

Parent/Guardian Handbook

2009-2010

**ACADEMICS - CAMPUS LIFE - HEALTH - FINANCIAL MATTERS
SAFETY - RESIDENTIAL LIFE & MORE**

*Information for New UConn
undergraduate parents/guardians*



University of
Connecticut

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Welcome!

It is with pleasure to welcome you as parents/guardians to the University of Connecticut community. Your new UConn student is about to begin a challenging college education. During this period of transition your constant support is needed as she/he will be faced with experiences and challenges both inside and outside of the classroom. It is important for the growth and development of your new UConn student that s/he handle those college life “situations” that come up along the way even though you may be tempted to intervene every now and then.

Universities like UConn expect all students to take responsibility for their education and consequently, do things for themselves even though parents may be paying the bills. Your understanding of this ‘rite of passage’ and your knowledge of the services and resources available at UConn for your new student will help make his/her first year here, a positive one.

This “Parent/Guardian Handbook” was designed to enhance your knowledge of the many UConn services and resources that are on campus for your student, so if your student calls or e-mails you with a situation that comes up, we hope that the information in this handbook can help you urge your student on where to go for help. By working together, we can help your student gain the most from his/her college years. Again, Welcome and Congratulations!

ACADEMICS

Library

There is an inseparable relationship between the quality of the University library system and the quality of the University - one can rise no higher than the other. With 2,500,000 volumes, the UConn Library System holds the largest public collection of research materials in the state. On the Storrs campus, the University Libraries include the Central library (Homer Babbidge Library), Cookson Music and Dramatic Arts Library, Pharmacy Library, and Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, which houses Archives and Special Collections.

Located in the center of campus, the Homer Babbidge Library seats 3,000 people and has space for 3 million volumes. Current journal subscriptions number approximately 9,000. UConn students, faculty and staff have access to 2,500 computer databases and major full text online services such as LEXIS/NEXIS, Dow Jones, and Infotrac. The Babbidge reference collection contains more than 35,000 printed volumes - indexes, bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other sources that enable researchers to locate information. Other resources in the library are: Government Publications, Special Purpose Collections and Services, Archives & Special Collections, Art & Design Library, Culpeper Library, Audio/Video/Computer Café, Library Services for Persons with Disabilities, Map and Geographic Information Center, Microtext, Music Library and Pharmacy Library. For more information visit www.lib.uconn.edu.

Registration

Registration for continuing students occurs near the middle of the semester for courses they wish to take the following semester. Students must meet with their academic advisor to discuss courses for the following semester before registering for them. Course registration is done online using the Student Administration System also called “PeopleSoft.” In order to use the system students are assigned an ID# and password which they will need to change. Every University class has a call number that is entered into the system so it can be added to a students schedule. Students access the system at www.studentadmin.uconn.edu.

Classes

During your student’s time at UConn s/he will experience all types of classes – large vs. small, lecture vs. lab, and/or writing vs. quantitative vs. computing skills.

Generally, a small class has a capacity of 25 or 30 students, but some may be as small as 19 people. These tend to be more personal than large classes and class participation is common if not required by the professor. The typical large class can range from 75 to 350 students and are primarily lecture. Class discussions are usually held during small discussion groups led by teaching assistants. Discussion groups give the student an opportunity to ask further questions or for clarification on material covered in the large lecture classes.

After speaking with your new UConn student you may find that his/her professors utilize lecture time differently. Professors may cover material directly from the reading, use the text as a “jumping off point” for lectures, and/or lecture on material completely different than assigned homework reading. A professor’s course syllabus will give your student an idea of how a particular course is taught.

Lab courses are usually in addition to lecture sessions and allow your student to learn by doing. These class sessions (labs) are typically three to four hours long with class time spent experiencing the practical applications of the content taught in class.

The classes your student will take reflect the University faculties’ requirement of students developing writing, quantitative and computing skills. In the course catalog, courses including one or more of these skills have a letter following the course number indicating the skill(s) taught. Examples of these letters follow.

W - major writing assignments aimed at teaching the student to write clearly.

Q - requires knowledge and use of mathematics and/or statistics above the basic algebra level.

First Year Experience... Success from the Start!

The Universities **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE** program helps new students be “**Successful from the Start.**” Over 80% of incoming UConn students take advantage of these one-credit small classes (15-19 students) that bring new freshmen together once a week with other new students.

The University offers three types of FYE courses. **INTD 1800 University Learning Skills courses**, each taught by a team of faculty, staff, and/or undergraduate student mentors, help students get started off on the right track to academic and personal success. “University Learning Skills” classes cover crucial topics such as mastering University academics, adjusting to a new living environment, and getting actively involved with the campus community. There are also “University Learning Skills” classes for Transfer students. **INTD 1820 Faculty-Student Seminars** focus on a topic of the faculty instructor’s personal interest and provide the student with interactive discussion and in-depth learning. Seminar topics are diverse and in the past have included classes focused on bioethics, Middle Eastern culture and politics, web marketing, cooking and crime science. **INTD 1810** classes are for students in Living-Learning Communities. Students who live together will also take a course together to meet their neighbors and enhance the sense of community. Some communities have peer mentors or continuing UConn students living on the floor as part of the LC, in addition to the Community Assistant on the floor.

For more information about **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE** and for full course descriptions and the most up-to-date list of class meeting times, check out www.fye.uconn.edu

Advisors

Freshman and sophomores are assigned to a particular advisor or to a central office of academic advising in a school or college. Juniors and seniors are advised by faculty members in the department of their major. The advisor helps the student to develop a program of courses for registration and is also available throughout the year to formulate a plan of study leading to a degree. Although the advisor is responsible for providing direction to a student in making appropriate academic decisions, it is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with the academic regulations and degree requirements of the University, as well as special requirements of his/her major. Most students have a permanent advisor by their fourth semester and some even earlier. It is very important that your student gets to know his/her advisor.

Support Services

There are several ways a UConn student can obtain help if s/he is having difficulties with classes. Encourage your student to seek help when the first signs of trouble begin. Students should avoid waiting to seek help a week before the midterm or final exam. Resources are available along the way to help students adjust and be successful. Visit www.tutors.uconn.edu.

1. Professors are required to establish office hours for their students to drop-in for help. These are often indicated on the course syllabus, and appointments can usually be made if a student is unable to make them.
2. Some large courses have teaching assistants (TAs) in addition to the professor. Large lecture courses may be broken down into smaller sections once a week and a student can obtain extra help there. TAs may also hold drop-in office hours.
3. After the semester begins, tutoring sessions are available for several math and science courses. New students are encouraged to take advantage of these resources that are advertised widely on campus once the semester begins. To view tutoring times/subjects available, visit www.uconnconnects.uconn.edu/tutor.htm.
4. The Writing Center helps students with writing in any course they have. The Writing Center has three locations: Level 1 of the Library, CUE 124, and CLAS 159. Students are able to schedule an appointment with a consultant online at www.writingcenter.uconn.edu, by calling (860) 486-4387, or stop by during available hours. Please refer to the Writing Center website for more information.
5. The Quantitative Learning Center has 2 locations: North West Residence Hall and Level 1 of the Library. The Q Center offers free tutoring to students enrolled in Math, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, and Economics courses. For more information about the Q Center, visit www.qcenter.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-1961.
6. The Academic Achievement Center, (860) 486-6972, is a walk-in service staffed by trained undergraduates to coach students in effective ways to study material, develop time management strategies, and manage stress so that it does not negatively impact their performance. The Academic Achievement Center is located in the CUE 130 and is available Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on a walk-in basis.
7. The Center for Students with Disabilities, (860) 486-2020, works to enhance and create a comprehensively accessible University. CSD provides accommodations for students to ensure an equal educational experience. The Center for Students with Disabilities is located on the 2nd Floor of the Wilbur Cross Building, visit www.csd.uconn.edu for more information.

