

2017-2018 New Student Guide to Undergraduate On-Campus Housing

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Residential Life at UConn



Mission Statement

Residential Life plays a vital role in the success of the University of Connecticut and its students by providing quality facilities, personnel, services, and programs which contribute to the mission of the University. Within the residential learning environment individuals are challenged and supported to develop into productive community members who are prepared to enrich society.

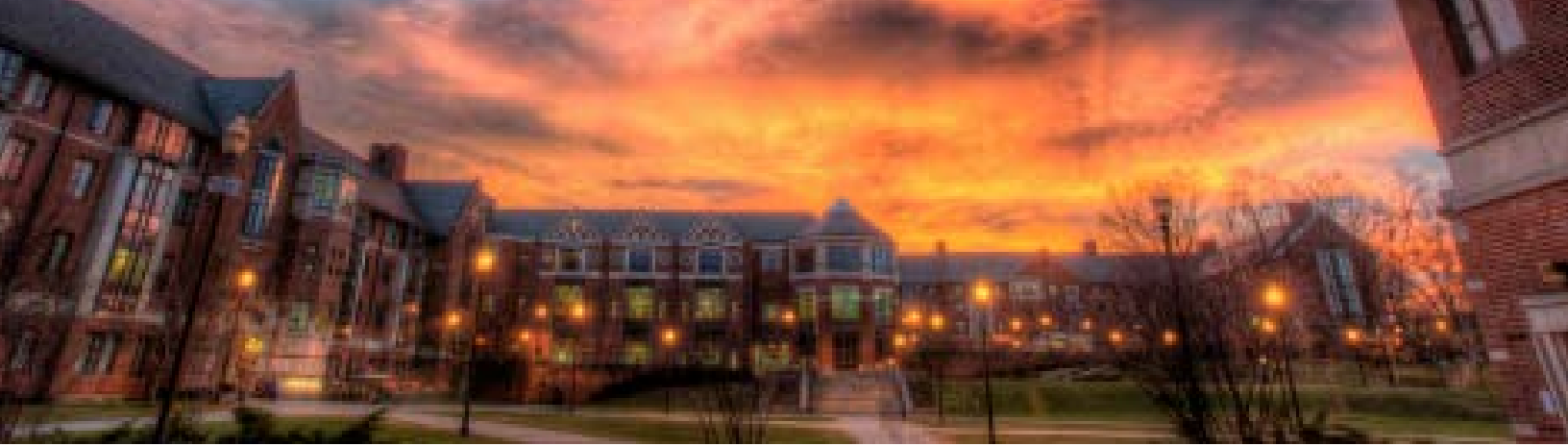
Community Living

Living on campus at the University of Connecticut is a wonderful, positive experience. The impact that on-campus living has on a student's academic and social life is significant. To create a positive learning community, each resident must take an active role in the development of the living environment. Residential Life staff are excited about collaborating with you to develop a positive community in your residential area.

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Welcome to Residential Life at the University of Connecticut!

Dear Students,

Welcome to the University of Connecticut! Residential Life staff have been busy preparing for your arrival on campus. This is an important time for us as we gather our resources to provide the services that you need to have a successful residential experience. We have compiled a guide that should be helpful as you prepare to arrive on campus.

Please look through the guide and once you arrive, take advantage of the professional staff and student staff (RAs) of your building to help answer any questions you might have about residence hall living. They are also willing and prepared to help you connect to other important services at the University.

We encourage members of our community to use available technology to communicate. We will use your UConn email account as our official form of communication as it relates to important information, please read all messages sent to you from our office. Our website **www.reslife.uconn.edu** is a useful resource available to you. The website provides information about housing

processes, employment opportunities, and announcements about campus programs.

Information is also shared on our Instagram (**uconnreslife**), Facebook (**UConn Residential Life**), and Twitter accounts (**@UConnResLife**). Be sure to “Like” or “Follow” us so that you remain in the loop.

We value the opportunity to meet personally with students. So, if you have more questions please feel free to stop by our departmental offices in Holcomb and Whitney Halls.

I hope you find living in the residence hall to be a satisfying and memorable experience that assists you in being a successful student. We appreciate you choosing to live as a member of our community.

Pamela Schipani
Executive Director
Department of Residential Life
University of Connecticut

Applying for Housing & Receiving Your Assignment

Fall 2017

1 Pay the enrollment deposit.

Pay the \$300 enrollment deposit.

After the \$300 enrollment deposit has been paid and processed, you can access the housing application using your NetID and password.

University Information Technology Services (UITS) issues the NetID and emails activation instructions to the personal email account on file with the University. Visit www.netid.uconn.edu for more information.

