

All About You

Living @ Conn

The Basics

- First-year students usually live in doubles, triples or quads.
- Sophomores live in doubles or singles; juniors and seniors typically have singles or on-campus apartments.
- See pages 8-9 to learn what's already in your room and what you'll need to add.
- Landline room phones are an option if you want one. Contact the IT Service Desk at 860-439-4357.
- All residence houses are gender-inclusive. Some floors are single-gender with gender-specific bathrooms. All other residential bathrooms are gender-inclusive.
- Your Camel Card gets you into your house; you'll also have a key for your room.
- Your Camel Card also provides access to the athletic facilities, various classrooms and labs, and the dining halls. You can check out library materials with your card. It holds Dining Dollars, Printing Funds and Camel Cash. Camel Cash can be used to do laundry and make purchases on campus at accepted locations. See pages 15-16 for all the details.

Roommates

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This may be the first time in your life you will share a room with someone who is not in your family. Communicating your needs and practicing the art of compromise will be important to a successful roommate relationship. Here are some topics to discuss when you find out who your roommate(s) will be:

- **Visitors:** How do you feel about having other people in the room during the day or spending the night in the room? Do your thoughts differ on this topic depending on whether the guest is of the same gender or a different gender?
- **Sharing:** How will you communicate what is shared and what is not? When you have snacks in the room, can your roommate(s) share them? Do you always want someone to ask? Or is everything in the room communal?
- **Noise:** Do you study with music on? Do you like to watch TV late at night? How will you come to a compromise on these topics?
- **Cleanliness:** What does clean mean to you? What does it mean to your roommate(s)?



Who's Who in the Residence Houses

Students hold leadership roles in the houses. These students work for the Office of Residential Education and Living (REAL) and are trained to help you have a fantastic year. On any given night, a housefellow or floor governor is on call to assist with problems and offer support.

- **Housefellow (HF)**
 - ▶ The HF is the top leadership position in the house, and helps with virtually any problem or issue.
 - ▶ Responsibilities may include advising on academic, personal and social life; helping develop house programs; mediating roommate conflicts or room problems; and developing a house community, with particular attention to creating connections between residents.
 - ▶ The HF has on-call responsibilities and the duty to intervene in order to protect the health and safety of the building and its residents.
- **Floor Governor (FG)**
 - ▶ The FG creates and coordinates social and educational programming, such as pizza party study breaks or dialogues with faculty and staff.
 - ▶ The number of FGs depends on the size of the house.
 - ▶ The FG has on-call responsibilities and the duty to intervene to protect the health and safety of the building and its residents.
- **House Council**
 - ▶ In addition to the student-staff positions, your house will have a number of representatives in elected positions. These representatives work with HF and FG on House Council.
- **House Senator**
 - ▶ Each senator is elected by house residents in the fall to represent the house in the Student Government Association (SGA).
 - ▶ The house senator attends weekly SGA meetings, gathers opinions and voices the concerns of the house.

Life in Your Residence

- Houses host activities such as study breaks, movies, pizza parties and brunches. You can organize parties or just hang out in the building's common room.
- Have an idea for an activity? Talk to your HF or FG and help create one!
- Learning doesn't end in the classroom. In fact, some of the most interesting discussions you'll have might take place in the common room or while you're hanging out in your hallway.

Residential Education Fellows (REFs)

Don't be surprised if you run into a professor in the common room. A group of faculty members called REFs, in conjunction with FGs, plan a variety of social and academic programming in the residence houses. Sometimes these programs journey into the surrounding neighborhoods. You may discuss the current events of the day in a campus coffee shop or visit the Mystic Aquarium.

First-Year Seminars in the Common Room

There's nothing like rolling out of bed, heading downstairs and getting to class in 30 seconds. Some of the First-Year Seminars take place right in your house common room, meaning your roommates and hallmates might also be your classmates. It's a great way to get to know the people you live with, and your First-Year Seminar advising team will often bring treats, invite the class out for dinner and form a particularly special bond with you and your classmates.