Area Association of Religious Communities

The Area Association of Religious Communities (AARC) is composed of the churches, and synagogues, and religious workers who serve the Storrs/Mansfield area and the University of Connecticut. A partial list of AARC religious congregations follows. You can access AARC's website at: www.uconnarc.org

Baptist

First Baptist Church of Mansfield
(860) 429-6043

Catholic

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
(860)429-6436

Congregational

Storrs Congregational Church
(860) 429-9382
First Church of Christ
(860) 423-9008

Episcopal

St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel
(860) 429-2647

Friends

Storrs Friends Meeting (Quaker)
(860) 487-1847

Greek Orthodox

Chapel of the Three Hierarchs
(860) 429-8518

Jewish

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
(860) 429-9007

Lutheran

Hope Lutheran Church
(860) 429-5409

Methodist

First United Methodist Church
(860) 423-1130

Islamic

The Islamic Center
860-208-6373

Unitarian/Universalist

Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship
of Storrs
(860) 429-7576

Interdenominational

Storrs Community Church
(860) 429-7242

Opportunities

From Peer Education to Oozeball, out-of-class experiences complement your student's academic program of study and enhances his/her overall educational experience. UConn's extensive selection of student centered co-curricular events and programs is made possible through the Department of Student Activities and Student Union Programs, our six cultural centers, and student clubs and organizations. Over 400 registered clubs and organizations on campus reflect the diverse interests of our student body, and round out one of the top campus activities programs in the nation. The Student Involvement Fair held in early September and early February, gives new students the opportunity to see what co-curricular opportunities are out there. The Involvement Fair provides students with the ability to connect with representatives from several different groups. "Something for everyone" is certainly an accurate statement of student life at UConn, Storrs.

CAMPUS LIFE

The Arts

The University offers cultural facilities to both students and the public. The William Benton Museum of Art, (860) 486-4520, is a state museum that houses its own collection and hosts visiting exhibitions. It is located near the Wilbur Cross Building. The Albert N. Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts (860) 486-4226, hosts major touring artists and companies, as well as University ensembles. Productions by the drama department and the Connecticut Repertory Theatre are performed in the Harriet S. Jorgensen Theater, the Nafe Katter Theatre and the Studio Theatre. More information on events and tickets can be found at www.jorgensen.uconn.com. Von der Mehden Recital Hall hosts performances by students, faculty and visiting artists. The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (860) 486-4605, located on the Depot Campus, displays works of various artists. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the cultural opportunities at the UConn.

Commuters

Commuters are able to take advantage of most of the activities that are available to resident students. They may join intramural sports teams, fraternities, sororities, clubs and organizations and take part in any of the weekend activities held on campus. To meet people outside of the classroom, commuters may want to study in the library, with friends in the residence halls, or hang out in the Student Union where there is a commuter lounge. Commuters can also purchase a meal plan (Community Plan) and eat in the University Dining Units. They can add "Husky Bucks" to their ID card to purchase food at the Student Union Food Court and at other places around campus.

For information regarding Off-Campus Student Services, see page 20.

Cultural Centers

Area Code (860)

Asian American Cultural Center	486-0830	www.asacc.uconn.edu
H. Fred Simons African American Cultural Center	486-3433	www.aacc.uconn.edu
International Center	486-3855	www.disp.uconn.edu
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center	486-1135	www.prlacc.uconn.edu
Rainbow Center	486-5821	www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu
Women's Center	486-4738	www.womenscenter.uconn.edu

Athletics & Recreation

The Student Recreation Facility is the primary location for students to work on personal fitness. The facility houses fitness and weight rooms, a pool, an indoor track, and basketball, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, squash courts and a rock climbing wall. Most intramural sports are conducted at the facility, as well as at various athletic fields and courts located around campus and the Sherman Family Track and Field Complex. The facility also contains the athletic ticket office where tickets for all UConn sporting events can be purchased.



Intercollegiate athletics add to the social life at UConn. Our nationally ranked men's soccer, women's soccer, and women's field hockey as well as football, are the primary spectator sports in the fall. The Big East and NCAA highlight the winter program when some of the nation's top basketball teams take on the men and women Huskies at Gampel Pavilion, the Hartford Civic Center, or New York's Madison Square Garden. For students who enjoy organized athletics but do not play at the varsity level, the Recreation Department sponsors an extensive intramural program. Students may participate with their Residence Hall, Greek organization, or club in anything from coed inner-tube water polo to basketball and volleyball. Students can also sign up individually as free agents.

Student Health Services

HEALTH

The University of Connecticut's Student Health Services is a health care facility fully accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care Facilities. A wide range of services are offered to students here, including primary health care, acute care (non-life-threatening), mental health counseling, inpatient care, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, and a pharmacy.

Specialized services and programs include a women's clinic, allergy clinic, athletic medicine, nutritional counseling, health education, a cold self-care center, HIV antibody testing, special health clinics, and substance abuse prevention education.

Services are available to all properly registered Storrs students who present the required validated student identification card. Most primary care services are rendered without any additional charge to a student as the health services is supported by the General University fee.

There are additional charges for services including lab tests, x-rays, physical therapy, special procedures, annual gynecological exams, certain medical and mental health clinic services, and pharmacy purchases. Specialized services and programs available at Student Health Services include a women's clinic, allergy clinic, athletic medicine and a nutritional program. **While insurance coverage is not required in order to receive care at Student Health Services, all full time students are required by the University to maintain health insurance coverage.**

Students may choose to be covered for accidents and illnesses by a personal insurance policy, a plan carried by their parents or a group policy sponsored by the University, sold and administered through a private insurance agency under contract to the University. The University uses what is called a "hard waiver" system to assure students health coverage. Under the hard waiver system, all students not wanting the University Insurance plan must waive it by accessing the self-service section of their Student Administration a (Peoplesoft) account. **If the student does not waive out, or if the student does not have coverage, the Student Administration System will assume that the coverage offered under the University sponsored health insurance plan is accepted, and the charge (\$1,150.00) for that coverage will be placed on the student's fee bill.**

For further information about Health Insurance Plans call Student Health Services at (860) 486-4700 or visit www.shs.uconn.edu.

IMPORTANT!

Mandatory Health History Form

DUE: July 15, 2009

Who Gets It: Department of Student Health Services

Where did it come from: The health form was contained in the Orientation packet that new students receive after the \$150 acceptance fee is paid.

How can I still get one?: Access the Student Health Services website at www.shs.uconn.edu.

Purpose of form: The health form documents a student's medical records as well as provides proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella in order to attend classes.

Mandatory Meningitis Immunization Connecticut State law requires that any college student residing in university-owned housing be vaccinated against meningitis as a condition for living in the university's residence halls and apartments. Students can obtain the meningococcal immunization through their health care provider. The health form documents the meningitis immunization. *Students cannot move into their residence halls if this requirement is not met.* The University is offering a meningitis immunization clinic for students who cannot obtain it from their health care provider by appointment only. For more information please refer to: www.shs.uconn.edu.

Counseling and Mental Health Services



The campus environment can be both exciting and challenging. It can also be highly stressful since social and emotional concerns can interfere with effective functioning and academic performance. CMHS is committed to helping students benefit from their college experience. One way students can do this is to talk to a mental health professional in a supportive atmosphere to aid self-understanding and the resolution of personal concerns. Although CMHS may work with students in crisis, our primary goal is to assist students with their concerns before they develop into more serious problems. We work to promote students' emotional, relational, and personal development. CMHS is a friendly and helpful place students can come to seek a safe, confidential, and supportive environment to do the work they need to do to be a successful, happy, and healthy person!

CMHS offers a variety of services to students including: group, individual and couples counseling; psychiatric assessment and medication monitoring; campus outreach and consultation; and training. CMHS provides brief model therapy. In the event that a student's concerns cannot be met by CMHS, appropriate and professional referral to community agencies are arranged. CMHS also offers emergency services 24/7 while school is in session. Emergency services can be accessed during the day by walking in to the center and after hours by calling the CMHS main number at (860) 486-4705.

In addition to all of this, CMHS offers a variety of services via its website including information specific for parents and families. Parent and Family information can be found at: http://www.counseling.uconn.edu/parents_families.html. Please know that CMHS considers itself to be partners with our parents and families especially during times when we are working with your student. While we maintain strict confidentiality of your student's mental health records, students are often willing and interested to invite parents and families in to be involved in their treatment. Partner with us and partner with your student and together we can develop the support and service, when needed, for your student to be as successful as possible at UConn!

For more information, please visit www.counseling.uconn.edu

Student Employment

Students can find information about part-time temporary student employment opportunities at the Student Employment website www.studentjobs.uconn.edu. These positions are funded by either federal work-study or student labor dollars from departmental budgets. Both programs allow students to earn money to meet educational expenses. It is not necessary to apply for financial aid to secure jobs funded by student labor. If students are offered a Federal Work-Study (FWS) award as part of their financial aid package, it will appear in their list of financial aid awards in the Student Administration System, www.studentadmin.uconn.edu. FWS eligibility is based upon financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid Services. All jobs advertised on the Student Employment website are either located at the University (including regional campuses) or in an approved local off-campus community service agency. All student employees are required to complete a federal I-9 form to verify their identity and employment eligibility. For further information concerning these student employment opportunities, log onto www.studentjobs.uconn.edu.

