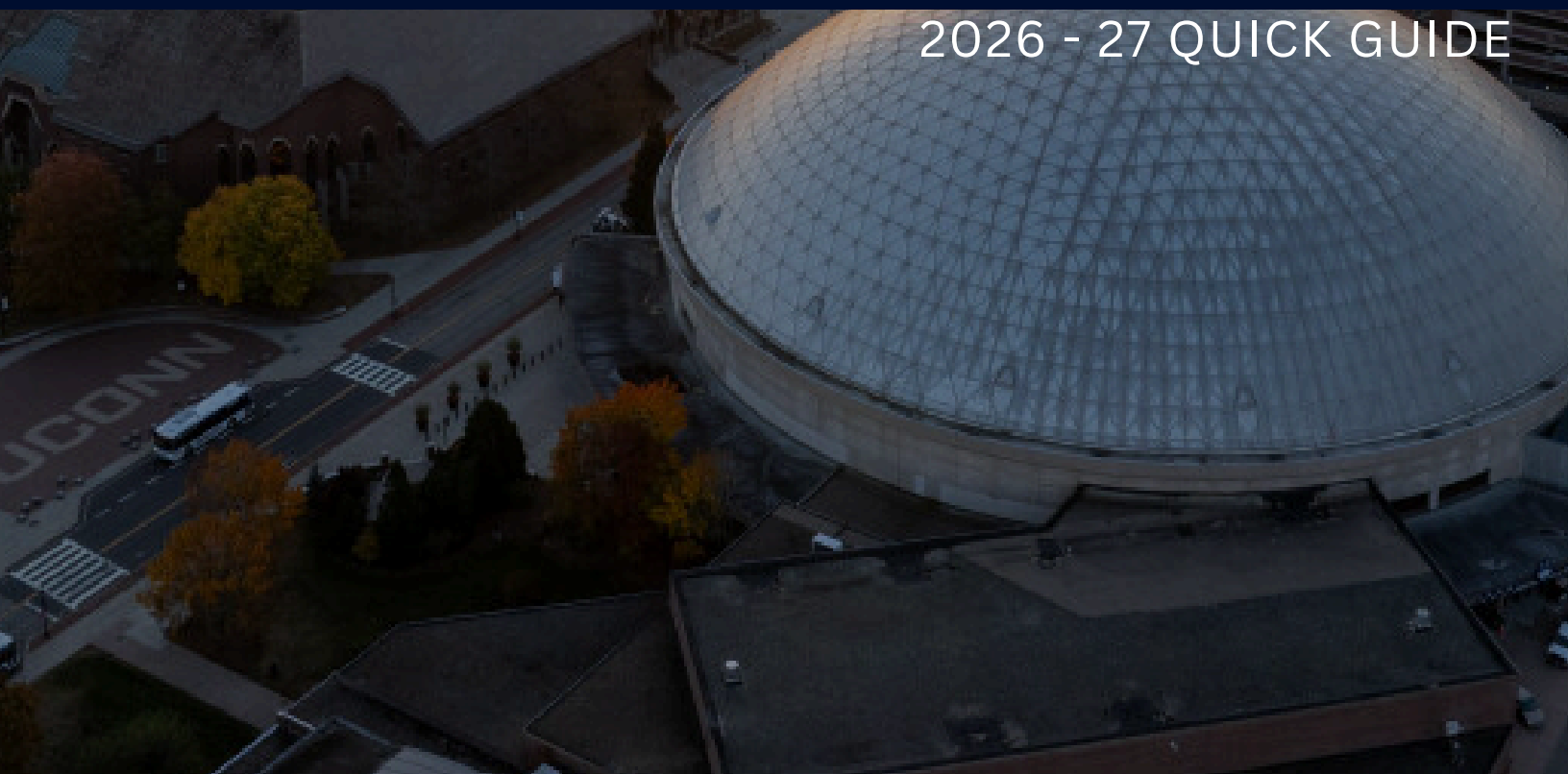




# UConn

## ORIENTATION ADVISING

2026 - 27 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](https://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 at other universities/colleges

- Send your official transcripts to [Undergraduate Admissions](#)
- Not required for UConn ECE courses (will be sent automatically)
- Questions? Email [onestop@uconn.edu](mailto:onestop@uconn.edu)

# 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 in advance 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



## 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.

CONTACT US: [ADVISING@UCONN.EDU](mailto:ADVISING@UCONN.EDU)

# UNDERSTANDING ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

## UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

[catalog.uconn.edu](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://advising.uconn.edu) for more  
resources



# UNDERSTANDING THE COMMON CURRICULUM



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



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



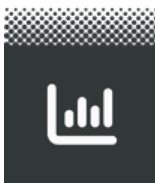
**TOI-3**  
**Diversity, Equity,  
and Social Justice**



**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](https://commoncurriculum.senate.uconn.edu)

# FINAL REMINDERS



1. Check your UConn email every day ([email.uconn.edu](mailto:email.uconn.edu))
2. Visit your major's webpage, the UConn Course Catalog ([catalog.uconn.edu](http://catalog.uconn.edu)) and Class Search ([classes.uconn.edu](http://classes.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](mailto:orientation.storrs@uconn.edu)

[orientation.uconn.edu](http://orientation.uconn.edu)

## One Stop Student Services

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

[onestop@uconn.edu](mailto:onestop@uconn.edu)

## Academic Advising

Questions regarding academic advising and course registration

[advising@uconn.edu](mailto:advising@uconn.edu)

[advising.uconn.edu/newstudents](http://advising.uconn.edu/newstudents)



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