Next Steps for New UConn Students

Accept admission, pay deposits and request form I-20/DS-2019

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Hello!

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What degree level have you been admitted to at UConn?
What country are you joining us from today?
Goals for Today

- Understand How to Accept Offer of Admission
- Learn How to Finalize Admission
- Learn about required trainings & orientation
- Learn What Documents to Prepare for I-20 or DS-2019 Request
- Learn How to Submit I-20/DS-2019 Request
- Learn How to Find I-20/DS-2019 in ISSS Portal
Pay your enrollment fee by May 1
Your place at UConn is secured by completing your Reply Form, found in your applicant portal, and submitting the $400 non-refundable enrollment fee by May 1.

Do you accept the offer of admission?
- I ACCEPT my offer of admission.
- I DECLINE my offer of admission.

In order to develop an inclusive community for instruction, research and outreach, the University of Connecticut embraces diversity and cultivates leadership, integrity, and engaged citizenship among our students, faculty and staff. This collegiate and vibrant environment promotes and nurtures perspectives that are enabled through differences in culture, experience and values.

By securing your place at the University of Connecticut, you are agreeing to uphold the values established for our community.

As a reminder, you are required to notify the Office of Undergraduate Admissions should you be involved in any disciplinary matters prior to your arrival at UConn. Your offer of admission is contingent upon your ability to contribute positively to the UConn community. Should the information on your application be deemed untrue or if information comes to light that questions the integrity of your application for admission, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions reserves the right to reconsider your admission decision.

Electronic Signature*
Becoming #UConnBound

Form I-20 Process and ISSS Portal, and Obtaining your F-1 Visa

The Form I-20 will enable you to apply for the F-1 Visa necessary to study in the United States. The F-1 Visa application should be completed immediately as it is difficult to determine the length of time for processing. For more information about please visit: admissions.uconn.edu/fall-internation al-checklist.

Prepare electronic copies (.pdf or .jpg) of the required documents listed below. All documents must be named as "YOUR FAMILY NAME, your given name-item name" (e.g. SMITH, John - passport). Previously submitted documents as part of the application for admission will not be considered.

1. Copy of passport
2. Completed and signed Financial Declaration Form
3. Financial support document indicating source of expected funding (e.g. bank statement issued after February 1, 2022 in English, personal sponsor) to show you can meet estimated costs for first year of program
4. If you are currently in the U.S.: Copies of your current immigration documents (for example, I-20/DS-2019 if currently in F or J status, or I-94 with status expiration date, if holding another visa status).

If you have been studying in the U.S. with an F or J visa, you must request that your current school transfer your SEVIS record to the UConn campus where you will enroll. You must read the special information for transfer-in students further on this page for a listing of the UConn campus names for SEVIS transfer purpose. You must also provide a copy of your UConn admission letter to your current international office. UConn will not issue your new Form I-20 until after your current school releases your SEVIS record.

Visit uconnbound.uconn.edu for detailed admitted student information.
Connect with UConn Nation—register for an admitted student event
Visit admissions.uconn.edu/explore-uconn for a complete listing of events on all of UConn’s campuses. Whether it’s attending a UConn Bound Day or a virtual reception, see for yourself why UConn is an exciting and vibrant community.

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Complete the housing application
Storrs Main Campus housing applications must be submitted by May 1. The priority housing application deadline for UConn Stamford is April 1.

Register for Orientation
Beginning mid-April, you’ll receive notification to attend UConn’s Orientation Program, provided your enrollment fee has been received. All incoming students are required to complete orientation, where you’ll learn about our academic programs, meet with an advisor and select your fall semester classes. Visit orientation.uconn.edu for more information.

Submit your final transcript by July 1
Your official final high school/secondary school transcript, including graduation date, must be submitted to UConn directly from the secondary institution either electronically or by mail in a sealed envelope by July 1. Transcripts in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Submit your Health History Form by July 1
Students who are not compliant with all of the required immunizations by the tenth day of classes will have a hold placed on their student record and will be unable to participate in the add/drop registration process.

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Accept offer of admission by logging into your Application Status Portal.

You can accept admission 2 ways:

1.) Select the Reply to Offer Form in Application Status Portal

   Or

2.) Open admission letter in Application Status Portal, then click on link under Enrollment section that notes the deadline to accept admission.

   a.) Required deposits: Show after you accept admission, 2 weeks to pay. (BAPM, MSFRM, Nursing, Social Work)

Please note: If deadline in admission letter or deposit deadline have passed, your program will need to approve an extension.
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Finalize Admission:

• Missing documents will be reflected on your Application Checklist on your Application Status Portal.