2 Complete Part 1 of the housing app by May 19, 2017.

Students admitted after May 1st from the Admissions waiting list, who submit the housing application by their individualized Residential Life deadline are considered on-time applicants. Apply at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

A confirmation email is automatically sent once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

3 Complete Part 2 of the housing app, including the Sharing Spaces Module, during Orientation.

Part 2 of the housing application, including the Sharing Spaces module, will be available during Summer 2017, once you have arrived at Orientation. You will be notified via email/text and by your Orientation leader when the application is available. The second half of the application will be used to make compatible roommate pairings, based on the personal preference information provided. This should be completed as soon as you have been given access.

The Sharing Spaces module in **HuskyCT** helps new students learn strategies to develop positive roommate relationships. Students will be notified about the module at Orientation via email/text, and should be completed by August 1, 2017.

4 Request a roommate between June 1st - July 7th in MyHousing.

We make every effort to match mutual requests, but cannot guarantee that you will be assigned together. Roommate requests are not mandatory. MyHousing can be accessed at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

Looking for a Roommate?

It is not necessary to find your own roommate (most new students are matched by Residential Life), however those who wish can connect with others looking for a roommate at www.facebook.com/UConnRoommates.

Fall 2017

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Submit the Health History Form to Student Health Services by July 1, 2017.

The Health History Form must include mandatory meningitis vaccination information, Per Connecticut state law, meningitis vaccination verification or immunization exemption information must be on file with the University to live in on-campus housing.

Get the Form - www.newhusky.uconn.edu

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Check your UConn email account!

Residential Life will email assignment and check-in information to UConn email accounts in August. Assignments by Residential Life staff are made using the personal preference information submitted on the 2017-2018 On-Campus Housing Application.

Roommate Requests

New Student Requesting Another New Student

Roommate requests will be accepted between June 1 - July 7, 2017. We do our best to match mutual requests, but cannot guarantee that you will be assigned together. To grant roommate requests from Learning Community (LC) applicants, both students must be accepted to the same LC.

Requests must be submitted online. Instructions will be available in May 2017.

New Student Requesting Current Student

New students who wish to request a current UConn student as a roommate must send the information listed below to **livingoncampus@uconn.edu**.

We do our best to honor mutual roommate requests but cannot guarantee that the students will be assigned together. The current student must be willing to be relocated to another space on-campus in order to live with the new student.

Information Needed from New Student

Email Subject: New Student Requesting Current Student as Fall 2017 Roommate

Full name, NetID
Full name of current student
Current student's NetID
Fall assignment of current student

Information Needed from Current Student

Email Subject: Current Student Requesting New Student as Fall 2017 Roommate

Full name, NetID
Fall assignment
Full name of new student
New student's NetID
State willingness to be moved to another room to live with new student

Applying for Housing & Receiving Your Assignment

Spring 2018

1 Pay the enrollment deposit.

Pay the \$300 enrollment deposit.

After the \$300 enrollment deposit has been paid and processed, you can access the Spring 2017 On-Campus Housing Application using your NetID and password.

University Information Technology Services (UITS) issues the NetID and emails activation instructions to the personal email account on file with the University. Visit www.netid.uconn.edu for more information.

2 Complete the housing app by November 20, 2017.

Students admitted from the Admissions waiting list who submit the housing application by their individualized Residential Life deadline are considered on-time applicants. Apply at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

A confirmation email is automatically sent once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

Spring 2018: Due to limited availability of completely open rooms, we are unable to accept roommate requests.

3 Submit the Health History Form to Student Health Services by January 1, 2018.

The Health History Form can be found at www.newhusky.uconn.edu, and must include mandatory meningitis vaccination information. Meningitis vaccination verification or immunization exemption information must be on file with the University by January 25, 2018 to be guaranteed housing for 2018-2019 (along with step 4).

4 Complete the 2018-2019 housing application by January 25, 2018 at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

The application will be available December 1, 2017. On-time applicants missing mandatory meningitis vaccination information will be placed on the waiting list and not guaranteed housing.

5 Check your UConn email account!

Residential Life will email assignment and check-in information to UConn email accounts in early January. Assignments are made based on availability.