Undergraduate Cost of Attendance 2009-2010

These values are estimates for the 09-10 school year. The total budget includes direct educational costs and an estimate of indirect costs based on full-time attendance. *All costs are estimated and are subject to change by the Board of Trustees and State Legislative action.*

Estimated Storrs Campus Student Budgets

(not living with parent/guardian)

	In State	Out of State
Direct Expenses		
Tuition & Fees	9,886	25,486
Average Room & Board	10,460	10,460
Subtotal	20,346	35,946
Estimated Indirect Expenses		
Books	800	800
Transportation	1,100	1,490
Miscellaneous	1,640	1,640
Subtotal	3,540	3,930
Estimated Total Expenses		
	23,886	39,876

Billing

Bills are available for students July and early December and are now being converted to online e-bills. To read more about e-billing, see page 9.

Fee bills are due August 1st and January 8th respectively. Students who have not paid or deferred their fee bills by the deadlines may be subject to University sanctions that include cancellation of clamorsses, e-mail accounts, housing, library service, or access to the registration system. There is a late fee charge to all students who miss the August 1st and January 8th payment deadlines. For further information, check the University Bursar's website at www.bursar.uconn.edu.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Aid

Application for all need-based financial aid programs begins with submission of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. The FAFSA is the only application UConn requires for the awarding of federal, state, and University funds for the academic year. If your student is receiving financial aid this year (2009-2010), you may already be familiar with this process.

Beginning in the Fall 2009 semester, the University will participate exclusively in the (William D. Ford) Federal Direct Loan program, in which borrowers obtain loan funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education. All Federal Stafford Loan and

Federal PLUS Loan borrowers need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for this program. Additional information is available at <http://financialaid.uconn.edu/directfaq>. An excellent detailed source of information regarding federal aid programs and the financial aid process at UConn can be found online at <http://www.financialaid.uconn.edu>.

Personal Finances

Paying for books, phone bills, laundry, toiletries and entertainment expenditures are only a few of the possible expenses a student may incur. Family discussions, prior to the student's arrival on campus, concerning how these expenses will be handled (i.e. allowance, student savings, campus employment, etc.) tend to ease the financial adjustments a student must make. A little foresight and planning beforehand can reduce a lot of future anxiety. It is recommended that you and your student work together to establish a budget to control college spending.

The amount of money a student needs varies depending on personal spending habits. Books costs for a semester vary from a total of \$300 to \$800 and may be dependent upon the student's major, school/college, and the number of courses taken. Once books are paid for, money may be needed for laundry, including detergent, and for personal toiletry items. Meal plans are included in the fee bill, however take-out at off-campus restaurants is becoming an important part of a college student's budget. Other costs may be associated with joining some UConn clubs or organizations. Expenses vary with the student and this is why access to a local bank is recommended.

Converting to Paperless E-billing

The University of Connecticut is excited to announce that effective the fall 2009 semester we will be saying “goodbye” to paper bills and move into the era of electronic billing.

E-billing offers several benefits. These include:

- A “green dividend” through a dramatic decrease in paper consumption for such things as fee bills, envelopes and inserts, thus helping to conserve our natural resources
- The option for students to designate an authorized user such as a parent or guardian to do business on their behalf
- 24x7 access to your bill from any location with a web browser
- Elimination of the current \$5.00 online e-check fee
- Helping to keep tuition and fee costs down by lowering the University’s costs of doing business

Prior to each semester, students and authorized users will be notified by e-mail when their e-bill is ready to be viewed. Students and authorized users may pay their e-bills online by e-check or by credit card (note: for most students only Mastercard and Discover card are accepted and a 2.5% convenience fee applies for credit cards). Traditional paper checks will also continue to be accepted, however, checks will now be scanned and converted to electronic payments.

E-bills will be fully integrated with the UConn Payment Plan for those who desire to pay in installments. In fact the “look and feel” of the e-billing pages will seem very familiar to those families who’ve been using the UConn Payment Plan.

UConn’s e-billing will have many of the conveniences typical of online bill paying. For example, you’ll be able to set up optional secure “profiles” that save your checking account or credit card information so that you don’t have to re-enter it each semester. There’s even an option to be notified by text message.

Please be sure to check www.bursar.uconn.edu frequently for regular updates.

Payment Plan

The University of Connecticut now offers an optional installment payment plan for fee bills. Students and families who desire a payment plan contract directly with the University of Connecticut.

For those desiring to participate, fall enrollments begin approximately June 25th of each year and spring enrollments begin approximately November 25th. The enrollment period ends on the tenth day of classes of each semester (i.e. at the end of “Add/Drop”). Please note that if you enroll after the first installment is due you will be required to pay any “catch up” installments at the time of enrollment.

The plan is interest-free, however, there is an enrollment fee of \$35 per semester, and **it is necessary to re-enroll in the plan each semester.**

To access the plan now, have your student login into his/her Student Administration Account at <https://student.studentadmin.uconn.edu>, click on “Self Service,” then “Student Center,” and scroll down to the “Finances” subsection. Then click on the “UConn payment plan” link and follow the prompts.

Installment payment plan has several advantages:

- Payment plans are set up quickly and easily on a self-service basis directly through your PeopleSoft student account.
- Students may grant payment plan access to one or more authorized users, such as a parent, who can then enroll in the plan on behalf of the student.
- The plan automatically sends out e-mail notifications concerning changes in your fee bill and the impact on your payment plan budget. This eliminates the risk of under-budgeting or over-budgeting.

For more information on the payment plan and to view Frequently Asked Questions visit http://www.bursar.uconn.edu/html/payment_plan.html

FERPA

(Parent Access to Grades and Other Information from Student Educational Records)

In 1974 Congress passed the “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act” or “FERPA”, also known as the Buckley Amendment. FERPA applies both to K-12 and postsecondary educational records, although there is one key difference in the way that the law applies. In K-12 the rights under FERPA belong to the student’s parents until the student turns 18. In postsecondary education, the rights belong to the student, regardless of age or dependent status.

The law gives students certain rights concerning their educational records, including the right to expect that information in their educational records will be kept confidential, disclosed only with their permission or under provisions of the law. One such provision allows the release of “Directory Information” - name, address, major, degree sought, honors (including Dean’s List), and other such information - without student permission. “Directory Information” is the type of information that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. There are some types of information that parents might like to receive: grades, bills, financial aid, and so on that are not considered “directory information.” The University will not release that information without the student’s permission, even to parents who pay the bills. So what can parents do to get this information?

One way is to ask your son or daughter for the information. Another is to have them fill out the FERPA Privacy Waiver via the Student Administration System. This application, scheduled to be rolled out in the summer of 2009, will be designed to create a more fluid, efficient process by which to obtain authorization to communicate with University officials regarding these records (registrar, financial aid, bursar). The FERPA Privacy Waiver enables your student to identify specific people (like yourself), to whom offices at the University can speak about student records.

We encourage parents to communicate with their students about their grades and progress towards their educational objectives, and not just at the end of the semester. Mid-semester, prior to the start of registration for the next term, is a very good time to have a conversation about how a student’s courses are going in the current term and what courses the student plans to take the next semester. Staff from the Registrar’s Office, Bursar’s Office, Office of Student Financial Aid Services, Department of Residential Life, the Husky One Card, and Community Standards look forward to working with you to support your student. You can help us by encouraging your son/daughter to complete the FERPA Privacy Waiver via the Student Administration System, once it becomes available.

For more information on FERPA, please visit <http://www.registrar.uconn.edu/ferpa.html>

Student Administration System

In fall 2008, the University implemented a major upgrade to its PeopleSoft Student Administration System, the system used to admit students to the University, manage financial aid and student billing and payments, and maintain the academic records, including registration. The “Student Center” displays the student’s class schedule, information on holds and service indicators, registration appointments, financial aid, fee bill, and more. From the “Student Center,” students can access “Class Search” and registration. They can access their advising reports, unofficial transcripts, and other academic information.

Some of the new features of the system are related to registration. One is the “Enrollment Shopping Cart.” This feature allows students to pre-select courses for registration prior to their registration appointments and then register for them at their appointment times. Another feature is “Academic Requirements,” which displays students’ progress towards their degrees. Students can search for classes and place classes in their Shopping Cart from the Academic Requirements display.

