

Information for Students

<p>A. University</p>	<p>University of Connecticut <i>(Commonly referred to as UConn)</i></p> <p>https://uconn.edu/ https://abroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/</p>
<p>B. Location</p>	<p>Storrs, Connecticut, USA</p>
<p>C. Academics</p>	
<p>i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer</p>	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
<p>ii) Academic Calendar</p>	<p>Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May</p> <p>https://registrar.uconn.edu/academic-calendar/</p>
<p>iii) Exchange Duration</p>	<p>One semester</p>
<p>iv) Examination</p>	<p>Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.</p>
<p>v) Curriculum Structure</p>	<p>Full-time status at UConn is defined as 12 or more credits</p> <p>https://financialaid.uconn.edu/enrollment/</p>
<p>vi) Entry Requirements</p>	<p>CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C</p>
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>English</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>UConn is one of the top public research universities in the United States. UConn offers more than 100 undergraduate majors and various schools and colleges from which exchange students can take courses, making it applicable to FASS, FoS, FoE and SoC students.</p> <p>Course Options An overview of all courses offered at UConn can be found in the Course Directory. Please note that not all courses are offered in every term.</p>

	To find available UConn courses in an upcoming term, use the searchable database here .
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Exchange students must take courses at the Storrs Campus and are not permitted to take courses at the Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford or Avery Point campuses.</p> <p>Courses in Law, Medicine, Social Work, Pharmacy, Nursing or Education are not available for exchange students. Fine Arts and Statistics courses are available on a limited basis.</p> <p>Students will not be able to take any more than 6 modules (18 credits) while on exchange at U Conn. Some NUS students have gone to U Conn requesting for more than 6 modules and U Conn have been very clear to state that this will not be allowed in the future. Students and staff advising students should be aware of this before applying to U Conn. There will be no exceptions.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodation	
i) University Accommodation	<p>We recommend that all exchange students live on campus in residence halls. On-campus living is an important part of American university life, and by living on campus, you become an active member of the UConn community and have access to all the social, recreational, and cultural events that take place.</p> <p>All dorm rooms are equipped with a bed, a mattress, a desk and chair, and a closet. In small units, doubles are 154 sq. ft. (11×14). Elsewhere, double rooms range in size up to 180 sq. ft. Most undergraduate dormitory rooms share bathroom facilities with other residents on the floor. Refrigerators, microwaves and televisions are not provided in dorm rooms.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Housing – Shared bedrooms with convenient access to dining halls and campus facilities. A campus meal plan is required. • Suites – Shared bedrooms, often with shared living spaces, with convenient access to dining halls and campus facilities. A campus meal plan is required. • Apartments – Independent-style housing that has shared bedrooms and living spaces (including full kitchens). You are NOT required to have a campus meal plan. <p>For more information about housing and costs please visit the Residence Life website.</p> <p><i>Please note that exchange students are not required to pay the Room Reservation Fee or the Acceptance Fee.</i></p> <p>Once you have applied for housing, you will be contacted by Residence Life with instructions on how to complete the room selection process. The housing selection process takes place in early December for spring and calendar year exchange students and in late May for fall and academic year exchange students.</p> <p>Residential Life cannot guarantee singles or requests for specific learning communities. The roommate experience is also considered an essential part of American university life, and almost all exchange students are paired with a roommate since there are very few single rooms on campus.</p> <p>Campus Meal Plans</p> <p>There are eight dining halls on campus with varying hours and dietary accommodations. Your meal plan (if you have one) is electronically encoded on your UConn student identification card (One Card) which you will need to provide when entering the dining facilities. Every on-campus meal plan permits unlimited access to the dining halls.</p> <p>All students residing in on-campus housing are required to purchase a meal plan except residents assigned to apartment-style housing. You can choose one of the three meal plans that range between \$2,614 and \$2,888. There is also an option for a commuter meal plan for \$266 for those who choose to live in apartments or off-campus. Selection of the meal plan is done during the housing application process. More information about meal plans can be found on the Dining Services website.</p> <p>Source: https://abroad.uconn.edu/incoming-students-4/</p>
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F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	Once admitted to UConn, prospective international exchange students must request a Form DS-2019, which they will need to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa and later on to enter and stay in the U.S. in legal J-1 status. Students are encouraged to apply soon after acceptance into the UConn

exchange program. After submitting the required information and documents, the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will issue a Form DS-2019 and send it to your home institution exchange coordinator once all Form DS-2019s for your school have been issued. You will receive a separate email with pre-arrival instructions to help you prepare for your visa interview and other aspects of living in the U.S. as an international student. You can also refer to the ISSS pre-arrival information online: <http://iss.uconn.edu/students/newstudents/new-students-pre-arrival-information/>

Cost

Total visa costs, including a required SEVIS fee, can total a minimum of 340 USD. Citizens of some countries may be subject to extra visa reciprocity fees.

