

# Information for Incoming Exchange Students 2024-2025



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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.

## 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR\*

### Fall 2024 Semester

Arrival Day	TBD
Orientation	TBD
Classes Begin	August 26
Holiday	
Labor Day	September 2
(no classes)	
Holiday	
Thanksgiving	November 24–30
Last day of classes	December 6
Final Examinations	December 9–15

### Spring 2025 Semester

Arrival Day	TBD
Orientation	January 20
Classes Begin	January 21
Spring Recess	March 16–22
Last day of classes	May 2
Final Examinations	May 5–10







## 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: **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](http://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](http://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)

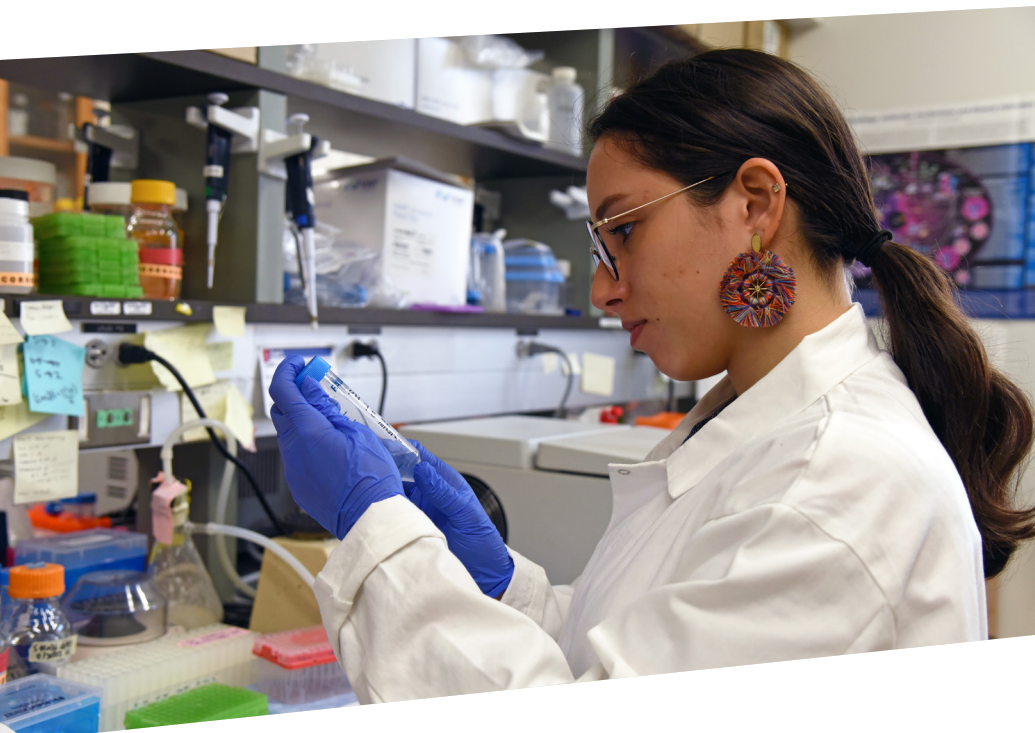
**Maximum:**

**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: [reslife.uconn.edu](https://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](https://reslife.uconn.edu) for any updates on Fall 2024 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://s.uconn.edu/employment-academic-training)



## EXCHANGE COSTS



### Dormitory Fee (USD per semester)

2023-2024 housing rates

**\$3,925-\$7,458**

depending on housing type

For more information:

[reslife.uconn.edu/room-rates](https://reslife.uconn.edu/room-rates)

### Meal Plan (USD per semester)

Fall 2023 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](https://dining.uconn.edu/meal-plans)

### UConn Health Insurance\*

2023-2024 (USD academic year)

**\$3,190**

Fall 2023:

**\$1,362**

Spring 2024:

**\$1,354**

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

For more information:

[studenthealth.uconn.edu/fees-insurance/#insurance](https://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**

Online Course Fee:

**\$100**

For more information about Health & Wellness fee: [studenthealth.uconn.edu/fees-insurance](https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/fees-insurance)

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

### Useful University Websites

UConn Homepage: [uconn.edu](https://uconn.edu)

Experiential Global Learning:  
[egl.uconn.edu](https://egl.uconn.edu)

International Student & Scholar Services:  
[iss.uconn.edu](https://iss.uconn.edu)

Residential Life:  
[reslife.uconn.edu](https://reslife.uconn.edu)

### Important Campus Department Contact Information

**Bursar's Office – Billing**  
Email: [Bursar@uconn.edu](mailto:Bursar@uconn.edu)

**Registrar's Office – Transcripts**  
Email: [registrar@uconn.edu](mailto:registrar@uconn.edu)

**International Student &  
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