Students can also use the Student Administration System to:

- Update their mailing address and telephone number
- Search for classes by subject, meeting day/time, instructor
- Request an official transcript
- View their advisors
- Apply for graduation
- Accept their financial aid
- Make a payment
- Waive the Health Insurance Fee
- View the Course Catalog
- View their grades
- View their transfer credit report
- View a summary of their high school information
- Print an enrollment verification
- View their fee bill
- Waive financial aid payment rules
- Waive the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) Fee

Most students find the system easy to use, but in case students do have questions an interactive help module is available for the system. It can be found at <http://www.peoplesofthelp.uconn.edu/studentindex.html>.

UConn Academic Calendar

August '09

- 1 University Fall Payment Due
- 28 Freshman & Transfer Move-In Day
- 29-30 Continuing Students Move-In Day
- 31 Fall Classes Begin

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September '09

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October '09

2, 3 & 4 Family Weekend

* Make early reservations if you are staying overnight. A list of area accommodations is available on the Family Weekend website www.familyweekend.uconn.edu

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November '09

21-29 Thanksgiving Break

December '09

11 Last Day of Fall Classes
14-19 Final Exams

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UConn Parents Association

As a parent/guardian of a UConn student, you are automatically a member of the UConn Parents Association! The mission of the Association is to support the University by involving parents/guardians in the college experience of their student for the purpose of improving and advancing the University. Their newsletter, UConn "Parent Talk," is published three times a year, and will keep you informed on what's important to parents/guardians. You can become involved in the UConn community by volunteering with the Parents Association at Orientation, Husky WOW and Family Weekend. By joining a Parent's Association committee, (Special Events, Development, Legislative/UConn Advocates) you will find that you are joining a dynamic group of parents/guardians excited about UConn. For more information, check out their website at www.parents.uconn.edu.

Surprise your student on his/her birthday!

Dining Services operates an in-house bakery called "Not Just Desserts." Birthday cakes and 10" chocolate chip cookies can be decorated with a special message of your choice. Orders will be sent to the dining hall of convenience and students will receive a call notifying them there is an item to be picked up. Orders should be placed at least one week in advance. For details, prices, and payment options visit the bakery website at www.dining.uconn.edu/bakery.html.



January 2010

8 University Spring Payment Due
 17 Residence Halls Re-open
 19 Classes Begin

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February '10

March '10

1 Financial Aid (FASFA)
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 6-14 Spring Break

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April '10

30 Last Day of Spring Classes

May '10

3-8 Final Exams
9 Undergraduate Commencement

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SHOPPING & CONVIENCE GUIDE

For your information, a listing of area shops, banks, and other resources can be found on the UConn Parents Association website at www.parents.uconn.edu.

AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

A comprehensive listing of Area Accommodations can be found at <http://uconn.edu/accommodations/>

BED & BREAKFASTS

There are several Bed and Breakfasts in and around the Storrs area. For more information about Country Inns and Bed & Breakfasts access <http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/quiet-corner-connecticut.html>

SAFETY

The University of Connecticut has over 11,000 students who live on campus, making it a city within a town. Similar to other towns, UConn has its own Public Safety Complex located at 126 North Eagleville Rd. This complex contains the Police, Fire and Rescue Departments. The information in this section has been compiled to help heighten your awareness of your student's personal safety and crime prevention at UConn.

Safety Tips

UConn has many services that add to the safety of its student population. Your student should also take precautions in addition to the measures taken by the university. UConn students should:

- > NOT walk alone on campus during the evening hours and walk with another person in well lit areas;
- > Call the Escort Service when they cannot walk with someone during the evening;
- > Lock their car at all times, if they have a car;
- > Lock their residence hall rooms whenever they are sleeping or not in them. Most burglaries happen because a student left his/her door unlocked;
- > Close a propped residence hall outer door when they encounter it;
- > Be aware of suspicious looking people in their residence hall area and notify their Community Assistant (CA) or police if needed;
- > Report an act of vandalism to the Police Department if he/she should witness one;
- > Engrave all valuable property. Students should see their residence hall staff or Police Department for more information on engravers;
- > Attend programs on safety that are offered in their residence hall or at the University. The Police and Fire Departments put on several programs in the residence halls during the school year.

Police Department

The Police Department is a fully operational 24-hour department composed of approximately 50 police officers. The department contains its own 911 center. The 911 center is the only one in the state located outside a town or city, except for the one at Bradley Airport. All new UConn police officers must undergo a six-month specialized training program here after the four-month Connecticut Police Academy, in addition to formal education. The extra training helps the officers to deal with students and the large crowds inevitable on a campus with nearly 20,000 people, most of whom are young adults. There is a permanent foot-patrol officer in the center of campus in addition to other foot-patrol shifts and motorcycle police officers. The University has over 250 outdoor emergency call boxes, and are installing new ones as part of the blinking blue light system.

Husky Watch / Escort Service

Students Serving Students: GUARD Dogs

The Escort Service is provided by the UConn Police Department to all members of the University community with the intent to provide a SAFE escort. All employees are students who report to the Police Department Community Services Division Supervisor. The service operates 7 nights a week during the academic year from 5:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. during daylight savings) until 2:00 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 5:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Vans are responsible for escorts going to or from off-campus and will provide rides to on campus escorts from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. all on campus escort requests will be provided with a walking escort.

All persons requesting an escort must call 486-4809. For more information visit <http://www.police.uconn.edu/huskywatch.html>

GUARD Dogs is a free non-judgmental, completely student run safe-ride program which is the only one of its kind on campus. GUARD Dog volunteers provide safe rides to students Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Students can call 486-8000 for their safe ride home! www.guarddogs.uconn.edu. GUARD Dogs is not affiliated with the UConn Police Department.

NOTE:

For more information on the Police Department including crime statistics for UConn, Storrs access their web site at: www.police.uconn.edu

Fire Department

UConn is the only New England public university, and one of only a handful of campuses nationwide, that employs its own paid and fully staffed fire department. The Fire Department is a fully operational 24-hour department composed of 29 fire fighters. All fire fighters are Emergency Medical Technicians, who can assist faculty, staff and students with medical emergencies. The department includes two engines, two basic life support ambulances, and a pair of hazardous material response trucks, one of which is outfitted to tow a fully self-supporting decontamination trailer in case of a toxic release or nuclear accident. The department also has one of only two aerial trucks in the region so there is no wait for outside fire departments to arrive on campus with their ladder vehicles to reach high-rise buildings. The department, which has been on campus for more than 80 years, conducts outreach and safety training programs, including CPR training, extensively throughout the year.

The Alert Notification System

Campus safety is a vital concern at the University of Connecticut. The University Alert Notification System provides a number of ways in which the University may contact the community quickly in the event of an emergency. The components of the University Alert Notification System include website alerts, email, voice mail, outdoor sirens and Code Blue Phone Kiosks. Each of these components is intended to enhance communications during an emergency situation.

The multi-faceted alert notification system is the result of work done by a committee of students, faculty, staff and administrators, including UConn's fire and police personnel, who have worked to put systems into place to give the University community early warning of emergency and weather situations.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, one or more of the following actions may be taken in an effort to reach as many members of the campus community as possible:

- * Alert banners may appear on University of Connecticut web pages, directing users to this website
- * Text messages may be sent to cell phones.
- * Voicemail, email, and/or the web may be used to update students and others about a potentially threatening situation
- * Outdoor sirens and/or public address speakers, located at the Storrs campus and regional campuses, may be sounded as appropriate to alert persons who are not in buildings

When emergency situations exist, parents can find information at the University's website alert.uconn.edu. If your son or daughter has not yet registered his or her cell phone to receive a text message, please ask him or her to log onto alert.uconn.edu to do so. Please note, the text message alert is for students, faculty, and staff only.

Code Blue Phone Kiosks

- In the event of a University-wide emergency, the Code Blue Phone Kiosks across campus may be activated with flashing lights, which may also be accompanied by a voice message stating the type of emergency and indicating possible action.
- If a student is in distress, s/he may use a Code Blue Phone Kiosk to contact the UConn 911 system directly. UConn's 911 system goes directly to the UConn Police Department.
- If a student is located at one of the bus shelters on the main campus at Storrs and wishes to request pick-up by the University's Husky Watch escort service, s/he may do so by pressing the button marked "Escort Service" on the Code Blue Phone Kiosk stationed in these locations

Encourage your student to register his/her cell phone to receive emergency text message alerts.

1. Your student should log on to www.alert.uconn.edu
2. Next, he/she will follow the registration link.
3. Have your student log in using his/her Net ID and password.
4. Have your student enter his/her cell phone number and provider.

Sirens

- In the event of an emergency, the University may sound the sirens, which may be accompanied by a voice message providing instructions. Should the sirens sound, students and staff should visit alert.uconn.edu as soon as possible for further information and/or instruction.

