

## HOUSING AND MEALS

All first year Bachelor's students at Storrs campus are required to live on campus for the first year. Living on campus helps your child to connect to campus resources and other UConn students. Students apply for housing through the MyHousing login on the Residential Life website: [reslife.uconn.edu](https://reslife.uconn.edu). All students who live on campus are also required to have a meal plan, which provides meals at all of the dining halls available on campus. Students choose which plan to purchase according to how many meals they want to eat on campus. UConn student housing is also available, but not required, at the UConn Stamford campus.

## TRANSPORTATION

Free UConn shuttles provide transportation around campus and to some off-campus apartments. All UConn students may also apply for a U-Pass, which allows them to ride on most city buses and trains within the state of Connecticut for free. While public transportation is limited, all basic necessities are within walking distance of campus. Some international students purchase cars to help with their transportation needs. However, students who live on campus may not get a student parking spot until they earned 54 credits- this means first year students should not purchase a car, as they will not have a place to park it.

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## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY AND FERPA

In the United States, students who are at least 18 years old are considered adults, and are responsible for managing all aspects of their daily lives. The University offers many support services to help your child navigate their new environment, but ultimately your child is responsible for his or her own academic workload, finances, and behavior.

FERPA is a law in the U.S. that protects your child's privacy and rights to his or her own educational records. This means that the University generally cannot share information with you about your child's academic grades and other details unless your student designates you as someone with whom we can share information. See [ferpa.uconn.edu](https://ferpa.uconn.edu) for more information.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

### Undergraduate Admissions

<https://admissions.uconn.edu/>

<https://admissions.uconn.edu/apply/international>

### International Student and Scholar Services

<https://iss.uconn.edu/>

### Office of Residential Life (On-Campus Housing)

<https://reslife.uconn.edu/>

### UConn Bursar (Bill Pay)

<https://bursar.uconn.edu/>

### UConn Orientation

<https://orientation.storrs.uconn.edu/>

### UConn Education Abroad (for Exchange Students)

<https://abroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/>

### Dining Services

<https://dining.uconn.edu/>

### Transportation

<https://transpo.uconn.edu/>

### UCAELI

<https://ucaeli.uconn.edu/>

### Campus Map

<https://maps.uconn.edu/>

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## International Parent's Guide to UConn

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## UCONN OVERVIEW

The University of Connecticut is the state's flagship university, where nearly 20,000 students attend. The main campus is located in rural Storrs, located between Boston and New York City. Many international students also attend the UConn campuses in Stamford (close to New York City) and Hartford, the state's capital city.

UConn also has a Law School, School of Social Work, and School of Medicine, with around 30,000 students attending all campuses. The academic calendar is based on two semesters: Fall (August-December) and Spring (January-May). Students may also take classes during summer and winter vacation terms.

University services are fairly decentralized, and many different UConn offices will contact your child in the coming months with information about various requirements, like visas, housing, and health requirements. It is important that your child checks their UConn email daily to ensure they do not miss important deadlines.

## ORIENTATION

All international students are required to attend an orientation program at their campus. Different orientation programs are offered for different groups of students, depending on your child's academic program and campus. Check <https://iss.uconn.edu/orientation/> for further information on your child's orientation program, and make sure that your child checks their UConn email inbox for information about orientation registration.

## COURSE REGISTRATION

The University will pre-enroll undergraduate and exchange students in their courses for the first semester. After arrival, your child may be able to adjust his/her course selection based on course availability. In future semesters, your child will select their courses together with their academic advisor. Many international undergraduate students whose first language is not English will be required to take English 1003 or English 1004, depending on their English writing skills. Students who seek additional English language support can take evening classes at the University of Connecticut American English Language Institute.

## PAYING THE FEE BILL

International payments must be submitted through Western Union Global Pay for Students. This is the ONLY way that UConn can receive money from international sources. After your child has arrived in the U.S. and established a bank account, funds can be wired to your child's personal account and your child may pay their fee bill through other accepted methods, such as credit card or e-check. **Deadline to pay fee bill: August 1 (Fall semester) and January 8 (Spring semester).**

## SAFETY

The health and safety of students is UConn's top priority. The UConn Division of Public Safety includes police department, fire department, emergency management, fire marshall and building inspection, and environmental health and safety units. All students have access to a text and email emergency alert system, and emergency phones are located all around campus. Visit <https://uconn.edu/campus-life/campus-health-safety/> for more information.

## HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH FORMS, AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Healthcare in the U.S. is very expensive. Therefore all UConn students are required to have health insurance, which is purchased in advance to cover expenses for routine and emergency medical treatment that occurs throughout the year. UConn recommends that all international undergraduate students enroll in the UConn Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) to ensure sufficient insurance coverage. International students at the Storrs campus may use the medical services provided by UConn Student Health and Wellness for routine medical treatment and mental health care support. New international students must submit a Student Health History Form to UConn Student Health Services, and obtain required immunizations. Students who are unable to obtain the required immunizations on time may be able to obtain the immunizations at UConn during orientation week. Required immunizations are listed on the Student Health History Form. **Deadline for new students to submit the Student Health History Form is July 1 (Fall semester) and January 2 (Spring semester).**

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides immigration and cultural adjustment support to international students at UConn. We encourage all incoming students and parents to review the resources on living in the United States available at [iss.uconn.edu](https://iss.uconn.edu) and to contact ISSS with any questions you have at [international@uconn.edu](mailto:international@uconn.edu).