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Work and Money

Spending Money

- The first few weeks, money disappears very quickly on expenses such as books, room decorations, snacks and movies.
- Textbooks can cost up to $600 a semester, depending on your courses (science and art history tend to be the priciest).
- The Bookshop in Cro sells new and used books, notebooks, and other supplies.
- At the end of the semester, you can sell your books back to the Bookshop for a percentage of the original price.
- The Bookshop will price-match cheaper books found elsewhere.
- You can rent your textbooks through the Bookshop at deeply discounted prices; visit www.rent-a-text.com to find out more.

Banking on Campus

- Many students find it convenient to have a checking account so they don’t have to keep cash around.
- Not from Connecticut? It may be easiest to open an account at a New London bank.
- Local bank representatives will be on campus on Arrival Day and during your first week to provide information and open accounts. RBS Citizens Bank owns the ATM in Cro.
- MasterCard and Visa 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

- Your Camel Card does much more than get you access to residence halls. It holds $30 in printing funds. It comes with $45 in Dining Dollars, for use at Oasis and other snack and coffee spots on campus. It also holds Camel Cash, money that can be used for laundry and vending, and at the Bookshop and other locations. Camel Cash can also be used when you run out of Dining Dollars.
Campus Jobs

- Students with and without Federal Work Study can apply for campus jobs with an application from the Financial Aid office in the Larrabee Annex (G3).
- Students working on or off campus MUST complete an Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) form. Please refer to the listing on page 9 of the EEV for acceptable forms of ID for the financial aid office.
- You'll find jobs in administrative offices, the dining halls, library, music library, Post Office, theater, box office, Athletic Center and other areas.
- Many offices give hiring preference to work-study students.
- Divisions that hire non-work-study students include the theater department and the offices of Communications and Advancement (both in Becker House).
- Arrange your work schedule after your academic schedule is set!
- Check CamelWeb periodically for the latest job postings.

www.conncoll.edu/admission/financial-aid/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.
WHERE TO GO

Like most college towns, New London and the surrounding area offer a lot of the usual suspects for snacks, room essentials and supplies: Walmart, Target, Home Depot, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Bed Bath & Beyond and HomeGoods. But once you’ve got your Brita and your bed risers, there are a bunch of cooler, quirkier places to explore throughout the year—in New London and beyond.

New London

Fiddleheads Food Co-Op is your one-stop shop for local and organic groceries. Kamp Dog, next door, is a greasy spoon kinda place with short hours but amazing chili dogs. The Garde Arts Center hosts many impressive cultural events, including a Winter Film Festival and lots of concerts. Pop inside to take a look at the lobby and theater, a historic 1926 building with a Moroccan feel.

Sweetie’s offers an impressive selection of grilled cheese sandwiches and panini, but don’t forget to save room for a whoopie pie or cupcake.

Looking for a cozy coffee shop to curl up with a latte and a good (text)book? Muddy Waters and Bean & Leaf Cafe are essential. Muddy Waters feels like your grandmother’s living room, with couches and coffee tables and mouthwatering baked goods aplenty. Bean & Leaf serves coffee and sandwiches during the day, then becomes a full restaurant, Dev’s on Bank, at night.
To get a taste of all that downtown offers, don’t miss the annual Food Strolls!

Hungry for more than food? The Flavours of Life store offers fair-trade jewelry, clothing and handcrafted goods. The Hygienic Art Galleries and Art Park showcases the work of local artists and musicians at events throughout the year. The Salvation Army Thrift Store and the New London Antiques Center on Bank Street are under-the-radar gold mines for vintage clothing and other must-haves.

When it’s warm, be sure to check out Ocean Beach, then stop by Michael’s Dairy on Montauk Avenue on your way back to campus for huge scoops of ice cream.
FURTHER AFIELD

Being on the coast means there are beautiful beaches in most of the shoreline communities, including public beaches in Waterford and Niantic to the south and Groton to the north.

Just beyond Groton and only a 10-minute drive from campus is Mystic, a quintessential New England coastal town. Yes, you’ll still find the famous Mystic Pizza, but Pizzetta also has tasty pies. Stop by Bartleby’s or Green Marble Coffee for a caffeine fix before exploring many of the quaint shops on Main Street. Looking for an independent and locally owned bookstore? Bank Square Books can order anything and hosts great events, often with well-known authors.

More into used books? Seek out the Book Barn in Niantic. You could spend a day and a half in their several locations and see only a fraction of their books!

Hartford, the state capital, is less than an hour from New London. Catch a play at Hartford Stage, go shopping at Westfarms Mall or Blue Back Square in West Hartford, or check out exhibits at the Mark Twain House or the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art.

New Haven is about a 45-minute drive down I-95 South and boasts an impressive array of shops, restaurants and other cultural attractions, including (but certainly not limited to) Pepe’s Pizza, Toad’s Place, Urban Outfitters, IKEA and Yale Repertory Theatre.