Text Messages

- It is strongly recommended that all students, faculty, and staff register cell phone numbers with the University. The system is to be used primarily for potential, developing, or existing emergencies. In any of these situations, students/staff who have registered will receive a UConn text message alert advising students/staff of the situation and directing them to additional information.



Housing Assignments

Students who filed the housing application, will receive information in August sent to their UConn Husky e-mail account notifying them of their housing assignment and informing them how to look up roommate information. Included in this information will be the student's room number, and residence hall assignment. Students can access this information, when available, at the website: www.reslife.uconn.edu.

In addition to the information mentioned above, students can check the Residential Life website, (www.reslife.uconn.edu), to find out their specific check-in time and directions to campus for move-in day. These directions will differ for students depending where they live on campus. We urge you to follow the specific directions to campus that your student is assigned to avoid extremely long waits and lines on move-in day.

On-campus housing is not guaranteed for all of the time that your student will be studying at UConn. All students desiring on-campus housing for the following fall must re-apply every year in January and meet all application and deadlines. Information on upcoming deadlines and applications will be sent to your student's Husky e-mail address. Please help to assure that your student is aware of these deadlines. If the demand for on-campus housing exceeds the available supply, a lottery will be instituted to determine which continuing students will receive housing.



Supervision

The Department of Residential Life provides a support system for students to assist them as they adapt to the new and more demanding environment of living in a residence hall with other students. Community Assistants (also known as CAs) who are students themselves, staff the residence halls. These students are trained to help residents understand how the University works, to resolve personal problems and conflicts, to plan time effectively, to develop good study skills, and to live safely and comfortably in the residence hall system. Supervising the student staff is a team of professionals, all of whom have master's degrees in Counseling, Higher Education Administration or a related field. The Community/Hall Director supervises and maintains safety and enforces the rules and regulations within the area. They live in the residence hall and are directly responsible for the Community Assistants.

We want you to know that if you ever have any questions or concerns, please ask us! Your student's Community/Hall Director can provide you with valuable resources about residence hall living and campus life.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

One of the many advantages of going to college is the opportunity to live in residence halls. Residence hall life provides each student with the experience of being integrated into campus life with all its cultural, social, academic and recreational diversity. UConn has over 11,000 students living on campus in over 110 residence halls. Each of our residential areas is unique and offers a variety of programs and activities to residents. Most of the rooms in the residence halls are designed for two people. There are, however, some quads, triples and single rooms available on a limited basis (single rooms are not available to new students without medical documentation). The Department of Residential Life is responsible for helping with all aspects of students' lives while living on campus and addresses the following student needs:

- Assigning students to on-campus housing and providing opportunities to change rooms
- Ensuring that the residence halls are safe, secure and well-maintained
- Providing varied residential living options
- Providing staff who serve as day-to-day resources for students

Residential Life staff works to develop and foster a community focused on providing a seamless student experience between the classroom and the living environments. We encourage students to get involved in their community and give staff input through participation in area councils and various residential programs and committees.

Laundry Facilities

For students living on campus, all residential areas provide vending card operated washers and dryers. Students use “Husky Bucks” put on their UConn ID card for the machines. For commuters, there are a variety of laundry services located in the UConn area that are coin operated. For an explanation of “Husky Bucks” please visit www.onecard.uconn.edu.

Phone Service

The UConnect phone system assigns a telephone number to a student when they move into their residence hall room. The student must provide the phone and sign up for an access code. This access code is an individual code that the student uses for long distance calls. This allows a telephone bill to be sent to each student individually, charging only for the calls that student made. Bills can be mailed home if requested. The University urges all students set up their room phone and voice mail even if cell phones are their main mode of communication. The reason for this is so the student can be contacted in case of emergency and a message can be left. All students should make sure they update their emergency contact person and cell phone number in their Student Administration (Peoplesoft) account.

Mailing Address

Your student’s specific mailing address will be provided when s/he moves in to campus. Make sure that your student gives you his/her full address before you leave campus after move-in. Campus addresses follow the following format:

Student’s Name
Room Number, Residence Hall Name
Storrs, CT 06269

On-Campus Housing Contract

There is a set of standards that all students living in on-campus housing are expected to observe. Students read and accepted *The On Campus Housing Contract 2009-2010* before completing the housing application. A copy of the contract is available online at

http://www.reslife.uconn.edu/housing_contract_future/housing_contract_2009-2010_draft.pdf.



Alcohol Policy

No student under the age of 21 can possess alcohol on campus at any time. Please read and educate yourself on the policies in The Student Code (www.dos.uconn.edu) and *The On Campus Housing Contract 2009-2010*.

Husky-One Card

The One Card Office in the Wilbur Cross Building runs the Husky-One Card program. The goal of this program is to enable students to access a variety of services using their Husky-One Card (UConn ID) in conjunction with Husky Bucks. The Husky-One Card serves as identification and gives students entry into dining halls (with a meal plan), the recreational facility, their residence hall and various University events. For added convenience, students can deposit money in the Husky Bucks debit account, which allows them to make purchases using their ID. With Husky Bucks students can buy goods & books at the UConn Co-op, do laundry, make photocopies or print at the library, buy food in all campus dining halls and coffee shops, and dine at Chuck & Augie’s, an upscale restaurant in the Student Union. For more information, visit the One-Card Office website at www.onecard.uconn.edu.



Meals

The meal plan at UConn is variable. The three meal plans offered are the Ultimate, Value and Custom Plans. Meal plans are based on the semester and active only when school is in session (105 days). Students living off campus or in University apartment complexes can purchase a “community meal plan.” For more information about meal plans access www.dining.uconn.edu. Students can alert their dining hall manager about any special dietary needs. The University offers a variety of different meals, including kosher, vegetarian, vegan and Hillel. Although the physical arrangements differ from hall to hall, all residences provide access to dining facilities within or adjacent to the building Resident students or commuters with a meal plan can eat in any dining hall on campus by using their ID.

What to Bring To Campus

All rooms include study desks and chairs, closet/wardrobe, a bed, and mattress for each resident. These furnishings are expected to remain in the room throughout the year. All beds are extra-long (80"X 36"). It is a good idea for your child to check with his/her roommate(s) to work out who is bringing what so they don't have duplicates like TVs, VCRs, etc. For a more complete listing access the Residential Life website at: www.reslife.uconn.edu

LINENS:

towels and washcloths
2 sets of bed linens
(extra long, 80"x36")
pillow(s)
blanket(s) &/or comforter/quilt

PERSONAL ITEMS:

mug &/or cups
toothbrush & toothpaste
brush &/or comb
shaving items
hair dryer
shampoo, conditioner, etc.
bath soap
shower/bathroom carry all
(for shampoo, soap, etc.)
personal hygiene items
personal prescriptions
shower shoes/flip flops
bathrobe

LAUNDRY/CLOTHING CARE:

detergent
fabric softener
stain remover
* Please keep in mind that some machines are front loaders & need "front loading" detergent
laundry bag/basket

MISCELLANEOUS:

TV, VCR, and/or DVD player
Munchies
small refrigerator
backpack
trash can
stereo & CDs
computer along with original software
cleaning supplies - residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms
power strips (NO extension cords allowed)
fan (NO ceiling fans allowed)
telephone (voicemail is provided with UConnect at no extra cost)
stackable crates
storage containers
camera
coat hangers
school supplies: calculator/stamps/pens/pencils/ruler/scissors/stapler
plants
calendar
posters, photos, artwork
desk lamp or clip-on light
umbrella
flashlight
change for snacks
nonflammable trash can
alarm clock
headache/cold medicine
first aid supplies/kit
sewing kit
rug

Items Prohibited in Residence Halls

- ⇒ Air Conditioners
- ⇒ Halogen Lamps (of ANY kind: desk, floor table, etc.)
- ⇒ Hot Plates
- ⇒ Electric Grills or Skillets: Foreman Grills included
- ⇒ Ceiling Fans
- ⇒ No Homemade lofts
- ⇒ Electric Heaters
- ⇒ Toaster Ovens
- ⇒ Any items with exposed heating elements
- ⇒ Extension Cords
- ⇒ Water Beds
- ⇒ Kerosene Heaters
- ⇒ Firearms, ammunition, any weapons including, but not limited to knives, hunting bows, guns, BB guns, slingshots, and launching devices
- ⇒ Fireworks, gunpowder, and other explosive or potentially dangerous objects
- ⇒ No pets (except Fish - no larger than a 30 gallon tank)
- ⇒ Drugs, narcotics, harmful materials (Please see *The Student Code* for more details.)
- ⇒ NO cinder blocks
- ⇒ NO previously burnt candles

We recommend parents/guardians of resident students read the Parent & Family Information Link on the Residential Life website (www.reslife.uconn.edu) for more information about your student living on campus. Violation of the housing contract can result in a student losing on-campus housing.

