Making Friends and Finding Yourself at UConn

July 12, 2022

WELCOME! We will begin at 8:00 a.m.
1. Please MUTE your microphone.
2. Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.
Agenda

- Student Activities and Getting Involved at UConn: Storrs and Stamford Campus experiences
- ISSS Grad Buddy Program
- UConn Badminton Club
- UConn Toastmasters
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
- Hartford Campus Student Activities Video
Upcoming Webinars

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

View meeting information, recorded past webinars, and presentation slides.

July 19 - Information for International Graduate Assistants
Hello!

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Hello!

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GET INVOLVED
Involvement Opportunities

UConn Student Activities
http://studentactivities.uconn.edu
Areas in Student Activities

- Community Outreach Programs
- Leadership and Organizational Development
- Major Events and Programs
- Fraternity and Sorority Development
- Trustee Student Organization Support
- Business Services

Student Activities is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. Please stop by room 307 and someone will assist or direct you to the different areas.
Community Service

Types of Programs:
Semester Long programs
- Education
- Health
- Social

Alternative Break Programs
- International & Domestic

One-Time Events and Programs
Democracy & Political Engagement and Dialogues

https://communityoutreach.uconn.edu/
UConntact.uconn.edu
Leadership Development

• Certificate Series
  • Workshop series
    • Last 9 weeks
    • Can be combined or done on their own
  • Certificate upon completion

https://leadership.uconn.edu/
Major Events

- HUSKY WOW (starts August 26) - [https://huskywow.uconn.edu/](https://huskywow.uconn.edu/)
- LATE NIGHT
- FAMILY WEEKEND
- TRIPS & ROADSHOWS
- HUSKYTHON
- SPRING WEEKEND
Student Orgs

- 750 Student Orgs
- ~85 @ regionals
- 22 Categories
- 3000 Student Org Leaders
- 15,000 Student Org Members

https://uconntact.uconn.edu/
Leadership

• Leadership House – Living Learning Community
• Leadership LEGACY Experience

• Academic Business, Healthcare, STEM
• Activism & Advocacy
• Club Sports Teams
• Culture & Community
• Dance, Vocal, Music Performance
• Environment & Agriculture
• Greek Fraternities & Sororities
• Health & Wellness
• Honors
• Learning Communities
• Military
• Political Interest
• Religion & Spirituality
• Service
• Sports and Gaming
• Student Governance, Campus Media, Programming
• Tech Building & Design
Fraternities & Sororities

- 12 Men’s Fraternities
- 15 Intercultural Greek F/S
- 4 Historically African American F/S
- 9 Women’s Sororities

https://greeklife.uconn.edu/
FIND ORGS:

INVolVEMENT FAIR
• 2nd Wednesday Each Semester (Fall-Sept. 7)
• 500+ groups/programs to talk with

UCONNTACT:
• https://uconntact.uconn.edu/
Student Activities Stamford Campus

On Campus
- Student organizations
- Leadership opportunities
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Campus traditions
- Intramural Sports

Off Campus
- Downtown Stamford
- Mill River Park
- Harbor Point
  - Trolley
- Stamford YMCA
- Metro North

StamfordActivities@uconn.edu
Graduate Student Opportunities

On Campus

- Student organizations
  - Graduate Business Association
  - Toastmasters International
  - UConn Graduate Consulting
  - UConn Net Impact, Graduate Chapter
  - Graduate Entrepreneurship Society
  - Graduate Finance Association
- Case Competitions
- Cultural Events
  - Diwali
  - Chinese New Year
  - Holi
  - ...and more...
Graduate Student Opportunities

Off Campus
- Arts & Entertainment
- Food & Drink
- Sporting Events
- Outdoor Activities
- Professional and Recreational Meetups

For more information visit:
- Hartford.com
- Stamford-downtown.com

Husky One Card offers discounts at some local partners.
Student Activities Hartford Campus

- [https://events.uconn.edu](https://events.uconn.edu), choose Hartford campus calendar
- Hartford Today Digest
- [https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/](https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/)
- [https://Hartford.com](https://Hartford.com)