Providence, Rhode Island, is about an hour north on I-95. The city has two cultural attractions that should top your list: the Trinity Repertory Company (amazing plays) and Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel (great live shows). Providence Place is a great shopping center, and the Italian food in the Federal Hill neighborhood is worth the drive.

HOW TO GET THERE

Bicycle
► The campus offers racks around campus for parking your bike.
► The library lets you check out bikes.
► Downtown New London is a quick 10-minute ride away.
Camel Van

- The Camel Van departs campus on the hour and half hour, providing service to downtown New London (and the station which serves Amtrak, Shore Line East and Greyhound), various malls, supermarkets and local attractions.
- In general, the Camel Van runs Thursday through Sunday, although the hours and days vary slightly each year.
- Pickup locations are the benches along Cro Boulevard adjacent to Smith & Burdick houses.
- The Office of Student Engagement organizes the Camel Van service. You'll get a complete schedule at Orientation.

Zipcar (car-sharing program)

- Join the program at www.zipcar.com/connecticutcollege. New students receive a discounted annual fee of $25 for the first year and score $35 in free driving. Zipcar’s offer is available over the summer and into the beginning of the first semester.
- Reservations include gas, insurance and 180 miles per day. Rental rates start at $8.50/hour or $69/day during the week and $9.50/hour or $77/day on the weekend.

Train & Bus

- The SEAT Bus, which serves the New London region, runs along Williams Street and stops next to campus, by the Arboretum gate. It’s a $1.50 fare and a quick ride to downtown New London. Head to www.seatbuslive.com for schedules. Purchase fare books with CamelCash at the Campus Post Office or Bookshop.
- New London is served by train (Amtrak.com and ShoreLineEast.com) and bus (Greyhound.com) from Union Station downtown.
- Amtrak runs to Boston, Providence, New Haven, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.
- Shore Line East runs to New Haven.
- If you’re heading to New York and aren’t in a rush, you can save a little money by taking the Shore Line East to New Haven and then switching to Metro-North.
- Whether taking Amtrak or Greyhound, round-trip travel to any destination will cost far less if you book several weeks in advance.

Plane

- T.F. Green Airport, just south of Providence, is about an hour away from campus.
- Bradley International is north of Hartford, about 1 hour and 15 minutes from New London.
- Taxi service to these airports ranges from about $105 to $120.

The Flying Camel Airport Shuttle

- The shuttle, to and from New London Union Station and T.F. Green Airport, is available around Thanksgiving and winter, spring and summer breaks.
- The College partners with a transportation company to offer students a discounted fare for shuttle transportation, billed to individual student accounts.
- The Office of Student Engagement organizes this service and will provide students with pricing and reservation information before each academic break.

Taxi

Plug these numbers into your phone. You never know when you might need them!
- Harry’s Taxi  860-444-2255
- Port City Taxi  860-444-9222
- Yellow Cab Co.  860-443-4321
- Yellow Cab accepts Camel Cash as payment for any of their services. Present your Camel Card to the driver at time of service.
2 Wives Brick Oven Pizza, 45 Huntington St., New London; 860-447-9337 | Gourmet pizza, panini and salads, as well as vegan and gluten-free options.

Bangkok City, 123 State St., New London; 860-442-6970 | Moderately priced Thai entrées in a casual environment.

Bean & Leaf Cafe, 463 Bank St., New London; 860-701-0000 | Coffee, tea, light meals and sweet treats during the day.


*Bravo Bravo, 20 East Main St., Mystic; 860-536-3228 | A local favorite offering Italian food and a city feel in downtown Mystic.

*Caffe NV, 57 Boston Post Road, Waterford; 860-444-8111 | Classic Greek with some Italian and American fare. Check out their bakery across the street.

Captain Scott’s Lobster Dock, 80 Hamilton St., New London; 860-439-1741 | A revered seasonal seafood shack on the edge of a marina.

Daddy Jack’s, 181 Bank St., New London; 860-444-8888 | Wood-fired pizzas and Italian classics in a convivial downtown location.

Dev’s on Bank Street, 463 Bank St., New London; 860-442-3387 | The Bean & Leaf becomes Dev’s at night, offering contemporary American cuisine.

Fred’s Shanty, 272 Pequot Ave., New London; 860-447-1301 | Seasonal waterside spot beloved by locals for lobster rolls, clams, native scallops, hot dogs and burgers.

Hot Rod Cafe, 114 Bank St., New London; 860-447-2320 | A campus favorite for wings, apps and wraps, plus pool tables and board games.

Jasmine Thai, 470 Bank St., New London; 860-442-9991 | Popular Thai restaurant with a substantial Japanese menu, including sushi.

Kamp Dog, 15 Broad St., New London; 860-443-3000 | Hot breakfasts and grilled hot dogs and burgers with homemade fries and sides.

