

Information for Incoming Exchange Students 2026-2027



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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.

2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 2026 Semester

Arrival Day	August 21
Orientation	August 24-27
Classes Begin	August 31
Holiday	
Labor Day (no classes)	September 7
Holiday	
Thanksgiving	
Recess	November 22-28
Last Day of Classes	December 11
Final Examinations	December 14-20

Spring 2027 Semester

Arrival Day	January 17
Orientation	January 18
Classes Begin	January 19
Spring Recess	March 14-20
Last Day of Classes	April 30
Final Examinations	May 3-8





NOMINATION & APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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: **110**

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. We cannot guarantee any course.

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

Accommodations

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:
campushousing.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 2025 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:
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:
campushousing.uconn.edu

EXCHANGE COSTS



Dormitory Fee (USD per semester)

2025-2026 housing rates

\$4,144-\$8,449

depending on housing type

For more information:

campushousing.uconn.edu/manage-housing/room-rates

Meal Plan (USD per semester)

Fall 2025 meal plan rates:

\$3,181-\$3,514

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

For more information:
dining.uconn.edu/storrs

UConn Health Insurance*

2025-2026 (USD academic year)

\$3,214

Fall 2025:

\$1,388

Spring 2026:

\$1,371

*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:

\$29

Activity:

\$99

Technology:

\$102

Books:

\$285

Health & Wellness:

\$44

Online Course Fee:

\$100

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: experiential.global.uconn.edu

International Student & Scholar Services: international.global.uconn.edu

Residential Life: campushousing.uconn.edu