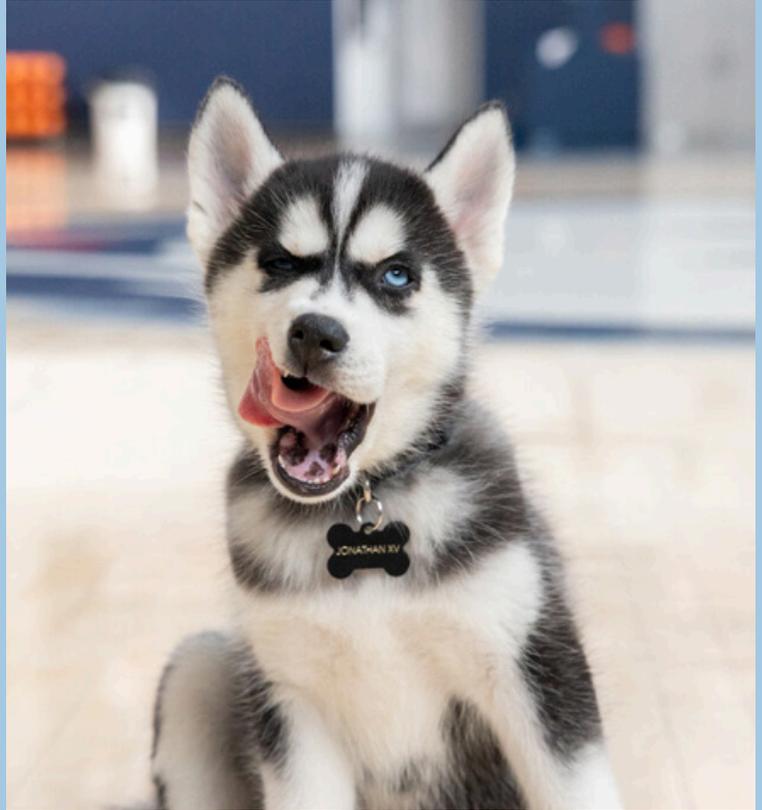


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Orientation Advising

2025-26 Quick Guide

TO DO: BEFORE ORIENTATION



Take all required placement tests

- At least seven (7) days before attending Orientation
(or July 1 at the latest for Storrs students, if attending Orientation in July or August)
- English, Math, Chemistry
- Information and links included in your [Orientation Onboarding Portal](#) and at placement.uconn.edu



Send AP, IB, and A-Level scores

- Scores must be sent directly from the College Board, IB Office, or exam board directly to UConn
- More info is included on the [Admissions website](#)



Submit final transcripts for college courses taken

- Send your official transcripts to the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#)
- Not required for UConn ECE courses (will be sent automatically)

Academic Advising: A Key to Your Success

You'll meet with an advising team during Orientation, but won't be assigned an official advisor until classes start!

YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

An **informed resource and expert on academic policies**, university requirements, and other campus resources

A **source of support** as you navigate UConn, explore your options, and plan for your future

A **key guide and mentor** as you work through challenges and achieve success

An individual who **will create fair, equitable, and safe advising spaces** for their students

YOUR ROLE AS AN ADVISEE

Be professional in your communications with university staff and faculty

Prepare for Orientation and meetings with your academic advisor

Learn about your academic requirements, plan of study, and choices ahead

Communicate regularly with your advisor and reach out for help as soon as you need it

CONTACT US

advising@uconn.edu



REMINDER:

You don't have to navigate UConn alone!

Ask questions and seek help
whenever you need it!

Ultimately, you have ownership of your academic journey and must take responsibility and advocate for your own personal success!

Understanding Academic Requirements

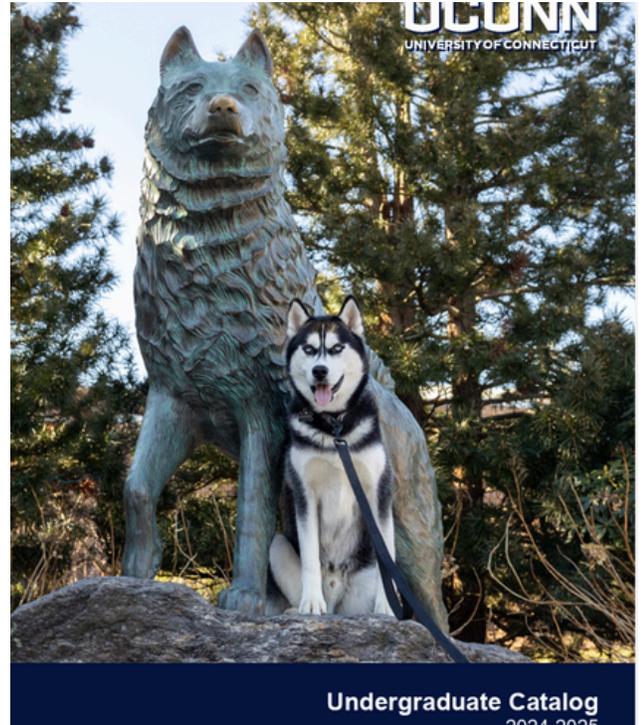
UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

catalog.uconn.edu

The catalog is your key resource on academic requirements, policies, and regulations, including major requirements

