

# Information for Incoming Exchange Students 2023-2024



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Ranked among the top public universities in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report*, the University of Connecticut (UConn) enrolls over 18,000 undergraduate students at its main campus. Exchange students study at the main campus in Storrs, which offers state-of-the art research, living, and recreational facilities in the heart of New England. Campus life includes a vibrant student union facility, a host of volunteer opportunities, and over 700 social, sport, hobby, travel, and religious clubs.

Incoming exchange students are also eligible to apply for work on campus. UConn Storrs is located in the rolling hills of northeastern Connecticut, 3 hours from New York, 1.5 hours from Boston, and 1 hour from Providence, Rhode Island. Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, is only 30 minutes from the campus and offers numerous cultural, athletic, and social attractions.

# 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR\*

## Fall 2023 Semester

Arrival Day August 24
Orientation August 25-26
Classes Begin August 28

Holiday

Labor Day September 4

(no classes)

Holiday

Thanksgiving November 19–25
Last day of classes December 8
Final Examinations December 11–17

#### **Spring 2024 Semester**

Arrival Day TBD
Orientation January 15
Classes Begin January 16
Spring Recess March 10–16
Last day of classes April 26
Final Examinations April 29–May 4





# **Nomination Deadlines**

Academic Year/Fall Semester: February 15

Spring Semester: **September 15** 

# **Application Deadlines**

Academic Year/Fall Semester: March 1

Spring Semester:

# October 1

Decisions will be sent to student 2 weeks after the application deadline.

#### Language

English

# **Minimum GPA**

3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale)

# **English Proficiency Requirements**

IBT TOEFL: 79
IELTS: 6.5

Duolingo English Test: 100

**Note:** Required unless English is the language of instruction at home university

#### **Areas of Study**

- Schools and Colleges of Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Engineering
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Business (courses are restricted to Business majors only)
- Limited course availability:
   Fine Arts & Statistics

# **Areas of Study Not Available**

- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Law
- Social Work
- Medicine
- Education

#### **Nomination Process**

The home university nominates all students for exchange at UConn. Partner universities should fill out the nomination form in order to nominate students.

#### **Application Process**

Complete online application, including:

- Application Questionnaire
- Personal Statement
- Course Preference Form (students will need to add at least 10 courses on the form)
- Copy of Valid Passport
- Copy of Official TOEFL or IELTS score report (for Duolingo, students will submit the score online by selecting University of Connecticut)
- Copy of Official Academic Transcript

# **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

#### **Student Status**

All exchange students are accepted to UConn as non-degree exchange students with full access to campus services and facilities.

## **Course Registration**

- Students are required to submit their course preferences as part of the online application process.
- Upper-division courses (2000 level and above) require evidence of pre-requisites.
- UConn will make every effort to assist exchange students to register for the courses they request in their course preference form. However, students should understand that not all courses listed in the school bulletins will be offered each semester, and some courses will have limited enrollment.

For more information, please visit **egl.uconn.edu/courseregistration** 

# **Class Format & Class Schedule**

Lecture, discussion, seminar, lab 3x/week; 2x/week; 1x/week

## **Undergraduate Catalog**

A list of courses currently being offered can be found at **catalog.uconn.edu**.

**Note:** Course syllabi are not publicly available. Most syllabi are not available until students arrive on campus.



# **Average Course Load**

### Minimum:

12 credits (undergraduate)

**9** credits (graduate)

#### Maximum:

17 credits (no more than 5 courses)

# **Transcript Issue Dates**

Fall: mid-January (after grades are posted)

Spring: mid-May (after grades are posted)





# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



Most UConn students live on-campus. On-campus housing is guaranteed for all exchange students that complete the online housing application by the due date. Students will have access to the online housing application after they have been formally accepted to the exchange program. Housing assignments will be made by Residential Life prior to the start of the semester. Single rooms are limited and most students have a roommate.

For more information: reslife.uconn.edu

Note: While Residential Life will make efforts to guarantee all incoming exchange students who meet application deadlines, adjustments may have to be made for on-campus housing based on the evolving COVID pandemic. Please continue to monitor. reslife.uconn.edu for any updates on Fall 2023 housing.

#### **Arrival to Campus**

Students are encouraged to fly into an airport in the New York City or Boston areas. Bus transportation is available from New York City and Boston to UConn's campus in Storrs. Students may also arrive via Bradley International Airport (in the Hartford, CT area) and take a taxi to campus.

For more information: isss.uconn.edu/study-requirements



### **Medical Insurance**

It is mandatory for all exchange students to have personal medical insurance that meets all J-1 visa requirements. All exchange students are able to purchase UConn Health Insurance that meets all stated J-1 visa requirements:

isss.uconn.edu/medical-insurance

#### **Visa Requirements**

Accepted exchange students will receive a DS-2019 form from UConn. This is needed to obtain your J-1 visa from the US Consulate/Embassy. Students must submit proof of sufficient funds for their term of study.

For more information: isss.uconn.edu/study-requirements

# **Late Arrival Policy**

Due to UConn's policy regarding mandatory orientation, late arrivals are not permitted except for unforeseen circumstance (e.g. weather, flight cancellation). All incoming exchange students are required to participate on orientation, which starts the day after the arrival day.

# **Employment**

International students on J-1 visas may only work on or off campus within the employment rules authorized by your visa.

#### **On Campus**

Working on campus is a great way to meet other UConn students, learn about U.S. culture, practice your English and earn a little money. Examples of on-campus employment may include working in the library, the dining halls, or as a teaching or research assistant for an academic department.

For more information, please visit s.uconn.edu/on-campus-employment

#### **Off Campus**

Known as academic training, international students on J-1 visas may be approved to apply knowledge and skills learned at school to a practical work experience off campus. It includes employment training, internships, or work related to your field of study.

For more information, please visit s.uconn.edu/employment-academic-training



**Dormitory Fee** (USD per semester)

2023-2024 housing rates

\$3,820-\$7,458

depending on housing type

For more information: reslife.uconn.edu/room-rates

Meal Plan (USD per semester)

2023-2024 meal plan rates:

\$3,013-\$3,329

Meal plans are required unless residing in apartment-style housing.

For more information: dining.uconn.edu/meal-plans

#### **UConn Health Insurance\***

2023-2024 (USD academic year)

\$3,190

Fall 2023:

\$1,263

Spring 2024:

\$1,878

\*Health insurance can be waived if student obtains required coverage through another provider.

For more information: studenthealth.uconn.edu/fees-insurance/#insurance

University Fees (USD per semester)

Transit:

\$97

Activity:

\$96

Technology:

\$92

**Books** 

\$285

Health & Wellness: (USD academic year)

\$388

For more information about Health & Wellness fee: studenthealth.uconn.edu/fees-insurance

For more information about the Transit, Activity, and Technology fees: bursar.uconn.edu/undergraduate-student

**Useful University Websites** 

UConn Homepage: uconn.edu

Experiential Global Learning: egl.uconn.edu

International Student & Scholar Services: isss.uconn.edu

Residential Life: reslife.uconn.edu

Important Campus
Department
Contact Information

Bursar's Office - Billing Email: Bursar@uconn.edu

**Registrar's Office - Transcripts** Email: ISEregistrar@uconn.edu

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

Email: International@uconn.edu Phone: 860.486.3855