What to Bring/Not to Bring

What We Provide

Bed & Mattress
Dresser/Bureau
Closet or Wardrobe

Desk/Writing Surface & Chair
Cable TV (you bring the TV and cable cord)
Internet Connectivity (Ethernet in all areas)

Mattress Sizes	XL Twin		1 XL Twin & 1 Standard Twin	Full Size
	Residence Halls & Suites Mansfield Apartments Northwood Apartments Cordial Storrs House	Nathan Hale Inn Spring Valley Farm Birch Cottage	Hilltop Apartments Two Bedroom/Four Person XL twin sheets will fit either mattress	Charter Oak/Hilltop Apartments Four Bedroom/Four Person Hilltop Apartments Single Efficiency
	Charter Oak Apartments Two Bedroom/Four Person			
	Hilltop Apartments Double Efficiency			

Items to Bring

Alarm clock
Bathrobe
Bed sheets
Clothes hangers
Comforter/Quilt
Fan (no ceiling fans)
Pillows
UL approved power strip
Snacks
Storage containers (which may fit under bed)

Towels and washcloths
Trash can

Umbrella
Cleaning supplies (residents are responsible for cleaning own rooms)

Bathroom supplies (hand soap, shower caddy, soap, toothbrush, flip flops, etc.)

School supplies (backpack, notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, etc.)

Apartment & Suite Residents
Bathroom cleaning supplies
Toilet Paper
Bathroom trash can
Dishwasher detergent (Charter Oak/Hilltop Apts)

Items to Consider Bringing

Stackable crates
TV (with cable cords)
DVD player
Small stereo
Computer with original software (and Ethernet cable)
Posters or decorations
Lamp (not halogen)
Area rug (most rooms have tile floors)

UL Approved Appliances
Mini-refrigerator (36" in height or less with 3 prong rounded plug)
Coffee maker
Microwave (700 watts or less)

A more extensive list can be found at www.reslife.uconn.edu. Search for "Items to Bring".

Leave At Home

Pets (only fish in 10 gallon tank or less permitted)
Candles/Incense
Halogen Lights/Lamps

Extension Cords (use power strips)
Firearms
Toasters

Residential Life Staff

Resident Assistants (RAs) are paraprofessional student staff and are typically undergraduates, although some are graduate students. There are approximately 300 RAs in the residential areas of campus. RAs are usually located on the residential floor and have received special training relative to student needs, campus resources, conflict resolution, and overall University policies and procedures.

The Resident Assistant (RA) position is a premier leadership opportunity for students. RAs are student peer leaders responsible for entire communities of resident students. The RA position is more than just a job; it is a leadership journey that will challenge and offer opportunities for success and development at UConn.

For information about qualifications and responsibilities, visit www.reslife.uconn.edu.

Assistant Residence Hall Directors (ARHDs) are graduate students enrolled in the Higher Education Student Affairs Master's program at UConn. They live in apartments in the residence halls and provide support to the Hall Director or Assistant Director for the overall administration of services provided to students in the respective hall or area.

Hall Directors (HDs) are full-time professional staff who hire, train, and supervise the RAs and ARHDs. All of these staff members have prior residence hall experience and Master's degrees, live on-campus, and all have offices in the areas for which they are responsible. HDs serve as campus resources, educators, advisors, and student conduct officers.

Assistant Directors supervise hall staff and are full-time professional staff with Master's degrees and five or more years of full-time residence hall experience. The Assistant Director is responsible for an area of approximately 2,500 students, 3-6 HDs and approximately 60 RAs. The Assistant Director works with and through his/her staff to better connect students to each other and UConn.

Housing Services staff are responsible for room assignments and room changes throughout the calendar year. They also oversee the housing application process, housing selection, and contract release process. Most of the print and email communication sent throughout the year to students and parents, including this guide, originates in the Housing Services unit.



Housing Accommodations, Housing Application, & NetID

Housing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities or a Medical Condition

Students with a documented health/medical condition or disability which may impact their living environment must contact the **Center for Students with Disabilities** to register and request a housing accommodation by July 1, 2017 for Fall 2017 and by December 1, 2017 for Spring 2018. Requests received after July 1/December 1 may not be honored due to availability.

Center for Students with Disabilities
www.csd.uconn.edu
(860) 486-2020

The Housing Application

The housing application is one of the many important documents you will complete as a UConn student. As a new student, Residential Life staff will use the information you submit to assign you with a roommate(s). It is important to remember that as the student, you should fill out the application yourself.

Use the sample application in this guide to think about your answers before filling it out online. Remember that you must have your NetID (three letter initials followed by five numbers) from University Information Technology Services (UITs) to be able to access the application. The housing application must be submitted online at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

A confirmation email will be automatically sent to your UConn email account once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

Convictions, Pending Charges, or Removal from Housing

On-campus housing may be denied to students with felony or misdemeanor convictions (other than minor traffic violations), pending charges, or who have received disciplinary sanctions at another institution which resulted in removal from on-campus housing. Students must share this information on the housing application (or via email if after submitting the application), and must submit the following information in writing to livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

Information Required & Notification of Housing Eligibility

Detailed explanation of the conviction, charges, or sanctions. The correspondence should include first/last name, NetID, and contact information.