It also includes descriptions of classes offered, as well as potential restrictions on student enrollment in classes

Students are responsible for the rules and policies set by their specific catalog year. Catalog year is determined by either the year students entered the University *or* the year they entered their school or college



IMPORTANT ACADEMIC POLICIES

The Undergraduate Catalog is your #1 resource:
catalog.uconn.edu

12 credit hours = full-time status

Most students need to be full time in order to access financial aid and scholarships

Minimum of **120 credit hours** required to graduate

2.0 cumulative GPA required to graduate

Students will be placed on **academic notice** if their GPA is less than 2.0 cumulatively or for a single semester
More information can be found at scholasticstanding.uconn.edu





CREATING YOUR SCHEDULE

You will work with your academic advising team to build your schedule and register for classes when you attend New Student Orientation!

FIRST SEMESTER AT A GLANCE

- Typically 12-16 credit hours, depending on your major
- 12 credit hours = full-time status
- Three to five courses
- One First Year Experience course - called “UNIV” or “FYE”

COMBINATION OF CLASSES

Depending on your major you can expect your schedule to be made up of the following:

- **Classes required for your major**
These might include intro classes or even pre-requisites for other classes you need to take later in your academic career
- Classes that count towards your **Common Curriculum requirements**
- **Elective courses**, which count toward your 120 credit requirement
- One **FYE/UNIV course**

FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION

Average of 15 credit hours per semester for 8 semesters (120 credits minimum to graduate)

AN OVERVIEW OF COLLEGE CREDITS

WHAT IS A CREDIT?

UConn courses typically range between one and four credits each

- 1 credit hour: roughly one hour of in-class time per week
- 3 credit hours: roughly three hours of in-class time per week

Many classes meet several times a week and have different components of the class such as lecture, discussion, or lab. Students should be prepared to attend every class meeting.

Students should be prepared to spend a minimum of three (3) hours per credit, per week, on academics outside the classroom.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES: TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Check your UConn email regularly--
at least once a day!

Connect with your academic advisor
via a 1:1 appointment or drop-in hours
at least once a semester

Get to know your key campus resources,
such as Student Health and Wellness (SHaW),
a variety of academic tutoring centers,
Center for Students with Disabilities,
and Dean of Students Office

Connect with your professors and
Teaching Assistants (TAs) early in the semester

Visit advising.uconn.edu for more resources

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMON CURRICULUM



TOI-1
**Creativity: Design,
Expression, Innovation**



TOI-2
**Cultural Dimensions
of Human Experiences**



TOI-3
**Diversity, Equity,
and Social Justice**



TOI-4
**Environmental
Literacy**



TOI-5
**Individual Values and
Social Institutions**



TOI-6
**Scientific and
Empirical Inquiry**

THE COMMON CURRICULUM

UConn's new vision for General Education (as of Summer 2025), required of all UConn graduates

Provides academic breadth, with courses that foster skills and attributes associated with leadership and global citizenship

Allows students to make choices in their studies, to make connections between different disciplines and ideas, and to explore their creativity

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

At least 3 credits in each Topic of Inquiry (TOI), including one lab course (TOI-6L)

6 unique course subjects

Minimum of 21 TOI credits

Nine credits focusing in a TOI area or theme

ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES

2 Writing (W) Courses

2 Quantitative (Q) Courses

Second Language through Elementary Level 2 (if not fulfilled in high school)

More details:
commoncurriculum.senate.uconn.edu

FINAL REMINDERS



1. **Check your UConn email** every day (email.uconn.edu)
2. **Visit your major's webpage and the UConn Course Catalog** (catalog.uconn.edu) to explore potential course options ahead of time
3. **Check for holds on your account** now by logging into [Student Admin](#) and clicking on your "action list" so there are no barriers to registration
4. **Be prepared to register for classes** with an academic advisor during your Orientation session

ANY QUESTIONS?



Orientation Office

Questions regarding Orientation programs, schedule, and new student onboarding

orientation.storrs@uconn.edu

orientation.uconn.edu

One Stop Student Services

Questions regarding transcripts, AP/IB/A-Level credit, financial aid,
undergraduate admissions

onestop@uconn.edu

Academic Advising

Questions regarding academic advising and course registration

advising@uconn.edu

advising.uconn.edu/newstudents



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