REAL Talk

Behind the scenes, the College's Residential Education and Living staff work to promote learning, safety and fun in the residence houses. They're ready to help out if you need a hand. The office is located in Warnshuis. (F2)

Assistant Directors

Assistant directors are professional staff members from the REAL office who work closely with each house and are assigned to different geographic areas of campus: north and south. You can always get in touch with your assistant director or the REAL staff by emailing housing@conncoll.edu.

Your New Address

Even with email and text messages, there's something nice about getting a package from home—or maybe it's just a package you ordered from Amazon!

- Mail is delivered to the Post Office on the first floor of Cro. You keep your same mailbox the whole time you're at Connecticut College.
- Address letters and packages to Name, Campus Box #, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320-4196.
- Feel free to send yourself mail or packages in the weeks before Arrival Day. Just add "Class of 2022" to the address.
- When you receive a package that's too large for your box, you'll find a slip in your mailbox. Bring the signed slip and photo ID to the Post Office window to get the package.



Hints & Tips

Your mailbox is available 24 hours a day, but the window is open only during the weekday business hours. Keep this in mind, especially if you're expecting a box of home-baked cookies on a Friday afternoon!

Your Guide to the Camel Card and Camel Cash

What is a Camel Card?

Your Camel Card is your official student ID card. It holds three declining balance accounts you'll use for incidentals on campus: Camel Cash, Dining Dollars and Printing Funds. Because it's such an important aspect of your daily campus life, make sure to carry your Camel Card when you need to access campus facilities and your declining balance accounts.

With your Camel Card, you can ...

- Gain access to residence houses, various classrooms and labs, and athletic facilities
- Gain access to the dining halls and your meal plan funds (also known as Dining Dollars)
- Check out library materials
- Print documents and make photocopies (using Printing Funds)
- Do your laundry using Camel Cash

What is Camel Cash?

Camel Cash is a prepaid debit account that allows you to load funds onto your Camel Card that can be used to do laundry and make purchases on and off campus.

The Camel Card holder, as well as parents, friends and relatives, can make a deposit into a Camel Cash account. Individuals other than the card holder who wish to make a deposit will need the Camel Cash holder's ID number and last name.

Deposits can be made online using Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Parents, friends and relatives can make deposits at www.conncoll.edu/camel-card and click the blue "Add Camel Cash Now" button. Funds are available immediately at accepted locations. Camel Cash is not available for cash withdrawals.

How to add Camel Cash funds and view the transaction history on CamelWeb

- Click “My Finances” at the top of the page.
- Then click “The Camel Card/My Account” on the bottom right.
- On your eAccounts page click “+Add Money” to make a deposit and “Account Transactions” to view details.

The Camel Card comes with three declining balance accounts:

Camel Cash, Dining Dollars and Printing Funds

There are no pre-loaded funds in your Camel Cash account. Your account starts with a \$0 balance. Money must be added to your account by you, a friend or a relative.

Students with a full meal plan receive \$45 in Dining Dollars at the beginning of each semester for use at the Oasis Snack Shop and all the dining halls.

Fully-enrolled students receive \$30 in Printing Funds at the beginning of the academic year to print and copy documents. The Camel Card is used at the Xerox printers/copiers/scanners on campus. Once the \$30 in Printing Funds is exhausted, the Camel Cash account is used to print and copy documents.

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Door Access

Students are given access to the residence houses in which they live. Simply wave your Camel Card in front of the card reader to get inside. To gain access to other locked buildings, classrooms or labs, a department chair or director should submit a request on your behalf to camelcard@conncoll.edu. This request is subject to approval.

Lost or Stolen Camel Card

Lost or stolen cards should be immediately deactivated. This can be done online at www.conncoll.edu/camel-card. Lost or stolen cards need to be reported to the Camel Card Office. A \$25 replacement fee will be charged to your student account.

