laundry services located in and around the Storrs area. Visit reslife.uconn.edu/laundry for a complete list of laundry facilities on campus.

Alcohol Policy- No student under the age of 21 can possess alcohol on campus at any time. Students should read and educate themselves on the policies in The Student Code (community.uconn.edu) and On Campus Housing Contract 2021-2022. It is also a good idea for parents to familiarize themselves with the code as well.

Phone Service- Student telephone services assigns a telephone number to students when they move into the residence hall room. Students must provide the phone and sign up for an access code. This access code is an individual code that students use for long distance calls. This allows a telephone bill to be sent to each student individually, charging only for the calls that student made. Bills can be mailed home if requested. The University urges all students set up their room phone and voice mail even if cell phones are their main mode of communication. The reason for this is so the student can be contacted in case of an emergency and a message can be left. All students should make sure they update their emergency contact person and cell phone number in their Student Administration (Peoplesoft) account. For more information about student telephone services, visit student.phone.uconn.edu.

Mailing Address- Students’ specific mailing addresses will be provided when they move to campus. Make sure they give you the full address before you leave campus after move-in! Campus address formats can be found at studentmail.uconn.edu along with locations of all mail room facilities on campus.

Husky One Card- The One Card Office in the Wilbur Cross Building runs the Husky-One Card program. The goal of this program is to enable students to access a variety of services using their Husky-One Card (UConn ID) in conjunction with Husky Bucks. The Husky-One Card serves as identification and gives students entry into dining halls (with a meal plan), the recreational facility, their residence hall, and various University events. For added convenience, students can deposit money in their Husky Bucks debit account, which allows them to make purchases using their ID. With Husky Bucks students can make photocopies or print at the library, buy food in all campus dining halls and coffee shops, and dine at The Bistro on Union Street, an upscale restaurant in the Student Union. For more information, visit the One-Card Office website at onecard.uconn.edu.
# What to Bring/Not to Bring

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## Items to Bring

- Alarm clock
- Bathrobe
- Bed sheets
- Clothes hangers
- Comforter/Quilt
- Fan (no ceiling fans)
- Pillows
- UL approved power strip
- Snacks
- Storage containers (which may fit under bed)
- Towels and washcloths
- Trash can
- Umbrella
- Cleaning supplies (residents are responsible for cleaning own rooms)
- Bathroom supplies (hand soap, shower caddy, soap, toothbrush, flip flops, etc.)
- School supplies (backpack, notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, etc.)
- Apartment & Suite Residents
- Bathroom cleaning supplies
- Toilet Paper
- Bathroom trash can
- Dishwasher detergent (Charter Oak/Hilltop Apts)

## Items to Consider Bringing

- Stackable crates
- TV (with cable cords)
- Small stereo
- Computer with original software (and Ethernet cable)
- Posters or decorations
- Lamp (not halogen)
- Area rug (most rooms have tile floors)
- UL Approved Appliances
- Mini-refrigerator (36" in height or less with 3 prong rounded plug)
- Coffee maker
- Microwave (700 watts or less)

A more extensive list can be found at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu). Search for “Items to Bring”.

## Leave At Home

- Pets (only fish in 10 gallon tank or less permitted)
- Candles/Incense
- Halogen Lights/Lamps
- Extension Cords (use power strips)
- Firearms
- Toasters
The Department of Dining Services’ team strives to provide students and guests with an exceptional, sustainable and diverse experience, one meal at a time. The three meal plans offered at UConn are the Ultimate, Value and Custom Plans. Meal plans are based on the semester and active only when school is in session. Students living off campus or in University apartment complexes can purchase a “community meal plan.” For more information about meal plans access dining.uconn.edu.

Students can alert their dining hall manager about any special dietary needs. UConn Dining Services provides a range of dining options to meet students’ dietary needs, including gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, Halal and Kosher offerings. Each of UConn’s eight residential dining units at the Storrs campus has a special gluten-free area that stocks strictly gluten-free foods; the Union Street Market Food Court also has a complete gluten-free menu in each of its five food stations. One Plate, Two Plates, in the Student Union, has a significant gluten free menu as does the casual dining restaurant. Le Petit Marche Cafe offers a variety of gluten free baguettes.