Once the statement of explanation is reviewed by the Associate Director of Housing Services, applicants will be contacted regarding eligibility.

Don't Know Your NetID?

New students are assigned a NetID and emailed activation instructions by UITs to the personal email address on file with the University. To find your NetID go to www.netid.uconn.edu.

If you have been admitted to the University but have not received your NetID activation instructions, try searching the link above, call the UITs Help Center at (860) 486-4357 (select option 3), or email helpcenter@uconn.edu. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If sending an email, please include your full name and NetID in your correspondence.

A technology tutorial can be found at www.techtraining.uconn.edu > Storrs. This site helps students learn how to activate the NetID, UConn email account, and apply for housing.

The Housing Application - Part 1

1. Preferred Name

Some students wish to be called by a preferred name, something other than their legal name. Please indicate the name you wish Residential Life to address you by, if it is different from your legal name.

2. Gender Identification

Please indicate the gender you most closely identify with if it is different from your legal sex. Staff will contact you regarding housing assignments to determine if alternative arrangements need to be made.

3. Do you have a medical/health condition or disability that requires a specific housing accommodation?

If yes, contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to request an accommodation.

Yes No

4. Would you like to be contacted by our staff to discuss special housing considerations related to your religion?

Yes No

5. Have you been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violation), or is any such charge pending against you?

Yes* No

6. Have you been removed from on-campus housing at a previous institution as a result of a disciplinary sanction?

Yes* No

7. What is the highest housing rate you prefer to pay?

- Rate 1 (least expensive)
- Rate 2
- Rate 3
- Rate 4
- Rate 5 (most expensive)

**8. Meal Plan Preference
Which meal plan would you prefer?**

The Value Plan will be assigned to students who leave this question blank or answer N/A.

- Custom Plan
- Value Plan
- Ultimate Plan

9. Kosher/Halal

Gelfenbein Commons (Towers dining hall) offers kosher and Halal menu options. Please indicate if your diet requires either kosher or Halal items. This information will be used to assign new students near this dining hall.

Yes No

10. Most buildings are co-ed by floor. What type of hall do you prefer to live in?

- Co-ed floor
- Single sex floor (co-ed building)
- Single sex building

The Housing Application - Part 1

New Fall 2017 Students Only

11. Which Learning Community would you like to apply to live in? (Select one)

There is no separate cost to live in a LC. Requirements - www.LC.uconn.edu/apply/

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connections House | <input type="checkbox"/> La Comunidad Intelectual House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting with the Arts House | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EcoHouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering House | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Pharmacy House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eurotech House | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts House | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic House of Leaders who are African American Researchers & Scholars House (ScHOLA ² RS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Year Honors (Do not select additional LC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Connections House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Inclusive | <input type="checkbox"/> Women in Math, Science & Engineering House (WiMSE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global House | <input type="checkbox"/> No Thanks! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights in Action House | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities House | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation House | |

12. Cell Phone Number

US Domestic Phone Numbers Only

13. Cell Phone Provider/Company

Used to send occasional text messages. Standard messaging rates apply.

The complete cell phone provider/company list is available on the online application.

14. If your cell phone carrier is not on the list, please indicate the company so we can work with our software vendor to add it to our list.

15. Opt Out of Text Messages

Indicate "Yes" to opt out of text messages from Residential Life.

- Yes No

16. Parent or Family Email Address (1)

Will be used to send periodic parent and family updates and reminders

17. Parent or Family Email Address (2)

Will be used to send periodic parent and family updates and reminders

The Housing Application - Part 2

Personal Preferences

Personal preference information will be used as a guide to match students with similar preferences. It is not always possible to match every individual preference a student lists. Incomplete answers will increase the chances of receiving a roommate who does not have similar preferences.

1. Smoking: Indicate your smoking status and living preference. Connecticut State Law prohibits smoking in residence halls.

- Smoker
- Non-Smoker - I prefer not to live with a smoker.
- Non-Smoker - I do not mind living with a smoker.

