SCHOOL COUNSELOR Guide

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School counselors play a critical role in developing the young adults who will be our future leaders. Your support during this exciting time is reflected in the quality of the applications we read. As more amazing students apply to our University each year, it becomes increasingly difficult to select the next great class of Huskies — but we like a challenge.

The information in this guide includes the details you need to help your students navigate the college search and application process. With your guidance and support, becoming #UConnBound is within their reach.
By the Numbers

Top 25
among public universities in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report

700+
companies actively recruit students on campus each year

1:1
male-to-female ratio

24
Division 1 sports teams

10
schools and colleges offering undergraduate degrees

41%
students of color in the Class of 2023

19,133
undergraduates at the Storrs campus

400+
Education Abroad programs, including study, internship, research, and service-learning opportunities

Middle
50%
of enrolled students (2018):

Combined SAT 1230-1370

Composite ACT 26-31

8,000+
part-time student jobs

700+
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

16:1
student-faculty ratio

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CULTURAL CENTERS
African American Cultural Center, Asian American Cultural Center, Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center, Rainbow Center, Women’s Center

90+
countries make up the UConn community

Students from 90+ countries make up the UConn community

There are fewer than 30 students in the majority of UConn’s undergraduate classes
Application information may fit in a box, but our applicants shouldn’t. Applications are reviewed using a holistic approach, meaning that consideration is given to the entire application. This allows us to gain a full understanding and measurement of a student’s potential to be a successful UConn Husky.

**Admission Requirements**
A strong academic foundation is the key to a successful admission application. The following college preparatory courses are required for all freshman applicants:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (algebra I, algebra II, and geometry)
- 2 years of social studies (including 1 year of U.S. history)
- 2 years of a single foreign language (3 years strongly recommended)*
- 2 years of laboratory science
- 3 years of electives

**School of Engineering & School of Nursing applicants:** High school chemistry and physics are required.

*UConn requires two years of documented foreign language study for students whose native language is English. For those whose native language is any other language, English serves as a foreign language. UConn accepts most commonly offered languages, including American Sign Language but excluding computer science. Foreign language courses at the middle school level will be recognized, so long as the study of that same language continues into high school. Applicants from schools that do not offer foreign language study, or who have been advised against language study due to a learning difference, will still be considered for admission, but will need to complete two years of foreign language study at UConn to satisfy a degree requirement for graduation.
A completed freshman application includes:

1. A Completed Common Application or Coalition Application
   All freshman applicants must apply online through either the Common Application or the Coalition Application.

2. Application Fee
   Submission of the $80 application fee (non-refundable) is available through the chosen application.

3. Essay & Two Optional Letters of Recommendation
   The required personal essay, ranging between 250 and 650 words, allows a student to demonstrate writing ability while adding a unique voice to the application. Two letters of recommendation are optional, but strongly recommended.

4. Official Secondary School Transcript(s)
   Submitted high school transcripts should include senior classes, class rank (if applicable), and latest grades earned. Official transcripts from each attended postsecondary institution are also required, whether or not credit is desired or expected. All academic credentials not written in English must be accompanied by an official, certified English translation.

5. Official SAT or ACT Scores
   UConn requires official SAT or ACT scores be sent directly from the appropriate test provider. Scores from transcripts will not be accepted as an official score report.

   **Institutional Codes:**
   - SAT – 3915
   - ACT – 0604

6. Immigration Status
   The University of Connecticut is an immigration-blind institution. All students applying to UConn are encouraged to disclose their immigration status, which allows us to correctly process an application and provide certain benefits associated with a student’s immigration status.

7. English Proficiency Requirement (international applicants only)
   International applicants whose primary language is not English must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores.
Fine Arts Applicants
Programs in the School of Fine Arts require additional components paired with the undergraduate application for admission consideration. Requirements may include an audition or interview, or the submission of an essay or portfolio. Admission decisions to the School of Fine Arts will not be made until the Office of Undergraduate Admissions receives the results of a student’s additional requirement(s).

Home-Schooled Applicants
Home-schooled applicants should submit SAT or ACT scores from the test provider, as well as transcripts and a comprehensive outline of their academic curriculum. Students should submit syllabi, a portfolio or learning log, and official college transcripts, if applicable. Applicants should indicate whether the curriculum has been conducted under an accredited program, and documentation should verify that the home-school program meets the high school graduation requirements of the applicant’s hometown.

Freshman Application Dates for Fall Semester
(including international)

December 1
• Priority Freshman Application Deadline for Merit Scholarship & Honors Consideration
• Application Deadline for Special Programs in Law, Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Education

January 15
Storrs Campus Freshman Application Deadline

February 15
FAFSA Deadline for Financial Aid Eligibility

March 1
Admission and Financial Aid Notification Begins

May 1
Regional Campuses Application Deadline
Enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Level (A Level) courses while in high school is an excellent way for students to begin to prepare themselves for the rigor of college work. UConn provides transfer credit opportunities for these courses, as long as a certain score is achieved on the exam. For more information on our transfer credit guidelines, visit admissions.uconn.edu.
We invite those students with a record of significant academic success and engagement into the Honors Program, one of several enrichment programs available at UConn. A tight-knit community of high achievers, Honors Program students throughout all 10 schools and colleges work closely with outstanding faculty in rigorous classes. The well-deserved perks: faculty mentors, priority course registration, graduate-level library privileges, and Honors housing. All freshman applicants are automatically considered for admission to the Honors Program. There is no separate Honors Program application.