If your students have a Halal or Kosher diet, the Gelfenbien Commons (Towers) dining hall includes NOSH, the Kosher Kitchen certified by the Kashrut Commission of Greater Hartford. All of the Kosher offerings in the servery are main streamed with other menu alternatives so that anyone may choose to eat Kosher at no additional cost. In addition to Kosher, Halal (Muslim) menu offerings are available Monday through Friday for students that prefer this option. For more information about dietary accommodations, visit dining.uconn.edu/locations.

Although the physical arrangements differ from hall to hall, all residences provide access to dining facilities within or adjacent to the building. Resident students or commuters with a meal plan can eat in any dining hall on campus with their Husky One Card (ID Card).

**What is a flex pass?**
Flex passes come with each of the three resident meal plans and can be used in two ways: as a guest pass or to purchase a value meal. For example, if students are going to have friends or family visiting, they can be admitted into the dining units using flex passes (spending power: one flex pass = one meal). Flex passes cannot be used at Dining Services’ retail operations (UC Café coffee shops, Student Union, convenience stores, etc.).

**What are points and how are they used?**
Points come with the Ultimate and Value Meal Plan options (spending power: one point = one dollar). Points may be used for purchases at our Retail Operations (UC Café coffee shops, Union Street Market, The Dairy Bar Too, The Beanery). They may not be used in the C-Store located in the Student Union, One Plate, Two Plates, or the UConn Dairy Bar.
Parking Services

The Department of Parking Services suggests that parents call them to inquire about the nearest available parking to their students’ residence halls. They will gladly help parents identify the parking options. A parking map along with other parking information can be found at park.uconn.edu. If you do not have access to this website or have parking related issues that you would like to discuss, call the Department of Parking Services at (860) 486-4930, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a member of their management team will assist you.

In order to qualify for a parking permit at UConn, resident students must have earned a minimum of 54 credits and be assigned to University housing. There is no credit requirement for commuter students.

The University has two parking garages at Storrs for visitors and University staff. The North garage is located across the street from the Lodewick Visitors Center while the South Garage is located across the street from Gampel Pavilion. During the academic year, both the South Garage and North Garage are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If there is a scheduled event on campus, the garage will charge a special rate known as “Event PrePay.” “Event PrePay” varies depending on the athletic event or the performance at the Jorgenson Center for Performing Arts.

Guests can also park in any commuter student lot between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and on weekends. Parking in Fire Lanes, Accessible Spaces or Reserved Spaces on campus is strictly prohibited.
Transportation Services

Shuttle Buses - While most students walk to classes, UConn does have an extensive shuttle bus system. Shuttle buses run from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday. There is a weekend shuttle that runs Friday from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bus schedules and routes are subject to change and students should visit transpo.uconn.edu to obtain a schedule and check out the new GPS tracking system that provides live updates of the location of all shuttles at the Storrs Campus. Some students choose to ride bikes to classes (racks are available). In addition, as parking areas are basically on the outskirts of campus driving a car from class to class is not possible. Upperclass or commuter students with cars park in designated parking areas and walk or take the shuttle bus to class.

Zipcar - Students can rent a car for an hourly, daily or weekly rate. Gas, insurance and up to 180 miles of driving per day are included in Zipcar rates. For more information, visit transpo.uconn.edu/zipcar.

Off Campus Shuttle Buses - Public transportation is available to take students off campus. To travel to neighboring Willimantic, CT students can take the WRTD Storrs-Willimantic bus upon receiving a free bus pass from Parking Services. Students should go to wrtd.org to find out more about bus routes and times. Students can also access bus schedules by calling Bonanza and Peter Pan (800) 343-9999. Bonanza, Peter Pan, and Megabus Bus Lines provide service between the University and major cities such as Hartford, Boston, and New York. For information concerning Amtrak service to Hartford, call (800) 872-7245.
Getting Around Campus

Campus Construction

Things are changing on UConn’s campus! UConn’s strategic Master Plan provides the blueprint for facility improvements that will allow Connecticut’s flagship public university to maintain world-class status. UCONN 2000, 21st Century UConn, and the State’s newest 10-year, $1.5 billion initiative known as Next Generation Connecticut, are transforming campus facilities statewide, strengthening research and education.

The following sampling of projects under construction this semester represent key investments from those initiatives for UConn’s future. For the most up-to-date information on these projects and others, including construction activity maps and quarterly construction reports please visit uconn.edu/construction.