2. When studying in my room, I generally prefer:

- Quiet location by myself
- To study with another person
- To study alone with background music or TV

3. How often do you plan on having overnight guests?

- Almost never
- Twice a month
- Once a week
- Every weekend
- Twice (or more) a week
- Once a month

4. I like to live in a room that is generally:

- Casual - fairly clean, not always picked-up
- Neat - orderly and tidy
- Messy - looks like a tornado

5. I prefer the noise level in my room to be:

- Flexible - a time for noise and a time for quiet
- Quiet - low-key and mellow
- High Energy - music or TV on all of the time

6. I plan to use my room for:

- Relaxing and spending time with friends
- Studying
- Sleeping, and that is about it

7. I plan on going home/leaving campus:

- Almost every weekend
- Every weekend
- Once a month
- Almost never
- Twice a month

8. I prefer to have:

- At least 8 hours of sleep
- Less than 8 hours of sleep

9. Can you sleep with the light on and background noise?

- Yes
- No

10. The best way to approach me about an issue would be:

- Schedule a meeting and talk at that time
- Send me a message
- Tell me face to face right away

11. The relationship I anticipate with my roommate(s) is:

- I do not know what to expect
- They will be my friends
- They are people I live with, nothing more

12. When choosing a roommate, what is most important to you?

- Questions 3-6
- Questions 8 & 9
- Questions 10 & 11

Learning Communities

Residential Learning Communities

Residential Learning Communities (LCs) are themed floors within residence halls where residents live with others whom share similar interests or majors. Together, LC students take related courses, engage in volunteer or service learning projects, and participate in many community field trips, dinners, movie nights, and more. LC students also have the unique opportunity to closely interact with faculty, staff, and peer mentors, who act as a support network as they transition to the university.

The LC experience also allows residents to start building a “university portfolio,” which includes composing an exceptional résumé that highlights academic and co-curricular accomplishments in college, in preparation for entering an exciting career upon graduation.

The time commitment for participating in a LC is for one academic year. LC residents still find it easy to meet people from all over campus, and to pursue other interests. Visit www.LC.uconn.edu or call First Year Programs & Learning Communities at (860) 486-0711 for more information.

Who Can Apply & How?

New Fall 2017 Students Only

Students must select the LC or special interest community that most interests them on question #1 of the housing application. To grant roommate requests from Learning Community applicants, both students must be accepted into the same LC.

Which LC is Right for You?

You can choose a LC with a theme that relates to a topic you are interested in, your major, or a career interest. Each community is unique, and students plan group activities for the LC.



Special Interest Housing

Gender Inclusive Housing

Residential Life at the University of Connecticut seeks to provide a living environment welcoming to all gender identities; one that is not limited to the traditional gender binary. Gender Inclusive Housing allows for same-gender, opposite-gender or other-gender identities to live together regardless of biological sex. Students who are offered Gender Inclusive Housing can be assigned to a double, single, or triple room in Whitney Hall (based on availability).

Students who wish to identify as a Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ) ally in order to be considered as a roommate to a student who identifies as being LGBTQ can do so by going to www.reslife.uconn.edu/myhousing.

Questions about this community can be sent to livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

Students in Recovery

Residential Life at the University of Connecticut seeks to provide a living environment welcoming to all students, including those who identify as being in recovery from alcohol and other drugs. University living can be challenging, potentially putting personal recovery at risk. There is an opportunity available for students to identify as being in recovery which serves as a connector for students seeking supportive roommates. Students who wish to identify as being in recovery and become eligible to be matched with another similar student can do so in MyHousing at www.reslife.uconn.edu/myhousing.

Questions about living on-campus and identifying as being in recovery can be sent via email to livingoncampus@uconn.edu. The Department of Wellness and Prevention Services provides support services to all UConn Storrs campus students in recovery (www.wellness.uconn.edu).

Veterans Community

The Veterans Community is a partnership between the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs, Department of Residential Life, and students committed to creating a community for student veterans. This community provides support, connection, and resources that promotes success and growth among student veterans. The primary mission of the Veterans Community is to help veterans transition from military to student life in a supportive environment.

This community is located within South Campus, with four students assigned to each suite (two students in each bedroom of the suite). Within the community, veterans can participate in programs and events that allow for peer learning and connection with other veterans. This community is dedicated to helping veterans navigate the complexities of the college experience and making a successful transition from military life to civilian life. To request to live in the Veterans Community, or for more information, please contact Nikki Cole in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at (860) 486-3802 or via email at nikki.cole@uconn.edu.

Transfer Connections House

The Transfer Connections House focuses on the needs of transfer students, and consists of both new and returning transfer students. Space is limited – students who request to live in the Transfer Connections House, but are not assigned to the community will be assigned throughout campus with another transfer student when possible. Students interested in this option must select “Transfer Connections House” on question #1 of the housing application.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

Dear New UConn Resident,

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) welcomes you to the University of Connecticut. RHA seeks to empower residents through leadership opportunities, community building, social programming, and advocacy, as we are the collective voice for students living on campus.