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Work and Money

The Connecticut College Bookshop

- Textbooks can cost up to \$400 a semester, depending on your courses (science and art history tend to be the priciest). The Bookshop in Cro sells new and used books, many of which are rentable for the semester. Renting is the best option and will save you the most money. Visit www.rent-a-text.com to find more information about renting textbooks.
- Since professors can only order the books they require for their classes through the Bookshop, getting your textbooks at the Bookshop ensures you are getting the correct version of the text required.
- The Bookshop will **price match** for the same text found at a lower price on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.
- At the end of the semester, you may be able to sell your books back to the Bookshop.
- The Bookshop also carries snacks, health and beauty items, Camel gear, and supplies such as notebooks, writing implements, basic residence house room items, and art supplies.

Banking on Campus

- Citizens Bank representatives will be on campus on Arrival Day and during your first week to provide information and open accounts. Citizens Bank owns the ATM in Cro.
- MasterCard, Discover, Visa and cash are accepted by the College bursar in the accounting office in Fanning Hall for payment of miscellaneous College bills (but not tuition bills).
- You can use CCPay to make online payments. Please contact the bursar with any questions. To make an online payment:
 1. Log in to Self Service (from CamelWeb, use the Self Service tab).
 2. Select the Student tab and look for the CCPay menu option in the middle of the list.
 3. Click this menu option and you will be brought directly into CCPay.
 4. Select Make Payment from the menu options on the left.

Money and Your Camel Card

See “Your Guide to the Camel Card and Camel Cash,” pages 15 and 16.

Campus Jobs

- Students with and without Federal Work Study can apply for campus jobs by completing the Student Employment Packet available at the Financial Aid Services Office in the Larrabee Annex (G3).
- Students working on or off campus **MUST** complete the **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9** (Employment Eligibility Verification). Please refer to the listing in the Student Employment Packet for acceptable forms of ID for the Financial Aid Services Office.
- Check out the job postings under “Student Employment” on CamelWeb.
- Many offices give hiring preference to work-study students.
- Arrange your work schedule after your academic schedule is set.
- Find all the details at www.conncoll.edu/financial-aid/financing-options/student-employment/



Hints & Tips

If you are going to work on campus, you must bring your original, unexpired forms of identification, such as a passport and driver's license. Make sure they're valid.

Dining @ Conn

Meal Plan 101

- Participation in the College's full unlimited meal plan is required for all first-year students; you will be enrolled automatically.
- You'll need your Camel Card to swipe in to any dining hall at any meal.
- Food (except for a piece of fruit, an ice cream or a cookie) is meant to be consumed in the dining hall.
- There are three meal periods Monday through Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and two on Sunday (brunch and dinner).
- Unlimited access to the dining hall means that if you need to leave for any reason, you can swipe back in during that same meal period.
- As part of your meal plan, you'll receive Dining Dollars each semester to use at the Oasis Snack Shop in Cro and at other Dining Services-operated campus eateries.
- You can also add Camel Cash to your Camel Card. Camel Cash works for vending machines, at the Bookshop and at other locations on campus. When you run out of Dining Dollars, you can use Camel Cash at campus eateries.
- Students with the unlimited dining plan also get four free guest meals per semester. You can charge additional guest meals to your student account by filling out a charge slip at the dining hall.
- Run out of Camel Cash? Visit <http://www.conncoll.edu/camel-card/camel-cash/> to reload money online.

Where to have a meal

The main dining hall: Harris Refectory (H2)

Harris, the largest dining hall on campus, is located in The Plex. There are cozy booths for two or tables for 20 where you can dine with friends or with your textbooks. The offerings and stations are ever-changing. Some popular examples include: Neapolitan Pizza from our Italian pizza oven (using our from-scratch pizza dough recipe, San Marzano tomatoes and fresh mozzarella); our Grill Station, offering a menu of made-to-order classics; a made-to-order Deli Bar at lunch; Mac-n-Cheese Bar, Ramen Noodle Bar, Street Taco Bar and sushi. Harris is the only dining hall open on weekends.