Gant Renovations - The 285,000 gross square foot Gant Science Complex will be renovated to accommodate current and future University needs in response to growing student enrollment in STEM programs. These improvements will include classrooms, lecture halls, teaching and research laboratories, faculty offices and support spaces, and the building’s facades and roofs will be reconstructed to provide a more attractive waterproof skin with better energy performance. The renovations will be phased to provide sequential relocation of building occupants as reconstruction progresses. Design began in Summer 2015 and phased construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2017 and be complete in Summer 2021.

Infrastructure Repairs/Replacement - Utility infrastructure is the backbone of campus operations, supporting all buildings, services, and student and faculty needs. These systems represent a significant investment over decades of growth, requiring that future development considers carefully the integrity of existing infrastructure before expansion or repairs are made. UConn has begun planning, design, and construction to improve its utilities, and will continue to do so pragmatically on an annual basis with as little disturbance to campus life as possible.

STEM Research Center 1 - STEM Research Center 1, also known as Science 1, is the first academic building conceived for the planned Northwest Science Quad – a 22-acre parcel of land within a 5-minute walk of the campus core consisting primarily of surface parking. Development of this Quad will expand the existing North Eagleville Science District and provide a critical link to its programs while fulfilling goals set in the University’s academic vision plan. Science 1 will be approximately 200,000 square feet, will be the new home for the Institute of Materials Science and Engineering, and will include specialty research labs, teaching labs, core labs, computational labs, faculty offices, administrative support space, a 300 seat auditorium, a clean room and small café. It will be accompanied by various site improvements including the next phase of the planned North Woodland Corridor, a new parking area, pedestrian safety along King Hill Road, and an extension to the utility tunnel from the Central Utility Plant. Construction of STEM Research Center 1 is targeted to begin during Spring 2020 and be complete by the Summer of 2022.
Recently Completed

**Student Recreation Center** - Opened in Fall 2019, this new facility features 30,000+ square-feet of fitness activity space, 4 full-size basketball courts, a 2 court MAC gymnasium, an indoor running track, an aquatics center with two pools, 5 multi-purpose fitness studios including a mind body studio and a functional training studio, a wellness center, 3 racquetball courts, a comprehensive adventure center including a climbing wall, and other flexible spaces for students through UConn Recreation's programs and activities. The new Student Recreation Center conforms to Connecticut High Performance Building Code regulations and is registered as a LEED GOLD project.

**Innovation Partnership Building** - This 115,000-square-foot facility, the first phase of UConn’s expansive Technology Park, opened Fall 2017 and houses various specialized instruments, enabling UConn researchers to readily partner with industry scientists. In its first decade, those partnerships are expected to include collaborations on technologies such as 3-D printing and cybersecurity.

**Engineering and Science Building** - This 118,000-square-foot high-performance building and laboratory for interdisciplinary research will accommodate anticipated student and faculty growth in such fields as bio-nano engineering and cyber-physical systems engineering. Construction on the five-story, $95 million facility began in June 2015 and was completed in Fall 2017.

**Wilbur Cross Reading Rooms Renovations** - This project restored and refurbished the North and South Reading Rooms (original to the 1939 structure) to improve functionality, expand and enhance student study and work space, modernize and improve AV and IT capabilities, as well as address acoustical issues and long-term deferred maintenance needs. Design began in October of 2016 and construction was completed in September 2018.
# Important Telephone Numbers

## University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus

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UConn-isms

Add/Drop – the time when students attempt to add or drop classes

Advisor – may be a faculty member or a full-time administrative employee of the University who serves as a resource for students in planning a meaningful academic schedule

Area Councils – a governing body of students for a specific group of residence halls on campus

Credit – unit of value assigned to a course; if a four-year program consists of a total of 120 credits, then a typical semester would represent one-eighth of the total program, or 15 credits; the University requires all students to complete at least 120 credits toward the degree and some schools require more than 120 degree credits

Daily Campus – UConn’s student newspaper, available every weekday morning around campus

DGPA – Division Grade Point Average; shows either the lower (first two years) or upper (last two years) division GPA; see also GPA, SGPA, and TGPA

Elective – course that students enroll in outside of their major, minor, or core curriculum requirements

Family Weekend – fun filled weekend of events for UConn families and students; occurs in early fall

Flex Passes – used to bring a guest in the dining hall or to take out food at the grab & go locations; not valid at the coffee shops

Freshman 15 – “estimated” amount of weight new students gain or lose during their first semester at college

Full-time student – student enrolled in 12 credits or more each semester

GPA – Grade Point Average; shows students how well, between a scale of 4.0 (A) and a 0.0 (F), they are doing at UConn; see also DGPA, SGPA, and TGPA