• After you accept admission, please allow 3-5 business days for our office to audit your application for required transcripts and update the checklist on your Application Status Portal.

• If you are missing any required transcripts and or diplomas/degree certificates our office will personally email you, letting you know what items we will require to finalize your admission.
How to send your official transcripts & diplomas/ degree certificates:
If your school’s Registrar’s office uses an electronic transcript service, please request that their office send your transcripts electronically to gradadmissions@uconn.edu.

Please note: we do not accept transcripts emailed to gradadmissions@uconn.edu directly from the applicant or the university.

If they only provide paper copies, request that they send these documents to:
The Graduate School
Nathan L. Whetten Graduate Center
438 Whitney Road Extension, U-1152
Storrs, CT 06269-1152

If you only have 1 copy of these official materials from an International institution (not a US School), send them to the same address listed above with the the: International Transcript cover Sheet

Use an Evaluation Service
The Graduate School does not require third-party credential evaluations for international transcripts, however, we accept evaluations as official documents from members of the following services:
  ● NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services)
  ● AICE (Association of International Credential Evaluators)

Use a Verification Service
International transcripts can also be sent electronically (to gradadmissions@uconn.edu) using the following approved verification services:
  ● WES (World Education Services)
  ● IEE (International Education Evaluations)
  ● ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators)

Official Documents from China:
  ● CHESICC (China Higher Education Students Information and Career Center)
  ● CDGDC (China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center)

Official Documents from India:
  ● TrueCopy
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Required Interpersonal Violence Prevention training:

• All new graduate students are required to complete an interpersonal violence prevention training.
• The link for this training is not yet active, you will be notified when training is available.
• Information for newly entering graduate students:
  • https://grad.uconn.edu/incoming-students/transitioning/

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Dear Meg,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the UConn community of scholars in the nursing MS program. We look forward to you beginning your program in the Fall 2022 semester.

There are several important items I need to pass on to you:

• Your assigned major advisor is Professor Kent Hollinger.
• You will be billed as in-state for tuition purposes. For questions about this, please call The Graduate School at (860) 486-3517.
• As a University student, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and University FERPA Policy afford you certain rights with regard to disclosure of your student records and information. View more information about FERPA.
• Should your plans change, you must notify both The Graduate School and your program faculty immediately to hold your place in the program, otherwise your graduate student standing and your financial aid will be cancelled, along with any financial aid.

Visa Sponsorship

If you are an international student who requires U.S. student visa sponsorship by the University of Connecticut, please submit an immigration document request to the Office of International Student & Scholar Services.

If you have any questions concerning your arrival or orientation information please contact our International Students and Scholar Services (ISSS) office. You may reach them at (860) 486-3898 (phone), (860) 486-5600 (fax) or 3101 Hillside Rd., Unit 1003, Storrs CT 06269-1003 (email).

Next Steps

• At the time of your admission offer, you were emailed your UConn NetID and Activation Code. Your NetID will provide you with access to the online course management system, library resources and much more. If you are a current or returning student, your NetID will remain the same. For any assistance with your NetID or retrieval of the information already emailed, please contact Information Technology Services at (860) 486-4307 or email techsupport@uconn.edu.
  • Additional Information for New students, including orientation and the Interpersonal violence prevention training requirement, can be found here: Information for Newly Entering Graduate Students.

Again, I welcome you to the University of Connecticut. Best wishes for success in your graduate career.

Cordially yours,

Kent E. Hollinger
Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Dean of The Graduate School
University of Connecticut
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Orientation:

• The Graduate School will host a virtual orientation for Fall 2022 that will open in early July.

• Details can be found here:

https://grad.uconn.edu/incoming-students/orientation/
Campus Change:
- Please request campus changes through your program, and confirm with ISSS that the campus location is correct on your visa documents.

Options if you are unable to attend Fall 2022 term:
For incoming students facing this difficult dilemma, The Graduate School currently has 2 options (possibly 3):

1.) With approval from your admitted program, you may defer your admission up to 1 full academic year from when your application was submitted.
2.) Withdraw your application from consideration.
3.) PENDING: Request permission for a late arrival

A request of a deferral, application withdrawal, or a late arrival should be made through the Accounts & Forms area of your Application Status page.
- We strongly encourage requests for graduate students who have not been appointed as a GA to be made prior to the first day of the semester.
- Graduate students who have been appointed as a GA must submit their requests prior to the start date of their appointment.
- These requests must be submitted no later than the 10th day of the semester.
I-20/DS-2019 Request
Make Request Early
Starts Student Visa Application Process
SEVIS ID Number
Triggers ISSSS Communications
3 Required Documents

1. Passport
2. Financial Declaration Form
   ISSS I-20 Request Webpage
   International Admitted Student Checklist
3. Proof of Funding
   Bank statement/Bank Certificate
   Scholarship/UConn Assistantship Letter
Undergraduate Students (Bachelor’s Students)

Fall 2022 Admitted Students

Or

Bachelor’s students with admission deferred to Fall 2022

Fall/Spring 2020-2022 Admitted Students apply through ISSS

https://admissions.uconn.edu/fall-international-checklist

You're in. So, what's next?