For many students, living on campus is the first time they are away from home. By actively taking advantage of all the resources provided by RHA as well as other organizations on campus, you help us build a community where you can feel at home throughout your time at UConn. RHA acts as the governing body of all on-campus Hall Associations and provides guidance and development of leadership skills for Hall Association Governing Boards. We work closely with Residential Life as well as other campus organizations and services to provide a supportive environment so that each resident can feel like their voice is being heard. By voicing your individual concerns, you can influence every aspect of your living experience, from dining hall menus and policies, to concerns in your residence hall, even events or programs you would like to attend. In addition, through Hall Associations you can create the residential experience you desire. You have the opportunity to program diversely with the support of professional staff and the RHA executive board.

As a resident student at the University of Connecticut, you automatically become a member of our organization with all of these resources at your disposal. All are welcome to attend our meetings! Please use the contact information below to find out when the next meeting is.

For more information about RHA and ways to get involved on campus, be sure to check out our website www.rha.uconn.edu, or send us an email at uconnrha@gmail.com.



Getting Involved

What are the opportunities for involvement at UConn?

Residence hall living offers students the opportunity to make a difference. Becoming involved in hall leadership or student governance is your choice. You are strongly encouraged to get involved at any level ranging from running for a leadership position, to volunteering to help with a project, or simply attending a program.

We want your input to assess and improve the services we provide. Students are invited and welcome to participate in the many forums and committees on campus (e.g. Undergraduate Student Government, Residence Hall Association) to provide both great leadership opportunities and an avenue to have input at UConn.

There are six Cultural Centers and over 600 registered student organizations at UConn, and you are sure to find one that matches some of your interests. There are lots of opportunities for recreation-intramural sports, arts and entertainment programming, the radio or television station, skiing, ballroom dancing, music, Greek Life, community service, and academic clubs (e.g. Economics club).

Visit www.studentactivities.uconn.edu for more info!

Where can I find a job on campus?

UConn employs more than 5,000 students each year in a variety of departments, including the residence halls. On-campus jobs are usually posted immediately prior to the start of a semester. Visit www.studentjobs.uconn.edu for more information.

Residential Life Ambassadors

Residential Life Ambassadors are dedicated to providing current students, prospective students and their support systems student perspectives about living on campus. These ambassadors are here to help you get a better feeling for what it is like to live on campus. All ambassadors are current students who live on campus and have had personal experience in many different situations when it comes to being a residential student at UConn.

If you are wondering what it is like to go through a room change, work a situation out with a roommate, live in traditional style housing vs. non-traditional style housing, be part of a learning community or other questions, they can give you their perspective. So go ahead and ask them by visiting www.ambassadors.reslife.uconn.edu they will be able to share their opinion and some tips to help make living on campus the best experience possible for you or your student.

Frequently Asked Questions

Room Rates

www.reslife.uconn.edu,

Meal Plan Info

www.dining.uconn.edu.

Billing

Students are billed online each semester by the Bursar's Office for room and meal fees, tuition and other university charges.

Billing Questions?

Office of the Bursar
233 Glenbrook Road
Unit 4100
Storrs, CT 06269-4100
(860) 486-4830
bursar@uconn.edu
www.bursar.uconn.edu

When can new students move in?

For the Fall 2017 semester, newly admitted freshmen (and their siblings) can begin moving in on Friday, August 26, 2017. All other students, including newly admitted transfers, can begin moving in on Saturday, August 27, 2017. Early arrival information for residents who need to arrive prior to August 26/27 will be available in the assignment/check-in information email sent to new students in August.

For Spring 2018, all residential areas will open on January 14, 2018. Requests to arrive earlier than January 14, 2018 cannot be accepted. Assignment and check-in information will be sent to UConn email accounts in early January.

How will Residential Life communicate with me?

Residential Life utilizes the UConn email system *exclusively* to communicate with students on a regular basis. It is important to regularly check this email account to stay informed about important housing related updates. Students will receive their housing assignments in their UConn email accounts. Residential Life is not responsible for email messages not received by students.

What is the duration of the housing contract?

Students who submit a housing application are bound to the terms and conditions of the housing contract for both semesters (fall and spring terms). The occupancy period is for the full academic year; cancelling the contract to live off campus may result in a financial penalty.

Is there a vaccination requirement to live on-campus?

Connecticut State Law requires all students residing in university-owned housing be vaccinated against meningitis or submit immunization exemption information.

Before students move in, they must fulfill the meningitis requirement by receiving the immunization at Student Health Services, providing documentation that they have previously received the shot within the last five years, or by filling out an exemption form (medical/religious reasons, or student is 29 or older).