Husky Bucks – is a debit account that can be accessed using the Husky-One Card (UConn ID); can be used at several locations on campus including on-campus coffee shops and grab & go’s. It makes the UConn ID a convenient cashless tool. A student can sign up for Husky Bucks at: onecard.uconn.edu

HuskyCT – an internet class management tool

Husky Fight Song – you will hear this at football games, basketball games and more to cheer our Huskies on to victory

Husky WOW – UConn’s Week of Welcome for new and continuing students, occurs at the beginning of the academic year in late August. During this time there are several activities planned for new students including convocation, student life sessions, and School/College Dean’s meeting. Husky WOW is a UConn tradition

Lower Division Student – designation for students that have earned less than 60 credits

Major – field of study students select to emphasize in their academic work; a substantial amount of the academic work will be in this area

Mirror Lake – larger man-made lake on campus adjacent to Route 195; has its own small island and serves as a temporary home to several hundred ducks and Canadian geese

NetID – student ID that consists of letters and numbers. This is students’ University internet ID which is used to access the UConn e-mail address, to apply for on-campus housing and to use with HuskyCT

Nutmeg – name of the undergraduate yearbook
**One-Card** – also known as the Student ID card. This card is used for several different purposes including access into the dining halls, as a Library Card, and as a debit card if Husky Bucks are put on it.

**One Ton Sundae** – SUBOG special event during Winter Weekend when a ton of various flavors of UConn Dairy Bar ice cream are turned into a giant hot-fudge sundae with the works for the whole campus to enjoy.

**Oozeball** – a not to be missed annual mud volleyball tournament during Spring Semester sponsored by the UConn Student Alumni Association.

**Prerequisite** – implies a progression from less advanced to more advanced study in a field; students must satisfy the prerequisite(s) before registering for the course, unless exempted by the instructor; prerequisites taken out of sequence within a single department shall not count towards degree credit unless the head of the department offering the course grants an exception.

**Points** – used at dining locations that do not allow a meal swipe; the coffee shops, Bistro on Union Street (after 1 p.m.) and Grab & Go locations.

**Registration** – period of time when students select and sign up for courses they intend to take in the next academic semester and consults first with their advisor.

**Resident Assistant (RA)** – student staff who are trained to help residents understand how the University works, to resolve personal problems and conflicts, to plan time effectively, to develop good study skills, and to live safely and comfortably in the residence hall system.

**Residence Halls** – provide educational opportunities and services that complement, supplement and support the academic mission of the University in its efforts to educate the whole student.

**SGPA** – Semester Grade Point Average; given each semester to show a student how well they did that semester; see also DGPA, TGPA, and GPA.

**Student Administration System** – also called “Student Admin System” and “PeopleSoft” UConn’s computer student administration system. Currently, students register for classes using this system, check their fee bill, financial aid package, fill out the FERPA waiver and waive out of the mandatory health insurance fee. Students access this system with their NetID.

**Student ID Number** – a 7-digit student ID number used as a unique identifier for each student, it is also on their Student ID card, the One Card.

**SUBOG** – Student Union Board of Governors; one of the largest student represented programming organizations on campus.

**Swan Lake** – smaller man-made lake near the Chemistry building that is home to a few duck families and is also a favorite campus study spot on warm, sunny days.

**Syllabus** – a professor’s course outline given to students on the first day telling when assignments, readings and projects need to be completed; may also include grading system, attendance policy, brief course description, and office hours.

**Teaching Assistant (TA)** – a graduate student who may supervise lab sections and discussions for a class.

**TGPA** – Total Grade Point Average; shows the combined GPA of all classes taken at UConn; see also DGPA, GPA, and SGPA.

**UCTV** – UConn’s student-run television station.

**Upper Division Student** – designation for students that have earned 60 or more credits.

**USG** – Undergraduate Student Government; officially recognized UConn student government.

**WHUS** – campus radio station 97.1 FM, “The Sound Alternative”
Surprise Your Students for a Special Occasion

If you need a gift to celebrate a birthday, accomplishment, or other special occasion try ordering it from these local merchants on or around the Storrs campus. All vendors listed here are either located within walking distance of the UConn Storrs campus or can deliver students. It is indicated below if the establishment delivers or students must pick the gift up.

