WELCOME! We will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.
Agenda

• Getting to know you
• Living on Campus
• Living Off-Campus
Will you live on-campus or off-campus at UConn?
What UConn campus are you admitted to?

Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.
What country are you joining us from today?
Upcoming Webinars

https://isss.uconn.edu/webinars/

Submit questions & View Meeting Info

**Nov 2** - Visa Interview
**Nov 9** - Finding Housing
**Nov 16** - Important UConn Business and Deadlines
Residential Life
https://reslife.uconn.edu/
livingoncampus@uconn.edu
Residential Life

Undergraduate Housing

- Pay your $400 enrollment deposit
- Complete the Spring 22 Undergraduate Housing Application- Storrs Campus in your MyHousing portal
  - Application will be available 3-5 business days after your deposit is paid
  - If you cannot access the application, please email livingoncampus@uconn.edu for assistance
- Submit your Health History Form to Student Health and Wellness by January 1, 2022
- We are not able to accept roommate or specific space requests for the Spring semester
Residential Life

Graduate Housing

- Accept admission, and send transcripts to the Graduate Studies office
- Email livingoncampus@uconn.edu to request access to the Graduate Housing application
- Graduate housing spaces on-campus are limited
  - You will be placed on the wait list
    - We will offer housing as we have spaces
  - You should continue to seek off-campus housing
    - If you secure off-campus housing, please cancel your housing application
- Graduate housing contracts are for the full academic year
Residential Life

Undergraduate Residency Requirement

● The University of Connecticut strongly believes that living on-campus for your first year as an undergraduate student provides a close connection to the campus community and campus resources. This connection supports our students as they transition to college, and increases their chances for success.

● All first time, first year undergraduate students are required to live on-campus.
  ○ If you are an international student who participated in Education Abroad in your home country for fall 2021, the residency requirement is waived for spring 2022.

● Please visit our website for more information about this policy:
  ○ https://reslife.uconn.edu/residency-requirement-information/
Residential Life

Frequently asked questions

● Where do new students live?
  ○ Residential Life works to place new students in areas across campus with other first year students

● How will I get a roommate?
  ○ Students are matched with a roommate by Residential Life staff using room usage preferences the housing application

● How can I choose my area/type of housing?
  ○ All incoming new students are assigned housing by Residential Life staff
  ○ Students who meet all application deadlines and requirements will be able to select their own housing for future years
Residential Life

Frequently asked questions

● When will students receive their housing assignment?
  ○ Housing assignments for Spring 2022 will be available in January, in your MyHousing portal

● Who can I ask for help in the Residence Halls?
  ○ Hall Director- full time, professional staff who live on-campus and have an office in your area
  ○ Resident Assistant (RA)- part time student staff who live in the communities and can answer questions and connect you to resources
OFF-CAMPUS AND COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES

Student Union, Room 315
Phone: 860-486-8006
Email: offcampus@uconn.edu

Visit us at: offcampus.uconn.edu
FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Here are some things to keep in mind when looking for a home:

Location
Walking distance, biking distance, on the bus line, or do you have your own transportation?

Cost
Price range and budget for utilities (if they are not included in the rent)?

Residential Style
What type of rental unit are you looking for? House, condominium, apartment? Furnished or unfurnished?

Timing
Are you interested in a short-term (monthly) or long-term (yearly) lease?

Number of Occupants
Do you want to live with roommates? If so, how many? What is the maximum capacity?

Accessibility
If you have a disability, is the facility's structure accessible for your needs?

Amenities
Would you like laundry machines, dish washer, central air, pool and/or gym?

Pet Friendliness
Do you have or want to get a pet? What restrictions are there?
TO SECURE A RENTAL YOU MAY NEED....

I-20 Form

Offer letter/UConn Acceptance Letter

F1 Visa or Government Issued ID Card

Lease Co-Signer

Background Check / Credit Check

International Student Declaration Form-UConn
Public Transportation is Limited...
How will you get to campus?
Location, Location, Location
Mapping Tool - Distance to Campus
Walking Distance or Shuttle Options

**Housing within Walking Distance**

- Carriage House Apartments
- Celeron Square Apartments
- Clubhouse Apartments
- Hunting Lodge Apartments
- Knollwood Apartments
- Oakwood Apartments
- Orchard Acres Apartments
- The Oaks on the Square Apartments

- Carriage House Apartments
- Celeron Square
- Clubhouse Apartments
- Hunting Lodge Apartments
- Colonial Townhouse Apartments

**Courtesy Shuttle at Property**

Meadowbrook Gardens
U-Pass Participating Transit Systems

- CTtransit statewide** (including CTtransit Express and CTfastrak)
- CTrail Hartford Line trains between New Haven and Springfield, including Amtrak trains (except Vermont trains 54, 55, 56 and 57 at any time, and Amtrak Northeast Regional Trains 140, 141, 143, 146, 147, 148, 157 during holiday blackout periods only)
- CTrail Shore Line East trains. (Not valid for shoreline Amtrak trains)
- New Haven Line (Metro-North) trains in Connecticut up to the state border. (Not valid for travel to NY or on shoreline Amtrak trains)
- Greater Bridgeport Transit
- Norwalk Transit
- Housatonic Area Regional Transit
- Milford Transit
- South East Area Transit
- Windham Region Transit District
- Magic Carpet
- Northwestern CT Transit District
- 9 Town Transit
- Middletown Area Transit

**U-Pass CT is NOT accepted on the I-Bus Express from Stamford to White Plains.

Apply for a U-Pass: parking-upass.uconn.edu
WRTD operates the HuskyGo on-campus transit shuttle, and provides convenient transit connections to Willimantic.

For more information visit: https://Wrtd.org
What Utilities are included?

ELECTRIC HEAT = Higher Winter Costs

Consider all costs. Paying Rent is not your only cost
Average Off-Campus Living Costs

Average Total = $1,330/ Month

Rental Costs vary depending on:
- Roommate status
- Location
- Utilities
Types of Housing

Condo / Single Family Homes for Rent

Room for Rent

Apartment Complexes
Create a Profile and Search Current Profiles of Students seeking roommates
Use an online rental calculator to help determine bills, rental costs and more! [https://www.splitwise.com/calculators/rent](https://www.splitwise.com/calculators/rent)
What is a Lease Agreement?

Deposit and Fees: This section should explain what money will be required. It will detail what charge you incur for the credit and background checks that will be performed, as well as the fee for violating the terms of the lease, such as moving out before your lease is up.

Terms of tenancy: The length of time that a tenant is expected to remain and continue making rent payments. Terms of tenancy vary, but are generally six months or one year.

Rent: The amount of money to be paid at regular intervals by the tenant, and when those payments are expected, typically the first of the month.

Utilities: A lease will often describe which utilities are included in your rent, and which you will need to pay for yourself.
Before **Signing** the Lease....

**S**top and read all of the Terms of Agreement

**I**nquire. Ask any and all questions before signing

**G**et a copy of the Lease. You should keep your own records and copies of all pages of everything reviewed.

**N**o signature until you are confident that you can fulfill all terms - Including the length of the lease
Protect your property!

- Whether you rent a room, apartment, or house, OCCSS recommends investing in a renter's insurance policy.
- Costs as little as $100 a year.
- Covers your personal belongings in the case of theft and/or damage.
- Provides liability coverage in the event someone is injured either in your rental or on the property where you rental is located.
Thank You!
Questions

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