Pay Your Enrollment Deposit Fee

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Prepare electronic copies (pdf or jpg) of the required documents listed below. All documents must be named as “YOUR FAMILY NAME, your given name + your middle name last name” (e.g. SMITH, John - passport). Previously submitted documents as part of the application for admission will not be considered.

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4. If you currently reside in the U.S. with an F/J visa and will transfer your SEVIS record to UConn, complete the SEVIS Transfer Release Form with your current school’s DSO/APO. You may upload the completed SEVIS Transfer Release form online. You can send this information directly. Please note: UConn will not issue you a new Form I-20 until after your SEVIS record is released by your current school.

LOG IN TO ISSS PORTAL (BEGIN I-20/DS-2019 REQUEST)

CONTINUE I-20/DS-2019 REQUEST (LOG IN TO ISSS PORTAL FOR PREVIOUSLY STARTED REQUEST)

Delivery of Your Form I-20 through eShipGlobal

Obtaining Your F-1 Visa

Estimated Cost of Attendance for International Students
Graduate and Professional Students (MS, PhD, LLM, JD Students) and some Undergrad Students

Option 1 - Fall 2022 Admitted Students
Or Graduate students with admission deferred to Fall 2022

Option 2 - Fall/Spring 2020-2022 Admitted Students All Students

https://isss.uconn.edu/ > Request Student I-20/DS-2019

2. Request Form I-20 or DS-2019 - Select either Option 1 or Option 2, based on your situation.

Option 1: New Students
Start I-20/DS-2019 Request (Log in to ISSS Portal)
Continue I-20/DS-2019 Request (Log in to ISSS Portal for Previously Started Request)

Option 2: Current or Returning UConn Students
Start I-20/DS-2019 Request (Log in to ISSS Portal)
Continue I-20/DS-2019 Request (Log in to ISSS Portal for Previously Started Request)

Select the record term (Semester/Year) for the semester you will arrive.
Use this form to request an I-20 or DS-2019 if:
- You are a current UConn student and you are finishing one program and will begin another
- You started your UConn program outside the U.S.
- You are changing the UConn campus where you study
- You are already a UConn student and you need an I-20 to change visa status
- You are returning from a Leave of Absence
- You have been re admitted to UConn to continue a program that you didn't finish.
Start Request

Log in NetID and Password

Select Term you will arrive in U.S.

Complete Required Information questionnaire

Required Addresses:

- All required addresses have been provided.

Save  Cancel
Submit
I-20/DS-2019
Request

Read Instructions
3 sections
1. Attached Documents
   a. Passport
   b. Financial Declaration
   c. Funding Support Docs
2. Signature Documents
3. Questionnaires
   a. I-20 Request
   b. Add Dependent
   c. SEVIS Transfer

Click **SUBMIT** at top of page!
Print Your I-20/DS-2019

UConn issues I-20 form *electronically*. DS-2019 form will be printed and mailed.

Check your email for I-20/DS-2019 issuance and instructions to print document from ISSS portal and sign page one.

Review information is correct. Communicate with UConn staff by email.

- Name, DOB, Campus
Troubleshooting

"Your login credentials have been accepted, but no record in the SIS resource could be found matching your ID."

Report Login Trouble to international@uconn.edu

Your login indicates you have a valid UCONN login ID, but you have not yet been set up to access the UCONN International Student & Scholar Services website. Please refer to the information below for first-time users.

First Time Users:
If you are a first time user of this site, click the link which describes the type of user that you are:

User
Recommender
Reviewer
Staff

If you believe you do require access to this site, click here to report your inability to login.
Important Upcoming Dates

- **Tuesday, 5/10/2022**- ISSS New Student Webinar: Immigration Procedures and Applying for Your Visa
- **Wednesday, 5/25/2022**- ISSS New Student Webinar: Finding Housing at UConn
- **Tuesday, 6/7/2022**- ISSS New Student Webinar: Important University Business and Deadlines
- **Friday, 7/1/2022**- Deadline to submit Health History Form
- **Monday, 8/01/2022**- Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students
- **Saturday, 8/20/2022**- New Student Move In Date
- **Monday, 8/22/2022**- International Graduate Student Orientation
Questions

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