**UConn Dairy Bar (Pick-up only)**
**Hours:** See website for specific seasonal hours
A UConn Dairy Bar custom ice cream cake would make a great gift for your students on their birthdays! You can see sample photos of custom cake creations if you visit [dining.uconn.edu/uconn-dairy-bar](http://dining.uconn.edu/uconn-dairy-bar). To place an order for a custom cake call (860) 486-1021 at least five days in advance. Please note that the UConn Dairy Bar does not accept emailed orders.

**UConn Dining Services (Pick-up only)**
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 7:30am-7:15pm
The Department of Dining Services operates an in-house bakery called “Not Just Desserts.” Birthday cakes and 10-inch chocolate chip cookies can be decorated with a special message of your choice. Orders will be sent to the Student Union and students will receive a call notifying them that there is an item to be picked up. Orders should be placed at least one week in advance. For details, prices, and payment options visit the bakery website at [dining.uconn.edu/bakery](http://dining.uconn.edu/bakery). To place a cake order call (860) 486-3128.

**Insomnia Cookies (Pick-up and Delivery)**
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00am, Saturday-Sunday 11:00am-3:00am
**Delivery Hours:** Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00am, Saturday- Sunday 12:00pm-3:00am
Insomnia Cookies delivers warm cookies, milk, and other treats to your students until 3:00 a.m. Late night cookies are a favorite of students as they are studying hard or hanging out with friends. You can get them a gift card or even a custom cookie cake. For information about delivery, gift cards, and menu items visit [insomiacookies.com/locations/store/41](http://insomiacookies.com/locations/store/41).

**Edible Arrangements - Willimantic, CT (Delivery)**
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-7:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
Locally located in Willimantic, CT, Edible Arrangements can deliver one of their famous fruit arrangements to your students. Birthday, congratulations, and good luck arrangements are just a few of those offered. To order an Edible Arrangement for your students go to [ediblearrangements.com](http://ediblearrangements.com) or call (860) 423-2444.
Husky Bucks-UConn One Card Office (On-Campus)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Husky Bucks are a debit account-like program on students’ Husky One Cards. Husky Bucks can be used to make purchases at various on-campus and local locations including the UConn Dairy Bar, Jorgensen Theater, Dunkin Donuts, Subway, and more. Husky Bucks make a great gift for your students. To give them Husky Bucks you can send electronic checks from your bank’s online bill pay system or use the credit card deposit website ($2 convenience fee will be charged per deposit). Visit [onecard.uconn.edu](http://onecard.uconn.edu) for more information.
Downtown Storrs

Located just steps from the University of Connecticut Storrs campus, Downtown Storrs, provides a vibrant downtown environment to the campus and local community year round.

During your next visit to campus to see your students, take a walk to Downtown Storrs to visit the numerous cafes, restaurants, and shops.

Located at the One Dog Lane section of Downtown Storrs, Moe’s Southwest Grill, 7-Eleven, Dog Lane Cafe, Subway, Insomnia Cookies, and Mooyah Burgers & Fries are already becoming popular destinations for students and visitors to the area.

Adjacent to One Dog Lane, the Nine Dog Lane section of Downtown Storrs features Horizon Travel, Head Husky Barber Shop, Bank of America ATM, Select Physical Therapy, and Pandora’s Playground Tattoo, Piercing & Gallery. Storrs Automotive is also open and serving customers with car needs.

One Royce Circle is home to Le Petit Marché Café, Barnes & Noble, the Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry, UConn Health Urgent Care and Medical Services, Eat Joy, E Fix & More, UConn Health Dental Services, Storrs Wine & Spirits, and GBS Threading & Spa.

The list grows as Downtown Storrs continues to expand! There is a CVS Pharmacy, Dunkin Donuts, Gansett Wraps, Blaze Pizza, UPS Store, Price Chopper, Kathmandu Kitchen, and T-Mobile that are now open!
Downtown Storrs is home to plenty of different businesses and restaurants. Needless to say, students will have a lot of options when it comes to meals!

Downtown Storrs has a number of parking options for visitors. The Downtown Storrs parking garage is free for the first two hours, and only one dollar per hour after that. Visitors can also park in the Dog Lane lot across the street from the garage. The Dog Lane parking lot has a two hour limit. For a quick visit, 30 minute on-street parking is available.

From restaurants, convenient services, flowers to crêpes, Downtown Storrs offers the perfect place for you to spend time with your students when you visit campus. Additional businesses, shops, and restaurants are still being added to this new and exciting downtown. For the most up-to-date information on new businesses opening at Downtown Storrs please visit downtownstorrs.org.