Questions: [hartford.studentactivities@uconn.edu](mailto:hartford.studentactivities@uconn.edu)
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- New international students can connect with other UConn students via a variety of mentorship programs: [https://isss.uconn.edu/getinvolved/]
- ISSS Grad Buddy program is a new program coordinated by ISSS [https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/]
- ISSS matches current UConn student “Buddies” with new international students to ease transition to life as a UConn graduate student

**Program Details:**
- Buddies will be paired with up to 3 new international graduate students
- New student applications are accepted until **July 1, 2022**. The link to the application can be found on the ISSS website: [https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/]
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- **Buddy expectations:**
  - Attend a ISSS Grad Buddy virtual orientation
  - Reach out to their new student(s) once before they arrive to the U.S.
  - Meet with their new student(s) at least three times during the Fall semester (attending events together is encouraged)

- **New student expectations:**
  - Meet with your Buddy three times during the semester
  - Be responsive to and respect your Grad Buddy’s time and effort
  - Notify your Grad Buddy and the ISSS if your situation changes and you no longer wish to participate in the program
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

Upcoming events this Fall 2022 semester:

■ Grad Buddy Meet and Greet on Friday, Sept. 2nd, 6-7:30pm
■ CISS Boston Trip on Sunday, Sept. 4, 9am-10pm from Storrs campus
■ CISS Fall Ice-skating on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the afternoon
■ Grad Buddy Social: Hot Cocoa and S’mores on Friday, October 12, 3-4:30pm
■ Grad Buddy Appreciation: Pizza and Board Games on Friday, Dec. 9, 6-7:30pm
Huskies International-Husky Mates program pairs international students with domestic students to personalize and improve each individual's experience at UConn. [https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/huskiesinternational](https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/huskiesinternational)

Cross Cultural Connections: Cross Cultural Connections is a program through UConn Community Outreach to pair international students with domestic students as conversation partners, to share cultures and practice English. [https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/coccconnections](https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/coccconnections)

Asian/Asian American Mentoring Program (AMP): AMP is an award winning peer-education program through UConn’s Asian American Cultural Center to help incoming Asian and Asian American students adjust to their first year on campus. [https://asacc.uconn.edu/programs/asiantation-mentoring-program-amp/](https://asacc.uconn.edu/programs/asiantation-mentoring-program-amp/)
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Questions?
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UConn Badminton Club

- No experience required, welcome to casual and competitive alike!
- Club meetings every Saturday @ the Rec
  - Rackets and feathered birdies provided to members
  - Come play for fun, make friends, and improve!
- Team tryouts beginning of semester, more details later
  - We travel to tournaments in Boston and other locations
  - Scrimmages with other schools
- Check us out on
  - UConntact: https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/uconnbadminton
  - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/uconnbadminton/?hl=en
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UConnBadminton/
- Email us at ubchuskies@gmail.com
UConn Toastmasters Club

- Open for all. Great experience for International students
- Club meetings every Tuesday @ GBLC504
- Activity
  - Table Topic
  - 2 minute speech
- Pathway -
  - Leadership
  - Communication
  - Management
  - Public Speaking
  - Confidence
- Email us at uconntmhusky@gmail.com
- Website - https://www.toastmasters.org/
Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

Mission:
Promote Chinese culture and bring diversity to the UConn student body

CSSA Sports Club:
C-Union Basketball, G.E.D. Dance Team, Soccer Team

Activities: (30+)
Mid-Autumn Festival, Spring Festival
Pre-Departure Orientation, Graduation Party

Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival
Important Upcoming Dates

- **Tuesday, 7/19/2022**- ISSS New Student Webinar: Information for International Graduate Assistants
- **Monday, 8/01/2022**- Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students
- **Sunday, 8/07/2022**- Early move in date for new international graduate students living on campus at Storrs
- **Saturday, 8/20/2022**- New Student Move In Date for undergraduate and graduate students living on campus at Storrs
- **Monday, 8/22/2022**- International Graduate Student Orientation
Questions

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)
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