Lazy Leopard Thai Cafe, 45 Bank St., New London; 860-333-1329 | Featuring traditional and creative Thai dishes, sushi, seafood, fresh and organic sourced. Free delivery!

*Milagro, 142 Water St., Stonington; 860-535-8178 | Authentic Mexican food in a colorful, intimate setting.

Mirch Masala, 156 Kings Highway, Groton; 860-445-8043 | Classic Indian food, served buffet-style at lunch every day.

Mr. G’s, 452 Williams St., New London; 860-447-0400 | Another campus favorite: sandwiches, burgers, pizza and dinner entrées in a relaxed atmosphere close to campus.

Muddy Waters Cafe, 42 Bank St., New London; 860-444-2232 | Soups, sandwiches, salads and pastries in a homey setting. An outdoor terrace overlooks the Thames River.

Norm’s Diner, 171 Bridge St., Groton; 860-405-8383 | A classic American diner serving classic diner fare: omelets, pancakes, sandwiches and ever-changing specials.
*Olio Restaurant and Bar*, 33 King’s Highway, Groton; 860-445-6546 | Contemporary Italian fare in a bistro-like atmosphere.


*Ortega’s*, 108 North St., Groton; 860-405-1275 | Genuine Tex-Mex in a friendly, relaxed setting.

*S&P Oyster Co.*, 1 Holmes St., Mystic; 860-536-2674 | Traditional New England seafood with a South American flair, in a two-story building overlooking the Mystic River and drawbridge.

**Rita’s**, 361 Colman St., New London; 860-444-1600 | Italian ice, custards, sundaes, milkshakes and more frosty treats.

*S&G Oyster Co.*, 1 Holmes St., Mystic; 860-536-2674 | Traditional New England seafood with a South American flair, in a two-story building overlooking the Mystic River and drawbridge.

**Saeed’s International Market**, 464 Ocean Ave., New London; 860-440-3822 | A market selling Italian, Greek and Middle Eastern food and groceries.

*Slice Pizza Bar*, 465 Williams St., New London; 860-442-6666 | Pizza, grinders and burgers in a casual spot close to campus.

*Tony D’s*, 92 Huntington St., New London; 860-443-9900 | Fine authentic Italian food featuring dishes passed down from generation to generation.


*The Yolk Cafe*, 825 Montauk Ave., New London; 860-437-0898 | Hearty breakfasts and lunches in a cozy neighborhood spot, with picnic tables for nice days.

There are a lot more restaurants in the area than just those listed, including the popular chains **Buffalo Wild Wings**, **Chili’s**, **Five Guys**, **Jersey Mike’s**, **LongHorn Steakhouse**, **Moe’s Southwest Grill**, **Outback Steakhouse**, **Panera Bread** and **Ruby Tuesday**.

*Slightly pricier and fancier places.*
The Coast Guard Academy Bowling Center, located in Leamy Hall, 15 Mohegan Ave., New London | A six-lane facility offering brand-new, state-of-the-art electronic scoring, glow-in-the-dark bowling and new seating areas. Call the bowling alley manager at 860-444-8470 for more information, or email him at Victor.L.Iannone@uscg.mil.

Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach St., New London; 860-444-7591 | Built in the 1840s; features a visitor center, historical exhibits, fishing pier, picnic area and walking trails.


Harkness Memorial State Park, 275 Great Neck Road, Waterford; 860-443-5725 | More than 230 acres with spectacular gardens, picnic areas and beaches; panoramic views of Long Island Sound.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St., New London; 860-443-2545; www.lymanallyn.org | Located next door to the College; contains more than 15,000 works of art.


Mohegan Sun, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville; 888-226-7711; www.mohegansun.com | A short drive or bus ride away; entertainment, shopping and restaurants.


Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic; 860-572-5955; www.mysticaquarium.org | More than 500 species of fish, sea lions, penguins, whales and sharks.

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic; 860-572-0711; www.mysticseaport.org | A “living” museum with authentic 19th-century ships, maritime village with historic homes and working craftspeople.

New London-Waterford Speedbowl, 1080 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford; 860-442-1585 | Short-track auto racing on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune Ave., New London; 860-447-3031 | Salt water and pool swimming, water slides, water sports, miniature golf and picnic areas.

Rocky Neck State Park, Route 156, Niantic; 860-739-5471 | Swimming, hiking and camping facilities on 710 acres of state-owned land.

Rhode Island State Parks, 401-222-2632; www.riparks.com | Beautiful beaches with big waves line the coast in Rhode Island.

Submarine Force Library and Museum, 1 Crystal Lake Road, Groton; 860-694-3174; 800-343-0079 | Tour the historic submarine USS Nautilus and visit this library and museum.

Wheeling City Tours, 36R Bank Street, New London; toll free 877-474-1117 | Tour New London waterfront and historical sites and beaches by Segway! Custom tours available.