Illegal Downloading and Sharing of Files

Recently, the Recording Industry Artist's Association (RIAA) has begun an effort to prosecute suspected copyright infringement individuals. In the past, the University of Connecticut has received an excess of 40 "settlement" letters that have been forwarded to students identified by the RIAA as suspected infringers. These letters offer the individual an opportunity to avoid prosecution by settling with the RIAA in an amount typically in the \$3,000 to \$6,000 range. In addition, the RIAA has stated that they intend to issue a subpoena to the University obtaining the identity of the alleged offender and file a suit against that individual. In August, 2007 students received notification concerning the RIAA's efforts and how the University would respond upon receipt of those communications. This notification is available at our website:

http://itpolicy.uconn.edu/policydocs/notice_to_students.html.

It is important that you discuss this with your student to ensure that s/he understands the ramifications of continuing the practice of illegally downloading and sharing music files. The University has created a web page outlining our response to copyright infringement notifications at: <http://itpolicy.uconn.edu/policydocs/dmca.html>. We are required to take appropriate actions when notifications are received and in fact do so through a formal process that is documented on the web site.

In regards to the education of our students regarding copyright infringement activities, such as downloading of music files, the University has a number of touch points that are currently being utilized:

- Policies regarding appropriate use of UConn computer resources have been created, approved and placed into the official University policy repository.
- A section of the student orientation program touches on the issues surrounding sharing of copyright material, specifically music and movie files.
- Students are required yearly to register with the UConn network utilizing the NetReg process found at: netreg.uconn.edu. This process informs students regarding University policy surrounding the sharing of copyright material.
- Upon notification of an infringement, the offending party is provided personal counseling regarding the sharing of copyrighted materials.

Parking

The University at Storrs has two parking garages for visitors and university staff. The North garage is located closest to the Lodewick Visitors Center while the South Garage is located behind the UConn Co-op bookstore and across the street from the Gampel Pavilion. During the week, the North Garage is open 24 hours a day and South Garage is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Weekend hours for the North Garage are 24 hours a day and South Garage is open 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m.. If there is a scheduled event on campus, the garage will charge a special rate known as "Event Prepay". "Event PrePay" varies depending on the athletic event or the performance at Jorgenson Center. Overnight parking in the South garage or commuter lots is not permitted.

Guests can also park in any student lot between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and on weekends. Of course, there is no parking in Fire Lanes, Accessible Spaces or Reserved Spaces on campus.

The Department of Parking Services suggests that parents call them to inquire about the nearest available parking to their student's residence hall. They will gladly help parents identify the options.

A parking map along with other parking information can be found at: www.park.uconn.edu. If you do not have access to this website or have parking related issues that you would like to discuss, call the Department of Parking Services at (860) 486-4930, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a member of their management team will assist you.

In order to qualify for a parking permit at UConn, resident students must have earned a minimum of 54 credits. There is no credit requirement for commuter students.

The University of Connecticut Police Department operates an Escort Service for student's concerned with safety issues and walking on campus. The service operates seven nights a week during the academic year from 5:00pm (6:00pm during daylight savings) until 2:00am Sunday through Wednesday and 5:00pm until 3:00am Thursday through Saturday.

To find out more information about parking, visit the Police Department's home page at www.police.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-4808

Getting Around Campus

While most students walk to classes, UConn does have an extensive shuttle bus system. Shuttle buses run from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday. Bus schedules and routes are subject to change and students should visit www.park.uconn.edu or call Transportation Services at (860) 486-1488 to obtain a schedule. Paper schedules are no longer available.

Some students choose to ride bikes to classes (racks are available) but most students walk to class. Since parking areas are basically on the outskirts of campus driving a car from class to class is not possible. Upperclass or commuter students with cars park in designated parking areas and walk or take the shuttle bus to class.

Public transportation is available to take students off campus. Students can access the bus schedule by calling Bonanza and Peter Pan (888-751-8800) Bus Lines directly or by calling the UConn Co-op Bookstore (860-486-3537). Bonanza and Peter Pan Bus Lines provide service between the University and major cities such as Hartford, Boston, and New York. For information concerning Amtrak service to Hartford, call (800) 872-7245.

Airport / Union Station Shuttle Service

Transportation Services offers a “reservation required” shuttle that will take faculty, staff, students, and student’s immediate family members to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT; Union Station in Hartford, CT; and the New London Ferry, in New London, CT.

Both the Bradley Airport Shuttle and the Union Station shuttle operate throughout the year. Reservations for these services should be made at least ONE WEEK in advance, unless it is an emergency. Short-notice emergency requests can often be accommodated, but it is important to try to avoid such requests. Since the New London Ferry Shuttle runs in the opposite direction, reservations should be made at least TWO WEEKS in advance.

All pick-ups and drop-offs take place on the Storrs Campus (including the Nathan Hale Inn) or at an apartment complex they currently service with our bus and AVS services. The service will not pick-up or drop-off at individual homes or other motels/hotels off-campus.

Cost is \$50 one-way and \$100 round-trip, per person.

- ⇒ Payment must be made prior to the services being rendered.
- ⇒ Payments must be hand-carried or mailed to Transportation Services and must be in the form of either cash or check. Please do not mail cash. Credit cards are not accepted as forms of payment.

Scheduling of the Bradley Airport, Union Station, and New London Ferry shuttles should take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling Erin at (860) 486-6902 or online at www.park.uconn.edu.

For Commuters: Off-Campus Student Services

The Office of Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) offers resources and advocacy for UConn Students’ off-campus living and/or commuter experience.

The OCSS website, www.offcampus.uconn.edu is centralized source of information and resources for students who do not reside on-campus. Topics include:

- Rights & Responsibilities
- Leasing/Renting
- Health & Safety
- Trash & Recycling
- Parking & Transportation
- Personal Budgeting
- Student Life & Activities
- Community Information
- General Commuter Resources

OCSS offers many programs and services throughout the academic year such as:

- Commuter Student Association (Student Organization Advisor)
- Commuter Appreciation Weeks
- Off-Campus Community Leaders Program
- Off-Campus Housing Fair
- Off-Campus Life Seminars
- Landlord Information Sharing
- Individual Consultation

The Office of Off-Campus Student Services is located in the Student Union Room 309. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact them at (860) 486-8006.

For more information visit www.offcampus.uconn.edu

UConn Phone Numbers

UConn's Area Code is (860)

* Offices/Departments are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department/Office	Phone #	Department/Office	Phone #
Admissions (including Transfer Admissions)	486-3137	Nursing	486-3716
<u>Athletics:</u>		Pharmacy - Professional Program Only	486-2129
Husky Hotline (scores & information)	486-5050	Ratcliffe Hicks - School of Agriculture (2 year)	486-2920
Recreation and Intramurals	486-2837	Shuttle Buses (Transportation)	486-1448
Ticket Info	486-2724	Student Support Services Program (SSS)	486-4040
Benton Museum of Art	486-4520	Study Abroad Programs	486-5022
Bookstore (UConn Co-Op)	486-3537	Summer & Winter Sessions	486-3331
Campus Activities (Clubs)	486-1140	UConn Co-op	486-3537
Career Services	486-3013	Visitors Center, Lodewick	486-4900
Connecticut Repertory Theatre	486-4226	Writing Center (Help with writing papers)	486-4387
Center for Students with Disabilities	486-2020		
Chuck & Augies (Restaurant in Student Union)	486-5633		
Counseling & Mental Health Services	486-4705		
Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletes (CPIA)	486-5515		
<u>Cultural Centers (Located in the Student Union):</u>			
African American Cultural Center, H. Fred Simons	486-3433		
Asian American Cultural Center	486-0830		
International Center	486-3855		
Puerto Rican-Latin American Cultural Center	486-1135		
Rainbow Center	486-5821		
Women's Center	486-4738		
Dean of Students	486-3426		
Dining Services	486-3128		
<u>Fee Bills (Bursar's Office):</u>			
Payments	486-4830		
<u>Financial Aid Services</u> - Financial Aid, Scholarships	486-2819		
Veterans Benefits	486-2442		
Student Employment	486-3474		
First Year Experience Office	486-3378		
Fraternity & Sorority Life	486-4710		
Health Services, Student	486-4700		
Honors Program	486-4223		
Housing Assignments - Residential Life	486-2926		
Husky Bucks Office (also OneCard Office)	486-3129		
ID Card Office (aka OneCard Office)	486-3129		
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts	486-4226		
Library	486-4636		
Math Help (Q Center)	486-1961		
Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center	427-7888		
Off-Campus Student Services	486-8006		
Operator, UConn	486-2000		
Orientation Services	486-4866		
Parents Association	486-4866		
Parking Services	486-4930		
<u>Public Safety:</u>			
UConn Police	486-4800		
Escort Service/Husky Watch	486-4809		
Academic Center for Exploratory Students (ACES)	486-1788		
Agriculture & Natural Resources-Advisory Center	486-2919		
Business	486-2315		
Education - Upper Division Only	486-3816		
Engineering	486-5466		
Fine Arts	486-3016		
Liberal Arts and Sciences	486-2822		