*Test scores are one of many factors that determine a student’s eligibility for Honors Program admission. UConn admits a diverse and multi-talented class to the program each year.
1460
average combined SAT score for Honors Program admission (2018)*

33
average composite ACT score for Honors Program admission (2018)*
UConn has a single decision-release day of March 1 for our main campus in Storrs. Decisions for students with an on-time application to one of UConn’s four regional campuses begin to release on January 15 and continue to roll throughout the spring.

Students applying to UConn are asked to select a first- and second-choice campus. If a second-choice campus is not selected and we are unable to offer an invitation to the first-choice campus, an applicant may receive an acceptance letter with an alternative campus chosen for them.

**Decision Appeal Process**
Admission to UConn is competitive. Students who wish to appeal an admission decision must present significant new academic information that was not present at the time of their application review. This information should validate the application as stronger than when originally reviewed. For complete details, and to view the Admission Decision Appeal Form, visit [admissions.uconn.edu/apply/appeal](http://admissions.uconn.edu/apply/appeal).

**Deferring Admission**
Deferments are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. UConn typically does not defer admission decisions, but for those students interested in pursuing a gap year related to community service opportunities or cultural/educational non-credit exchange, military enlistment, or for those experiencing severe, long-term physical illness, exceptions can be made. Prior offers of merit scholarship or admission to the Honors Program are not guaranteed with reapplication as some restrictions will apply.
36,000+
applications
received annually
The University of Connecticut is committed to supporting all students — academically, socially, and financially. In fact, more than 75 percent of UConn students receive some form of financial aid.

For maximum aid consideration, students should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) between October 1 and UConn’s on-time filing deadline of February 15 using Federal School Code 001417.

Financial aid packages are awarded based on eligibility, and typically include a combination of funds from several programs and sources, including loans. For details, visit financialaid.uconn.edu.

**Storrs Campus Estimated Direct Cost of Attendance**
(includes tuition, fees, residence hall based on standard double, and value meal plan)

| Out-of-State Students | $53,152 |

**Regional Campus Estimated Direct Cost of Attendance**
(includes tuition and fees)

| Out-of-State Students | $37,296 |
Merit Scholarship & Award Opportunities
All freshman applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships administered by the University of Connecticut. UConn has a series of renewable merit scholarships for high school seniors with a record of high academic achievement and leadership. Offers of merit scholarships are generally awarded for fall semester entry.

In addition to these scholarships and awards, a student’s financial package may also include departmental, state, and external scholarships.

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship**
- **Leadership Scholarship**
- **Global Distinction Award***
- **Global Excellence Award***
- **UConn Award**
- **STEM Academic Excellence Scholarship**
- **STEM Leadership Scholarship**

*Available to international applicants with a valid visa.

Learn more about these merit scholarships and awards at admissions.uconn.edu/cost-aid/scholarship.
3,918 undergraduate courses offered
All about options

We don’t really believe in limits. At UConn, rigorous academics can be found in any of our 110+ majors. If a student is undecided or their passion can’t be found on this list, we offer options to explore our programs or customize their own.

Accounting
Acting
African Studies
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Allied Health Sciences
American Studies
Animal Science
Anthropology
Applied and Resource Economics
Applied Mathematical Sciences
Arabic and Islamic Civilizations
Art
Art History
Biological Sciences
Biology Education
Biomedical Engineering
Business Administration*
Business Data Analytics*
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Chemistry Education
Chinese
Civil Engineering
Classics/Ancient Mediterranean Studies
Cognitive Science
Communication
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Computer Science and Engineering
Design/Technical Theatre
Diagnostic Genetic Sciences
Dietetics
Digital Marketing and Analytics*
Digital Media and Design
Earth Science Education
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Economics
Electrical Engineering
Elementary Education
Engineering Physics
English
English Education
Environmental Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Finance
Financial Management*
French
French Language Education
General Science Education
General Studies
Geographic Information Science
Geography
Geoscience
German
German Language Education
Health Care Management
History
History and Social Studies Education
Human Development and Family Sciences
Human Rights
Italian Literary and Cultural Studies
Journalism
Judaic Studies
Landscape Architecture
Latino and Latin American Studies
Linguistics/Philosophy
Linguistics/Psychology
Management
Management and Engineering for Manufacturing
Management Information Systems
Mandarin Chinese Language Education
Marine Sciences*
Maritime Studies*
Marketing
Materials Science and Engineering
Mathematics
Mathematics Education
Mathematics/Actuarial Science
Mathematics/Statistics
Mathematics/Actuarial/Finance
Mathematics/Physics
Mechanical Engineering
Medical Laboratory Sciences
Molecular and Cell Biology
Music
Music Education
Natural Resources
Nutritional Sciences
Pathobiology
Pharmacy Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Physics Education
Physiology & Neurobiology
Plant Science (Associate Degree)
Political Science
Psychological Sciences
Puppetry
Real Estate and Urban Economic Studies
Social Work*
Sociology
Spanish
Spanish Language Education
Special Education
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Sport Management
Statistics
Structural Biology and Biophysics
Sustainable Plant and Soil Systems
Theatre Studies
Urban and Community Studies
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Undecided?
Many students are still exploring their options when they arrive at UConn. The Academic Center for Exploratory Students (ACES) is an advisory program that provides a well-defined plan to explore a number of possible majors before committing to one. An experienced advisor helps students develop an academic plan based on their skills, interests, and goals. Students choose a major by the end of their fourth semester.