Visit www.shs.uconn.edu for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is any area better to live in than the others?

Students find benefits in each residential area. The single most important factor in determining a student's level of happiness on campus is a willingness to communicate and compromise with roommates and floor-mates.

How will you consider my medical needs when making my assignment?

Students who have documented disabilities that may impact their living environment are encouraged to request a housing accommodation with appropriate documentation regarding the disability at the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD). Students who request a housing accommodation must meet all Residential Life deadlines (including application deadlines). The CSD staff will determine if an accommodation is necessary and if so, make a recommendation to Residential Life.

Visit www.csd.uconn.edu or call (860) 486-2020 for more information. Students are encouraged to request an accommodation by July 1, 2017 for Fall 2017 and December 1, 2017 for Spring 2018.

Who is guaranteed housing, and for how long?

All students desiring on-campus housing must apply and meet all housing deadlines each year. Students entering as freshmen (admitted with housing) are guaranteed four (4) semesters of housing. A student who declines or cancels housing forfeits any guarantees for future on-campus housing. On-campus housing is not guaranteed for four (4) years.

Students who apply after all available spaces are filled are placed on the waiting list and only offered housing if spaces become available. The Office of Off-Campus Student Services is a helpful resource for students researching off-campus housing options - www.offcampus.uconn.edu.

Where Do New Students Live On-Campus?

Freshmen

There are designated freshman and sophomore areas of campus, including NextGen Hall, Alumni Quadrangle, Towers Quadrangle, Buckley/Shippee (Honors students only), and Hicks and Grange Halls (East Campus). These areas are designed to help students adjust to college life and transition to community style living. Students will be assigned to these areas with other freshmen students as roommates, or with 2nd year students as roommates who are familiar with these areas and can serve as resources and mentors.

The majority of rooms on-campus are doubles, so most freshmen will live in these types of spaces. There are some triples and quads available. Students who apply late or miss deadlines are most likely to be assigned into trip.les/quads.

Transfers

Newly admitted transfer students are assigned through the residential communities on campus. Transfer students are eligible to live in all types of communities, including suite and apartment style areas and may be assigned with or near other transfer students. The Transfer Community is located in Busby Suites; students interested in this community are encouraged to apply early.

Where do Honors students live?

The Honors first-year community is located in Buckley and Shippee Halls. Continuing Honors students have the opportunity to live with other Honors students in clustered living environments in Shippee Hall, Brock Hall (Alumni), Snow Hall (South Campus) or in the newly built NextGen Hall on a space-available basis. Honors

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students may be allowed to pull-in a non-Honors roommate depending on space availability.

Where do International & National Exchange students live?

All International Exchange and National Exchange students reside in undergraduate housing areas throughout campus. Exchange students typically live with a current undergraduate student.

What if I don't get along with my roommate?

Living with someone is a great opportunity to develop life-long relationships, even though it can be a challenging new experience. Before August 1st, students complete the Sharing Spaces Module online, which includes tips on fostering a positive roommate relationship (available Summer 2017). Students who experience difficulties with their roommate(s) are encouraged to seek out help from their HD (Hall Director). HDs are professional staff members trained to assist students in resolving conflicts with other students. Students can also choose to participate in up to five different room change processes held throughout the year.

What is the alcohol policy?

The alcohol policy can be found in the Student Code at www.community.uconn.edu. In accordance with state law, students who are under the age of 21 are not allowed to possess or consume alcohol. While we do not have any official "Substance-Free" housing, no alcohol is permitted in any room where both roommates are under 21. Illegal substances are never allowed at UConn.

Does UConn offer housing during break periods?

All areas are open over Thanksgiving and Spring Recess. Winter Recess housing is available - an additional housing fee may be assessed for residents who remain during Winter Recess.

How big are the rooms?

Rooms vary in size throughout the campus but doubles are generally between 154 sq. ft. and 180 sq. ft. Triple and quad rooms are larger to accommodate the additional students.

What if I do not want the furniture in my room?

Unfortunately, the residence halls do not have adequate storage facilities for students to store furniture, and university furniture cannot be taken off site. Students will be held responsible for the furnishings in their room. If there is a concern about the furnishings or if a repair needs to be made, you can submit a work order by contacting Work Order Control at (860) 486-3113 or online at www.residentialservices.uconn.edu.

Fall 2017 Roommate Requests

Roommate requests will be accepted June 1 - July 8, 2017 in MyHousing. Complete instructions will be available in May 2016. Only mutual requests can be considered.

Fall Spring 2018 Roommate Requests

Due to the limited number of completely vacant rooms in the Spring semester, we are not accepting roommate requests.