Some UConn Web Sites

Activities, Campus	http://www.getinvolved.uconn.edu
Alumni Association	http://www.uconnalumni.com
Athletics	http://www.uconnhuskies.com
Bookstore, UConn Co-op	http://www.bookstore.uconn.edu
Bursar	http://www.bursar.uconn.edu
Calendar, Academic	http://www.registrar.uconn.edu/acadcal
Catalog, Paperless	http://www.catalog.uconn.edu
Conn. Repertory Theatre	http://www.crt.uconn.edu
Counseling & Mental Health Services	http://www.counseling.uconn.edu
Cultural Events & Centers	http://www.uconn.edu/culture
Dining Services	http://www.dining.uconn.edu
Disabilities, Students with	http://www.csd.uconn.edu
Family Weekend	http://www.familyweekend.uconn.edu
Financial Aid Services	http://www.financialaid.uconn.edu
First Year Experience	http://www.fye.uconn.edu
Health Services, Student	http://www.shs.uconn.edu
Husky WOW website	http://www.huskywow.uconn.edu
Jorgensen, Center for	http://www.jorgensen.uconn.edu
Learning Communities	http://www.learningcommunities.uconn.edu
Map of Campus	http://www.uconn.edu/campuses/pdf/wholemap.pdf
New Students	http://www.newhusky.uconn.edu
News, UConn	http://www.advance.uconn.edu
Off-Campus Student Services	http://www.offcampus.uconn.edu
Parking & Transportation	http://www.park.uconn.edu
Parents Association	http://www.parents.uconn.edu
Police Department	http://www.police.uconn.edu
Recreational Services	http://web.uconn.edu/recreation
Registrar	http://www.registrar.uconn.edu
Residential Life	http://www.reslife.uconn.edu
Student Web Page	http://www.go.uconn.edu
Telephone (UConnect)	http://www.telecom.uconn.edu
Tickets to Athletic Events	http://www.uconnhuskies.com
UConn Web Page	http://www.uconn.edu

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UConn-isms

Add/Drop - time period when students attempt to add or drop classes from their schedules

Advisor - may be a faculty member or a full-time administrative employee of the University who serves as a resource for students in planning a meaningful academic schedule

Area Councils - a governing body of students for a specific group of residence halls on campus

Catalog - annual publication for new students; students will be held to the terms and requirements listed in the catalog specific to the year they entered; represents a contract with the University, because it informs the student on what needs to be accomplished in order to graduate

Credit - unit of value assigned to a course; if a four-year program consists of a total of 120 credits, then a typical semester would represent one-eighth of the total program, or 15 credits; the University requires all students to complete at least 120 credits toward the degree and some schools require more than 120 degree credits

Daily Campus - UConn's student newspaper, available every weekday morning around campus

Elective - course that a student enrolls in outside of his/her major, minor or core curriculum requirements

Family Weekend - A fun filled weekend of events for UConn families and students. Family Weekend occurs in early fall and is for the entire family

FERPA - Abbreviation for the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" is a federal law protecting the confidentiality of student records. In elementary school, middle and high school these rights belong to the parent until the child is 18. In postsecondary education these rights belong to the student no matter what the age.

FERPA PRIVACY WAIVER - An on-line procedure so a student can grant specific individuals the ability to discuss specific records with parents, guardians, spouses & employers. Students access the FERPA Privacy Waiver through the Student Administration System. Information that is included on the waiver includes, Academic Information, Financial Aid and Bursar Information, Residential Life, Husky One Card and Community Standards Information. Only UConn students are to complete the privacy waiver.

Flex Passes - are used to bring a guest in the dining hall or to take out food at the grab & go locations. They are not valid at the coffee shops.

Freshman 15 - estimated amount of weight new students gain or lose during their first semester at college

Full-time student - student enrolled in 12 credits or more each semester

GPA - Grade Point Average; shows students how well, between a scale of 4.0 (A) and a 0.0 (F), they are doing at UConn.

Horticulture Show - agricultural event held during Family Weekend in which the Ratcliffe Hicks arena is turned into a display of autumn foliage wonders created by UConn students

Huskies - UConn mascot, and a place to eat and socialize within walking distance of campus

Husky Bucks - is a debit account that can be accessed using the Husky-One Card (UConn I.D.). Husky Bucks can be used at several locations on campus including the UConn Co-op, on-campus coffee shops and grab & go's. It makes the UConn I.D. a convenient cashless tool. A student can sign up for Husky Bucks at: onecard.uconn.edu

HuskyCT - an internet class management tool

Husky Fight Song - you will hear this at football, basketball games and more, as the students and fans cheer their Huskies on to victory

Husky One-Card - Also known as the Student I.D. card. This card is used for several different purposes including access into the dining halls, as a Library Card, and as a debit card if Husky Bucks are put on it

Husky WOW - UConn's Week of Welcome for new and continuing students. Occurs at the beginning of the academic year in late August. During this time there are several activities planned for new students including a convocation, new student picnic, School/College Dean's meeting. WOW is a UConn tradition

ID Card - necessary computerized form of identification enabling a student access to dining halls, Health Services, the Student Rec Facility, the Library and more

Lower Division Student - designation for students that have earned less than 60 credits

Major - field of study a student selects to emphasize in his/her academic work; a substantial amount of the student's academic work will be in this area

Mirror Lake - larger man-made lake on campus adjacent to Route 195; has its own small island and serves as a temporary home to several hundred ducks and Canadian geese

NetID - This is another student ID that consists of letters and numbers. This is the student's University internet ID which is used to access the student's Husky e-mail address, to apply for on-campus housing and to use with HuskyCT, a class management tool

Nutmeg - name of the undergraduate yearbook

One Ton Sundae - SUBOG special event during Winter Weekend when a ton of various flavors of UConn Dairy Bar ice cream is turned into a giant hot-fudge sundae with the works for the whole campus to enjoy

Oozeball - a not to be missed annual mud volleyball tournament during Spring Semester sponsored by the Student Alumni Association

Parents Association, UConn - an Association that the parents of all UConn undergraduates are automatically members of. There is no fee to join because the Association is supported by the UConn Foundation

Prerequisite - implies a progression from less advanced to more advanced study in a field; students must satisfy the prerequisite(s) before registering for the course, unless exempted by the instructor; prerequisites taken out of sequence within a single department shall not count towards degree credit unless the head of the department offering the course grants an exception

Points - can be used for food only at Dining Services operations that include the five on-campus coffee shops, Chuck & Augie's (after 2pm) and Grab & Go locations. A point is approximately equivalent to \$1.00.

Registration - period of time when a student selects and signs up for the courses he/she intends to take in the next academic semester and consults first with his/her advisor

Resident Assistant (RA) - student staff who are trained to help residents understand how the University works, to resolve personal problems and conflicts, to plan time effectively, to develop good study skills, and to live safely and comfortably in the residence hall system

Residence Halls - provide educational opportunities and services that complement, supplement and support the academic mission of the University in its efforts to educate the whole student

Student Administration System - Also called "Student Admin System" and "PeopleSoft." UConn's computer student administration system. Currently, students register for classes using this system, check their fee bill, financial aid package, fill out the FERPA waiver and waive the out of the mandatory health insurance fee. Student access this system with their Student ID number which is a 7-digit number that they received in their letter of Admission

Student ID Number - The 7-digit number that new students receive in their letter of Admission. Since the University no longer uses social security numbers as an identifier, this 7-digit student ID is used. This is a unique identifier for each student and is used with a password that the student selects

Study Abroad - an opportunity to take advantage of academics in one of the many countries offered

SUBOG - Student Union Board of Governors; one of the largest student represented programming organizations on campus

Swan Lake - smaller man made lake near the Chemistry building that is home to a few duck families and is also a favorite campus study spot on warm, sunny days

Syllabus - a professor's course outline given to students on the first day telling when assignments, readings and projects need to be completed; may also include grading system, attendance policy, brief course description, and office hours

Teaching Assistant (TA) - a graduate student who may supervise lab sections and discussions for a class

UCTV - UConn's student-run television station

Upper Division Student - designation for students that have earned 60 or more credits

USG - Undergraduate Student Government; officially recognized UConn student government

WHUS - campus radio station 97.1 FM, "The Sound Alternative"

A Little UConn History: Jonathan-Our Husky Mascot

Jonathan the University of Connecticut's Husky Mascot is seen at many athletic and other public events.