ACES also serves as the academic home for students not yet accepted to UConn’s professional programs, such as education and social work.

Individualized Majors
Students can create a customized major that’s right for them, taking classes in any of UConn’s schools and colleges and graduating with an interdisciplinary degree from the college of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources or Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Special Programs in Law, Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Education
Students may apply to one of our Special Programs for a coordinated curriculum that includes four years of undergraduate preparation with the ability to further their education and achieve advanced degrees within the fields of Law, Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Education.

*All of UConn’s majors may be completed at the main campus in Storrs, except Business Administration, Business Data Analytics, Digital Marketing and Analytics, Financial Management, Marine Sciences, Maritime Studies, and Social Work, which require coursework at other UConn campuses.
Welcome home

Having one of the highest percentages of students living on campus of any public university in the nation means UConn students build closer relationships with faculty and staff, become more involved with their peers, and learn what it means to be part of a community.

Residency Requirement
At UConn, the on-campus living experience is an integral part of a student’s education. That’s why we’ve developed the Residency Requirement for all first-time freshmen and undergraduate international freshmen admitted to the Storrs campus. For details and exemption request information, visit reslife.uconn.edu.

Learning Communities
Through guided courses and cocurricular activities that are academic, experiential, and social, Learning Communities provide students with the opportunity to investigate areas of interest based on their major or an interdisciplinary theme. For a full listing of Learning Communities, visit lc.uconn.edu.
Students from different states, countries, and continents choose UConn, not just for our rigorous academic programs but also for our richly diverse and inclusive campus community. This includes students who may be learning their immigration status for the first time during the college admission process. Both inside and outside the classroom, UConn students are encouraged to learn, share, and teach; to exchange intellectual ideas; and to value the contributions of all campus community members.

UConn’s five cultural centers are resources for the entire community, offering an atmosphere of support, guidance, and advocacy when needed.

**African American Cultural Center**  
**Asian American Cultural Center**  
**Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center**  
**Rainbow Center**  
**Women’s Center**

UConn also celebrates religious diversity, with active places for worship and observance, as well as faith-based student organizations, on campus.
In the heart of the Northeast

The intellectual and cultural resources of UConn, and our location close to the major hubs of New York City and Boston, make for a stimulating and inspiring environment for our students. Our picture-perfect main campus in Storrs has everything they need (or want!) and a vibrant downtown is just steps away. Regional campuses located throughout Connecticut offer the same outstanding education. University housing is offered at our main campus in Storrs or UConn Stamford.
Regional campuses

Students at UConn’s regional campuses can select from UConn’s 110+ majors, completing their first 54 credits (typically two years) at a regional campus and then seamlessly transitioning to UConn’s main campus in Storrs to finish their bachelor’s degree. Or students can choose from select four-year programs to complete their entire degree at a regional campus. Certain programs may require coursework across other campuses to complete an approved plan of study.

Avery Point
On Long Island Sound at the mouth of the Thames River, UConn Avery Point challenges students with specialized programs that take advantage of its waterfront location and delivers an outstanding education in more traditional areas of study.

Hartford
At its downtown campus, UConn Hartford combines top-tier academic programs with the vitality and unique educational and service opportunities offered by Connecticut’s capital city.

Stamford
In the center of a robust business community, UConn Stamford students gain tremendous access to internships and employment. Students can apply to live in new, apartment-style housing located just steps from campus.

Waterbury
UConn Waterbury students grow and achieve through rigorous academic programs and community engagement in modern facilities at the heart of the city’s revitalized downtown.

65% in-state students
21% out-of-state students
14% international students
in the Class of 2023
The University of Connecticut complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action, including the provision of reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. UConn does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical or mental disability, veteran status, prior conviction of a crime, workplace hazards to reproductive systems, gender identity or expression, or political beliefs in its programs and activities. Employees, students, visitors, and applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations to address limitations resulting from a disability. For questions or more information, please contact the Associate Vice President, Office of Institutional Equity, 241 Glenbrook Road, Unit 4175, Storrs, CT 06269-4175; Phone: (860) 486-2943; Email: equity@uconn.edu; Website: http://www.equity.uconn.edu.