Room Changes

During each semester, and between the Fall and Spring semesters, there is a room change process. Information about these processes will be sent to your UConn email account.

Guests

Residents can have guests! Just remember you should always consult with your roommate and adhere to the guest guidelines in the housing contract.

Smoking

All state-owned buildings, including residence halls, are smoke-free per Connecticut State Law. Residential Life collects information on smoking preferences in an effort to facilitate compatible roommate pairings, when possible.

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Are the rooms carpeted?

While most rooms in the residence halls have tile floors, some still have carpet. You may purchase an area rug to fit your room at a variety of retail locations including the UConn Bookstore. Room dimensions vary from hall to hall, as well as within halls. Check with your roommate(s) before purchasing a rug as some students with allergies cannot live in carpeted rooms.

What kind of internet access is available in the residence halls?

At least one Ethernet connection is available in all residence hall rooms. Wireless internet access is available across campus. Please visit www.wireless.uconn.edu for more information.



Where can students study?

Many students choose to study in their residence hall rooms while others find that the library is a more effective place to study.

Residence Hall Quiet Hours

10:00 pm to 7:00 am
Sunday - Thursday

Midnight - 10:00 am
Weekends

During other hours, the noise level must not interfere with the rights of residents who want and need to study at that time.



Can I bring my car with me to campus?

Qualified individuals are required to register their vehicles with Parking Services, pay a registration fee, and display a valid permit. For more information, please call Parking Services at (860) 486-4930 or visit www.park.uconn.edu.

Is there any way to recycle in the residence halls?

Recycling and trash stations are located in each of the traditional residence halls and suites. Apartment residents can take their trash and recycling to a collection point outside their building. Students, staff, and faculty can place recyclable material in any recycling container on-campus and can rest assured that the materials will be properly recycled.

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What safety measures are taken in the residence halls?

Safety and security is the shared responsibility of all community members. Students should:

- Lock all windows and doors
- Use the door viewer before opening the door
- Close doors (no propped open doors)
- Avoid dark areas and traveling alone late at night
- Let someone know when they are going somewhere and when they will be back (especially for overnights)
- Call 911 for all emergencies or to report suspicious persons

The UConn Police Department's primary mission is the protection of lives and property at the University of Connecticut and all adjacent areas within the jurisdiction of the University. All residence halls are locked 24 hours a day; students must use their ID card or a foyer key to gain access to the building. Security screens are on most ground floor windows.

Resident Assistants are on duty weeknights from 7:00 pm -7:00 am and on weekends from 7:00 pm on Friday evening to 7:00 am Monday morning. There is always a professional Residential Life staff member on duty for the residence halls as well.

Are my belongings safe in my room?

You should always lock your door when you are not in your room. Most thefts from residence hall rooms occur when students leave their doors unlocked. You can also purchase locking devices for computers and printers, locking them to each other or a larger item in the room.

What is the easiest way to get around campus?

Everything on campus is within walking distance. However, the bus system is a convenient alternative. The schedule can be found at www.transpo.uconn.edu#huskyrides. Bicycle racks are also available throughout campus for individuals who wish to bring a bicycle to campus.

What transportation is available after the buses stop for the night?

The Husky Rides Service, which operates out of Transportation Services, offers transportation to students after bus service ends each night. Additional information, including hours of operation, can be found at www.transpo.uconn.edu.



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Do my parents/guardians have access to my personal records/information at UConn?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits universities from talking about students' records with anyone but the student. This includes financial aid records, housing records, transcripts and all other university records that have student names on them. Students can give a parent or guardian access to some or all records through the On-Line FERPA Waiver. For more information please visit www.ferpa.uconn.edu.

It is strongly encouraged that students fill out this waiver before an emergency or incident occurs so that information can be provided to the designated contacts.

Parent & Family Updates

Residential Life posts periodic updates and newsletters for parents and family members of our residents online at www.reslife.uconn.edu. To receive an email informing you when these updates are posted, or when important deadlines or processes are approaching, please provide us with your email address by following the steps below.

Option 1 – Include parent/family email address on housing application.

Option 2 - Email livingoncampus@uconn.edu with the following information:

- a. Email Subject – Parent Email List Sign-Up
- b. Request to add your email address to the Parent Email List
- c. Student's Full Name & NetID
- d. Email Address – Parent Email Address (up to two email addresses)

Add livingoncampus@uconn.edu to your safe email sender list. Emails returned because livingoncampus@uconn.edu is not a "safe sender" will not be re-sent.

If you submit your email to livingoncampus@uconn.edu, a confirmation email will be sent once your email address has been recorded.