Smaller, homier option

Jane Addams (D2), or JA, as it is affectionately called, is a smaller dining hall open to all students. More limited in size, offerings and hours than Harris, it is a convenient option for lunch for students between classes on south campus.



Where to grab coffee, have a snack or hang out

Oasis (G3)

Oasis is the main snack shop and is located in Cro. It serves breakfast items, sushi, ice cream, sandwiches, pizza, mozzarella sticks, salads and more. Oasis is open until 1 a.m. daily and until 2 a.m. on Saturday nights. In a rush at lunch? Get a Grab 'N Go lunch Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., when classes are in session. Dining Dollars, Camel Cash, cash and credit cards accepted.

The Blue Camel Cafe (F2)

The Blue Camel Cafe is located on the first floor of Shain Library and serves local coffees and teas, along with soup, snacks and baked goods. The cafe is open late into the night, and the room serves as a 24-hour study space that you can access with your Camel Card. Cash, Camel Cash and credit cards accepted.

Coffee Grounds (G3)

Located in Katharine Blunt (KB) House, Coffee Grounds is student-run and serves coffee, tea and fresh baked goods. Cash and Camel Cash accepted.

The Coffee Closets

The original Coffee Closet began as an SGA/student partnership and quickly became one of the most popular spots for coffee, baked goods and snacks on campus. Now, the Coffee Closet has two locations:

- The Coffee Closet, Cummings Arts Center (cash only) (D3)
- The Walk-in Coffee Closet at Ruane's Den, Harkness House (cash, Camel Cash accepted) (E2)



*** DINING TIPS FROM THE PROS ***

- Be creative! Don't like the dessert du jour? Make yourself a root beer float, milkshake or s'mores.
- Have a food allergy? Let Dining Services know. Contact dining@conncoll.edu for more information.
- There are lots of dining options, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free meals.
- For something simple, Harris serves grilled chicken daily. Multiple selections of whole fresh fruit are offered daily. Help yourself. Cut fresh fruit is offered each morning. Our beef burgers are hand made from Meyers 100% angus beef with no fillers.
- If you need a change of pace, Oasis has great breakfast sandwiches, and local merchants often set up shop to sell lunch in Cro.
- Harris has local/regional offerings in the salad bar daily. Salad dressings are all made in-house. You'll find that the offerings rotate.
- You can order customized options, including eggs, almost anytime in Harris from the grill station, and you can even bring veggies, meats and cheese from the salad bar to put in your omelets.
- Every night in Harris is "Special" with an ever-changing rotation of stations. Some favorites: "Build Your Own Caesar," "Street Taco Night," "Pasta Bar," "Lettuce Wraps," "Mac-n-Cheese Night."
- Jane Addams (JA) has a much-celebrated soup, salad and bread bar at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get there early!
- JA also offers weekly meals such as pancake nights and a stir fry night.
- Keep your eyes peeled for theme dinners at JA!
- Moonlight Breakfast is a late-night full breakfast offered in Harris during fall exam time.
- Shabbat dinner is served in Zachs Hillel House on Fridays.
- With your unlimited meal plan, you can eat in the dining hall as many times as you want in a day.
- Make friends with the dining hall staff. They're very friendly.
- If you really like something (or really don't), you can tell the dining hall staff by writing a "napkin note" and leaving it on any of the dining halls' bulletin boards. Or just tell us!



Getting Involved @ Conn

It's easy to get involved on campus. There are clubs and organizations for seemingly every interest, and students play a big role in Conn's system of shared governance.

ConnQuest

If you're looking for a club to join, an intramural sport to play or just something to do on a Tuesday night, ConnQuest is the place to start.



via @CCStudentEngage

A roller skating rink in Cro? Yep! Bring all your friends for a fun night! Skates will be provided!