Proof of Financial Support

All exchange students must document that they can meet the estimated cost of living and fees at UConn in order to be eligible for the Form DS-2019 and exchange visitor visa. The estimated costs for 2018-2019 have been finalized and the information is available [here](#).

Work Eligibility

J-1 students are allowed to work **on campus** for up to 20 hrs per week during the semester and 40 hrs during the break periods when classes are not in session. This includes during winter intersession, thanksgiving and spring breaks, and summer term. J-1 students MUST receive employment authorization from ISSS BEFORE starting their on-campus job. You will be required to complete the [J1 Student Employment Approval Request Form.pdf](#) prior to engaging in the employment. If the request is approved, the International Advisor will provide you with an employment authorization approval letter. Failure to get proper authorization will result in a violation of your J-1 status and will be grounds for termination in SEVIS.

More information about On Campus Work Permission can be found on the ISSS [website](#).

Travel Plans

You will be allowed to enter the U.S. with your UConn DS-2019 up to 30 days prior to your program start date. Please note that you should NOT travel to Canada before the start date on your DS-2019. This could potentially lead to significant problems with your J-1 status. You will also receive a 30-day grace period after the program end date on your Form DS-2019, during which you can get ready to go back home and travel within the U.S. if you would like to. Once you leave the country during the 30-day grace period, you will not be allowed to reenter the U.S. under J-1 status.

Travel to the U.S. prior to the start of the exchange date is highly discouraged. Students who have come to the U.S. prior to their exchange on a different visa have experienced problems trying to convert their visa status to J-1, despite the varying advice (which is often incorrect) given

	<p>during the advisement period by other sources. These issues can sometimes result in a student having to depart the U.S. (at their own expense) and fly home in order to be able to re-enter the U.S. under the correct status. Students should not make travel plans to the U.S. before the program start date without consulting the International Student and Scholar Services office at UConn.</p> <p>Enrolment Requirements To maintain your J-1 status, you must enrol in a full-time course load:</p> <p>12 credits for undergraduate students 9 credits for graduate students</p> <p>Only classroom-based courses may count towards the minimum enrollment requirements for J-1 visa regulations. Distance learning, hybrid, and online courses cannot be used in calculating full-time status.</p> <p>International Student and Scholar Services is responsible for all matters related to your J-1 student visa and status. Please visit the ISSS website for more information.</p> <p>Source: https://abroad.uconn.edu/incoming-students-2/</p>
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G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</p> <p>For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf</p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p> <p>Government regulations require all J-1 Exchange Visitors to carry medical insurance throughout the period of participation as a condition of maintaining legal status. Information regarding these requirements can be found on the ISSS website: http://iss.uconn.edu/medical-insurance/</p> <p>Exchange students have the option of enrolling in the UConn sponsored student health insurance plan. Please note that costs for health insurance increase each year.</p> <p>For the most current health insurance plan rates, please click here.</p> <p>Due to high costs of medical services in the U.S., enrollment in the UConn health insurance plan is highly recommended. Before deciding whether you would like to opt out of the UConn Health Insurance plan, please review the</p>
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	<p><i>information contained in the IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAL INSURANCE.pdf document.</i></p> <p><i>Important: If Fall or Academic Year students do not want to be enrolled in the UConn health insurance plan, it must be waived/declined by September 15, 2018 or students will be automatically enrolled and responsible for the cost.</i></p> <p><i>If you have questions about health insurance, including waivers, please contact Tresca.smith@uconn.edu.</i></p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>https://publicsafety.uconn.edu/</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>(Tuition is waived for exchange students): http://financialaid.uconn.edu/cost/</p>