However, many years ago, a mascot for the University of Connecticut did not exist. It wasn't until December 1943, when a black and white Eskimo Husky puppy arrived on campus, that Connecticut State College (CSC) had a Mascot, and 54 years before the Husky Mascot was officially recognized as UConn's Mascot.

On November 9, 1934, when CSC played rivals Rhode Island Agricultural in football, a "ram-napping" occurred. Connecticut State College's students kidnapped Rhode Island's Ram Mascot. A common college prank was to kidnap the rival's Mascot. At this time, however, CSC did not even have a nickname, let alone a school Mascot. This kidnapping raised interest on campus for selecting a Mascot for Connecticut State College. Shortly thereafter, following a "Connecticut Campus" (school newsletter) contest, the Husky, was chosen as Connecticut State College's mascot and has remained since.

After the Mascot had arrived, it was time to find it a name. The alumni paper, the "Connecticut Alumnus" took this task upon itself and launched a contest, which revealed the winning entry of Jonathan, inspired by Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's revolutionary war-era governor. Since then there have been 13 Jonathans, although there is some question about whether there have been 13 dogs, the confusion seems to have its foundation with Jonathan 6th who died less than 2 months after his arrival on campus. Stemming from this confusion, Jonathan 9th became 10th in the early 1990's.

In November, 1935, the fall after the first Jonathan died as a result of injuries after being hit by an automobile and



1934-1935: The first husky mascot, a black and white Eskimo husky, was born July 23, 1934 in Huntington, Connecticut. During the American Revolution, George Washington is said to have referred to Connecticut's then-Governor Jonathan Trumbull as "Brother Jonathan" - although it was used to generically identify American colonists before Trumbull's era. It was selected as an apt name for the new Connecticut mascot.

was buried on the hill opposite East Campus, Jonathan 2nd made his debut. He was a Siberian Husky, and ever since, the Husky Mascot has been a white dog. He arrived on campus just in time to meet Ulysses, the Rhode Island Ram Mascot, during the annual football game.

Although the dogs named Jonathan have changed, the tenacity has been passed on through the generations. In September, 1936, Jonathan 2nd chased Brown's bear up a tree which required Providence police and fire fighters to retrieve the animal. In November, 1947, Jonathan 3rd, after being halted by security at the gate of Yale Bowl, and subsequently identified as UConn's Mascot, chased Yale's bulldog around the Yale Bowl. Jonathan 4th, a Siberian Eskimo-Samoyed mix with some grayish markings also disliked Yale's bulldog and grabbed him by nose the first time they met. Jonathan 4th stayed with UConn from 1949-1959 and was known to growl at opposing basketball players when they scored against Connecticut.



1964 - Present: With the real dog unable to make many appearances, a costumed-mascot first appeared in the 1963-1964 season. But he wasn't called Jonathan at first: The Connecticut Daily Campus picked up on what some students called the faux symbol - "Homer the Husky" - a reference to UConn's still-new president, Homer D. Babbidge Jr.

Apparently with Jonathan 5th, the tenacity disappeared. Reports of the time call Jonathan 5th "shell shocked" because he was unable to tolerate the noise and emotions of fans at football games. He was retired early because he cowered in the presence of large crowds. Since the real Jonathan was unable to make appearances, and a replacement had not been yet selected, a costume dog began making appearances in 1964. He wasn't called Jonathan at first, but rather "Homer the Husky," a reference to the then still-new president, Homer D. Babbidge, Jr.

Jonathan 6th had a short career-just 2 months after being introduced to campus, a car hit him. His successor came as a gift from the student body at the University of Alaska in March 1965 to repay UConn's student body for donations following an earthquake in Alaska.

Jonathan 7th was almost sold as protest against the war in Vietnam because the Student Senate, today's Undergraduate Student Government, determined that the dog "represented the establishment." Fortunately, a student petition saved the dog, and from that point on, Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity, was given the charge of handling the dog.

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UConn Parent/Guardian Tips

A changing of the mascot occurred at a football game in 1977 as Jonathan 8th was introduced and Jonathan 7th retired.

Jonathan 8th remained Mascot until May, 1991, when he died of cancer. Initially the next Mascot was named Jonathan 9th, but before his public debut, APO announced that he was really Jonathan 10th. It was said that there had been 2 dogs called Jonathan 8th, but verifications from public record has not been found. Jonathan 10th died in 1995 after being hit by a car.

Jonathan 11th arrived on campus in May 1995, replacing Jonathan 10th and debuting 2 weeks after the dedication of the Husky dog statue outside Gampel Pavilion. One month prior, UConn's women's team had won the NCAA basketball championship. Jonathan 11th represented the University through an animal therapy program that helps children and the elderly, while his successor Jonathan 12th debuted in 2001 and was retired in 2006. Jonathan 13th, a rambunctious, brilliant white, 100 percent pure Siberian Husky made his debut during the men's basketball game against Cincinnati on March 8, 2008. In addition, a costumed version of the Husky Mascot also can be seen at different University events.



Jonathan XIII

1. Keep a sense of humor no matter what you see or hear.

2. If possible, plan a campus visit, football game, or a day at Storrs with your student. Take your student and his/her friends for a meal or an outing. You will not believe how many friends your child has when a free meal is involved especially at the end of the semester when money is low.
3. Never show up on campus unannounced!!!
4. Send lots of mail, especially in the beginning of the year. No matter how many times you phone, e-mail or fax, your student truly wants to have a tangible piece of paper. Your student will be thrilled to receive something fun/ once in a while.
5. Regularly check out the student webpage www.go.uconn.edu to find out what is going on around the campus.
6. During the semester, send a food item that s/he loves. If your student comes home on the weekend, send them back to campus with leftovers.
7. If your child lives in an apartment, plan to cook a favorite dinner once or twice a year for your student and his/her friends. You will not believe the appreciation you receive and the love they feel.
8. For the holidays when s/he is away from you, send something appropriate. i.e, plastic pumpkins filled with Halloween candy. They love the traditions whether they are home or not.
9. Discuss financial management with your student before s/he starts at UConn.
10. Discuss the topic of underage drinking and its implications with your student.
11. If you attend football games, plan to tailgate. Bring homecooking, enough for an army.
12. Remember that you have limited control over your child. Have patience. Trust your child to make correct decisions.
13. Treat your child as an adult and let him/her make the decisions that deal with his/her college life. It is going to be so easy for you to want to take charge, but pull back. Your student will develop and grow by making his/her own decisions, dealing with the consequences of them eventually becoming an independent adult.
14. Remember parental guidance does not mean trying to control your student's decisions or actions away from home. Keep criticism to yourself, and you will be able to keep the lines of communication open.
15. Encourage your student to foster a good rapport with his/her academic advisor and to continue to seek their advice throughout their academic career. As a student becomes more confident s/he tends to think they know everything. Mistakes can prove costly in terms of expense and possibly delayed graduation.
16. Make sure your health insurance carrier will cover your child out of state.
17. Obtain an academic calendar every year to help you keep up with important dates. The UConn Parents Association always has one in their newsletter "Parent Talk." Undergraduate parents are automatically members of the UCPA. Parent "Talk" is mailed 3 times a year (Aug., Jan. & May) to the student's home address.
18. Persuade your student to develop a network of peers, administrators, faculty and staff they can count on for advice and guidance.
19. Make sure your student updates any address changes in the Student Administration System.
20. If your student begins to get into academic trouble refer him/her to the First Year Programs Office early on, do not wait until s/he is already on probation.
21. Students who get involved on campus have greater academic success than students who only study. UConn has more than 400 clubs and organizations. Encourage your student to explore what's available.
22. Do not be upset if you do not hear from your son/daughter during the first week of classes...be pleased that s/he is fitting in so well, having a good time and keeping busy.
- 23. Most of all, keep a sense of humor no matter what you see or hear.**