Every student organization has its own page in ConnQuest that features the club's purpose or mission, as well as a list of members, a calendar of events, the latest news and more. You can search for organizations that appeal to you and reach out to the members for more information. Once you've joined a club, you can keep track of all your activities in ConnQuest.

And many organizations host events that are open to everyone on campus, all of which you can find on ConnQuest.

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To register for ConnQuest, go to the homepage of CamelWeb and look for the small calendar icon in the top left corner. Or you can access the information on ConnQuest by downloading the Corq app from Google Play or the App Store. Your profile will include your class year and College ID number, along with as much information as you'd like to share with your fellow Camels.

Contact the Office of Student Engagement and New Student Programs at 860-439-2108 or email studentengagement@conncoll.edu for more information.

Student Government Association (SGA)

- SGA's Assembly is divided into four branches: Executive Board, Chairs Council, House Senators and Class Presidents.
- Your Class Council consists of a class president, vice president, chief of communications, Student Activities Council (SAC) representative and Honor Council representatives.
- SGA is a great way to voice your concerns or opinions and make policy changes to help benefit the College. Any student can attend SGA's weekly meeting, which takes place on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.
- Members of the Executive Board and Chairs Council host office hours, when you can meet them individually and ask questions.
- Executive Board, Chairs Council and Class Council elections take place in the spring for the following year. Elections for house senators and Class Council for the Class of 2022 will take place in the fall, once you arrive.

Student Organizations

Below is a sampling of some clubs and organizations active on campus in recent years. Visit ConnQuest to learn more about them, and turn to page 35 for a full list of athletic organizations.

Academic & Language

- Law Society
- Pre-Health Club
- Women in STEM
- Korean Language Club
- Pre Vet Club

Club Sport Team

- Club Baseball
- Club Soccer (Women's)
- Club Volleyball
- Club Basketball
- Dance Team
- Futbol Club
- Men's Club Lacrosse
- Rugby Football Club
- Women's Rugby Football Club
- Disc Club
- Equestrian Team
- Figure Skating Club
- Men's Club Hockey
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Ski Team
- Women's Club Lacrosse

Community Service

- Best Buddies: Connecticut College
- EMS Club
- Hillel
- Figure Skating Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- MEDLIFE
- Relay for Life of Connecticut College
- Roosevelt @ Connecticut College

Culture & Identity

- Caribbean Students Association
- Chinese Cultural Association

- Asian & Asian American Students in Action
- Hillel
- Connecticut College Queer and Questioning
- International Student Association
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan
- Muslim Student Association
- PRISM
- RefleXion
- La Unidad
- Umoja the Black Student Union

Issue Oriented

- Amnesty International
- Connecticut College Animal Rights and Equality Society
- Oceana
- Women in STEM
- Students Organized Against Racism
- The Women's Empowerment Initiative

Media

- Cadenza Magazine
- Her Campus Connecticut College
- The College Voice
- theLOOK

Performing Arts

- Co Co Beaux
- ConnArtists
- ConnChords
- Comedy Club
- Dance Club
- Dance Team
- Eclipse
- Miss Connduct

- Musicians Organized for Band's Rights On Campus
- N2O
- RefleXion
- SCUDS
- Shwiffs
- Vox Cameli
- Wig and Candle
- Williams Street Mix

Political

- Connecticut College Democrats
- Connecticut College Republicans and Conservatives Club
- J Street U

Religious & Spiritual

- Concordia
- Hillel
- Intersivity Christian Fellowship
- Muslim Student Association

Special Interest

- CC Book Club
- Gaming Club
- Japanese Anime Club
- Connecticut College Rugby Football Club
- Health Peer Education
- Outdoors Club
- Peggotty Investment Club
- Pre-Med Paramedic Internship Program
- SafetyNet
- Spokespeople
- TEDx ConnecticutCollege

Student Run Business

- Coffee Grounds
- Coffee Closets

Student Activities Council (SAC)

- The council organizes social activities.
- First-year representatives are elected in the fall and will serve as members of both their Class Council and SAC.
- SAC provides co-sponsorship and will help individual student organizations fund and promote their events.
- SAC works closely with the Office of Student Engagement and produces some of Connecticut College's long-standing student traditions (see page 25).

