Next Steps for New UConn Students

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

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What degree level have you been admitted to at UConn?

Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.
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 January 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 January 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

Visit uconnbound.uconn.edu for detailed admitted student information.
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-international-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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Becoming #UConnBound

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  Your new campus community is made up of exceptional individuals who are ready to drive you to your fullest potential. See for yourself, visit admissions.uconn.edu/explore-uconn for a complete listing of engagement opportunities.

- **Complete the housing application**
  Storrs Main Campus housing applications must be submitted by January 1. The priority housing application deadline for UConn Stamford is January 1. Applications are to be submitted online by visiting the Residential Life website at reslife.uconn.edu.

- **Register for Orientation**
  Beginning mid-January, 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 January 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 January 1. Transcripts in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

- **Submit your Health History Form by January 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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Log into your Application Status Portal to Reply to Offer of Admission:

Please note: If deadline in admission letter has passed, your program will need to approve an extension.
Log into your Application Status Portal to Reply to Offer of Admission and pay deposit*:

Please note: If deadline in admission letter or deposit deadline have passed (2 weeks from the day enrollment was accepted), your program will need to approve an extension.

*Not all programs require deposit (Mostly School of Business, Nursing and Social Work programs)
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- After you are admitted and received your NetID request your I-20/DS-2019 from ISSS.

- Link to request immigration documents are located in your admission letters in your Application Status Portal

- 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 International Student & Scholar Services.

*ISSS will not release an I-20/DS-2019 until admission has been finalized/matriculated with The Graduate School.*
Finalize/Matriculate 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:

International Transcript cover Sheet
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How to send your official transcripts & diplomas/degree certificates:

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

Official Documents from Nigeria:
- ETX-NG
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Required Interpersonal Violence Prevention training:

• All new graduate students are required to complete an interpersonal violence prevention training.

• Information for newly entering graduate students:
  • https://grad.uconn.edu/incoming-students/transitioning/
  • https://grad.uconn.edu/incoming-students/training/
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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 Spring 2023 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 January defer your admission up to 1 full academic year from when your application was submitted.
2. Withdraw your application from consideration.

A request of a deferral, or application withdrawal should be made through the Accounts & Forms area of your Application Status Portal.
- 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.
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Orientation:

- The Graduate School will host a virtual orientation for Spring 2023 that will open in early January.
- Email to be sent to new students early January with information.
- Details can be found here:

https://grad.uconn.edu/incoming-students/orientation/
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)

Spring 2023 Admitted Students

Or

Bachelor’s students with admission deferred to Spring 2023

Continuing students, who started abroad, 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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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/AEO. You may upload the completed SEVIS Transfer Release Form online to your SEVIS record at http://www.ice蝴or.gov/Sevis. 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 UGrad Students

Option 1 - Spring 2023 Admitted Students
Or
Graduate students with admission deferred to Spring 2023

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

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

- At UConn, we use the Duo App for 2FA service

- Beginning November 10, all new admitted students will need to enroll in Duo when logging into a UConn system for the first time

- Instructions to download Duo Mobile can be found [here](#)

- If you cannot install Duo, you can request an offline hardware token [here](#)

- Additional questions, please reach out to UConn ITS at [help@uconn.edu](mailto:help@uconn.edu)
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### Optional Parameters:

- **Emergency Contact Name**
- **Emergency Contact Country of Residence**
- **Personal (Non-UConn) Email Address**
- **Emergency Contact Phone #**
- **Emergency Contact Email**
- **Orientation**

* Required

### Required Addresses:

- All required addresses have been provided.

- **Non-US Telephone Number** *(Do not include 0 or 3 digit country code)*

- **Emergency Contact Name**
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(s)
   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

- **Wednesday, 11/09/2022** - ISSS New Student Webinar: Immigration Procedures and Applying for Your Visa
- **Thursday, 12/01/2022** - ISSS New Student Webinar: Finding Housing at UConn
- **Thursday, 12/08/2022** - ISSS New Student Webinar: Important University Business and Deadlines
- **Sunday, 1/1/2023** - Deadline to submit Health History Form
- **Sunday, 1/8/2023** - Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students
- **Thursday, 1/12/2023** - Arrival Day
- **Friday, 1/13/2023** - Mandatory International Graduate Student Orientation for Storrs campus students
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