Honor Council

- The Honor Council is composed of 17 students charged with upholding the Honor Code and addressing student conduct violations.
- Breaches of the academic or social aspects of the Honor Code will result in a hearing before the Honor Council or a member of the Student Life staff.
- Each class elects four representatives to serve on the Honor Council.

College Committees

Students are encouraged to serve on decision-making committees alongside faculty, staff and senior administrators. Sometimes these committees even report to the president or the Board of Trustees. Committees include but are not limited to Facilities and Land Management, Student-Designed Majors/Minors Committee, Campus Safety Committee, Dining Services Committee, Educational Planning Committee, and the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee.

Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships supports students as they explore their passions, get familiar with New London, and build skills useful after college. They help you find a community learning project that suits your academic and co-curricular interests.

Examples include:

- Students who are thinking about a career in education have many opportunities to gain experience in the local New London Public Schools.
- Students who want to use Spanish, Turkish, Mandarin, Arabic or other language skills to engage in activism can contribute to the work of New London's Immigration Advocacy and Support Center.
- Students interested in food systems can connect with FRESH New London through local agriculture and youth empowerment programs.

Community Partnerships provides orientation and training to prepare students for these rich community experiences. Placements can be work-study positions or even connected to a community-based learning course.

Events not to miss

You won't want to miss these Connecticut College traditions:

- Convocation
- Eclipse
- Fall Weekend
- Festivus
- Floralia
- Founders Day
- Moonlight Breakfast

What's happening on campus

There's plenty to do on campus! Student Engagement, SAC, residence houses and student organizations host a wide array of events, including concerts, film screenings, pizza parties, study breaks, off-campus trips, lectures and faculty-led discussions.

Student Engagement events

Student Engagement is the College office that arranges events on campus. They host a series of late-night offerings, including Camel Bingo, themed game shows, trivia nights, comedy performances, live music and more. Check out the events tab on ConnQuest to see a calendar listing of past events.

GO! (Get Out) are trips to local and regional destinations. Recent trips have included visits to the Jack-o'-lantern Spectacular and New London's Fall Food Stroll, a trip to WaterFire in Providence, late-night excursions for after-hours meals at local restaurants, and live theater performances at the Garde Arts Center in New London and the Bushnell Theater in Hartford.

Student Activities Council (SAC) events

SAC is the student board that plans and produces events on campus.

SAC hosts concerts, trivia competitions, dances and many other activities throughout the year. SAC's biggest event of the year, Floralia, is an outdoor music festival featuring plenty of performances, food, novelty events and fun for all.

Cultural events

- Student organizations such as the International Student Association (ISA), Asian and Asian American Students in Action (ASIA), Caribbean Students Association (CSA), Umoja, Spectrum and MEChA hold events celebrating and promoting diversity.
- Among the annual events are Black Heritage Month, Latino Heritage Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, and Drag Ball.
- Eclipse is an annual performance that captures the diversity of Connecticut College through lively dance pieces. The entire campus community is invited!

Academic events

- Departments sponsor popular lecture series to stimulate intellectual discourse.
- *Pizza and Profundity*, sponsored by the philosophy department, allows students to engage in philosophical discourse over a slice of pizza.
- A group of 11 faculty members called REFs (Residential Education Fellows) help create social and academic events and programs in the houses.
- Art exhibitions, center symposia, visiting artist master classes and artists-in-residence occur throughout the academic year.
- The President's Distinguished Lecture Series brings notable figures to campus annually for a public presentation and informal meetings with the campus community.



The inaugural President's Distinguished Lecture was given in April 2016 by Bryan Stevenson, author of "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" (2014)