YOUR EDUCATION
Academics

Connections: The New General Curriculum

Connecticut College’s new general curriculum, called Connections, builds on the College’s historic strength in the liberal arts and will strengthen the academic experience for you and all future students. Spanning all four years of your undergraduate experience, Connections will challenge you to think across disciplines, expand your problem-solving skills and develop an appreciation for the complexity of cultural understanding.

Enhanced First-Year Seminars

Soon, you will select your first-year seminar through the online enrollment guide. First-year seminars have been a part of the Conn experience for many years, but they have been redesigned to provide more opportunities for you to engage with other students and the broader community. They offer a forum for exploring issues of equity and inclusion from different perspectives, and encourage you to begin thinking openly and creatively about not only college, but also your life after college.

Team Advising

You will be supported by a team advising system that includes your first-year seminar instructor, a staff member and one or more student peer advisers, who will work together to provide the support and guidance you need to make the most of your college experience. You’ll meet your advisers during Orientation, where you will discuss your educational plans and choose the rest of your courses for the semester.

There’s endless academic support at Connecticut College. In addition to your team advisers, you’ll find professors, staff and other students on campus who can help mentor and guide you in your academic and extracurricular pursuits. When you declare a major, you’ll also get a major adviser in your field. See the Academic and Community Resources on pages 34-36.

Your class dean is always available to answer your questions about academics or your first-year experience. Incoming first-year students can contact the Dean of First-Year Students at 860-439-2050. Sophomores and international students can contact the Dean of Sophomores and International Student Adviser at 860-439-2050. Dean of Juniors, Seniors and Transfers can be reached at 860-439-2053. Or email doc@conncoll.edu with your questions.

ConnCourses

During your first two years at Conn, you will take at least one ConnCourse, where you will connect areas of the liberal arts and explore different modes of thinking. Working in an intellectually stimulating and exciting environment, students from all backgrounds will make lasting connections across fields of study and to the world beyond the classroom. Many ConnCourses across all academic areas are
available for you to choose from. Be sure to discuss these options with your advisers during Orientation.

**Integrative Pathways**

Integrative Pathways are a faculty-designed series of courses that weave through your entire Conn experience and offer you an opportunity to achieve academic integration within a broad intellectual framework. Every Pathway will be organized around a central theme and will expose students to at least four of five different modes of intellectual inquiry, including creative expression, critical interpretation and analysis, quantitative and formal reasoning, scientific inquiry and analysis, and social and historical inquiry. Because not all Pathways are available yet, students may choose to complete courses in all five modes of inquiry instead of enrolling in a Pathway. Your advisers can help you think through these options.

The following Pathways are approved, and more are in development:
- Eye of the Mind: Interrogating the Liberal Arts
- Global Capitalism and Its Consequences
- Peace and Conflict
- Public Health
- Social Justice as Sustainability

**Honor Code**

- The Honor Code is taken *very* seriously by students and faculty, and it is an integral part of Connecticut College.
- The primary goal of the Honor Code is “to maintain an atmosphere of fair academic competition and mutual respect for individual rights.”
- It provides academic and behavioral guidelines that promote a spirit of integrity and mutual respect among students and faculty.
- Our Honor Code is one of the most extensive student-enforced codes in collegiate America.
- This system is the foundation of student shared governance and permits students to have **unproctored and self-scheduled exams**.

There will be a mandatory workshop on the Honor Code during Orientation, at which you’ll sign the Honor Pledge. Only after you sign this pledge will you have officially matriculated.

Refer to Student Rights and Responsibilities in your Student Handbook for more information.

[www.conncoll.edu/honor-code](http://www.conncoll.edu/honor-code)
Choosing Courses

You will select your first-year seminar in June, and register for the remainder of your courses at Orientation. You’ll discuss your choices with your advisers and work out a schedule for the fall semester. You will need to complete both Connections requirements and the courses for one major in order to graduate. A balance between reading/writing and daily work courses is recommended. One advantage of a liberal arts education is the opportunity to choose a variety of courses across subject areas. Challenge yourself to try subjects that you’ve never studied before!

Majors

- You must declare a major by March 31 of the second semester of your sophomore year.
- Work with your advising team to enroll in a variety of classes your first semester so you can find something you’re passionate about studying for four years.
- Don’t feel pressured to know what you want to do right away.
- By taking classes that interest you, you’ll also likely fulfill several of your Connections requirements.

The Centers

- The College’s academic centers provide challenging opportunities that encourage the exploration of issues across traditional disciplines.
- Each center has its own selection process, which takes place during sophomore year.
- Four of these centers offer certificates that can be combined with any major. Earning a Center certificate also fulfills your Pathway requirement:
  - The Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)
    @AmmermanCenter | fb.com/AmmermanCenterforArtsandTechnology
  - The Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment (GNCE)
    @GNCEconncoll | fb.com/GoodwinNieringCenterForTheEnvironment
  - The Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy
    @HCPica | fb.com/pica.holleran
  - The Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA)
    @ConnCollCISLA | fb.com/ConnCollCISLA
- The Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) doesn’t currently offer a certificate, but has many other opportunities for students to get involved.
- Interested in a center? Attend information sessions at the beginning of the academic year.
The Arts

➤ Any student can audition for any theater production. You don’t have to be majoring in theater to audition for or take part in a production.

➤ There are seven a cappella groups and two choirs on campus. Refer to the list of campus organizations on page 20 for more details.

➤ Music lessons are free but require an audition at the beginning of the year.

➤ onStage at Connecticut College features nationally and internationally known artists; student tickets are half-price.

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➤ The theater and dance departments and independent student groups offer entertainment throughout the year.

➤ You can participate in or attend voice and instrumental recitals, Dance Club, Wig & Candle, MOBROC, N2O and RefleXion performances, a cappella concerts, and much more!

➤ Most events are listed on the College calendar, and many are publicized through CCLive on Twitter and ConnQuest.

**HINTS & TIPS:**

Auditions for theatrical productions and a cappella groups are held during the first few weeks of classes. Be sure to prepare a few monologues and/or songs if you plan to try out.

**HINTS & TIPS:**

Thanks to a generous gift, all Connecticut College students are eligible for free music lessons! When you arrive, talk to the music department to learn more.
Varsity Athletics

As a member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), we usually compete against other Division III schools in the following sports:

**Women**
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Field Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Rowing
- Sailing (coed)
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

**Men**
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Ice Hockey
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Rowing
- Sailing (coed)
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Water Polo

Club Sports

- Organized and run by students with financial support from the SGA.
- Games, events and tournaments are scheduled with club or junior varsity programs at other New England colleges and beyond.

All teams are coed, unless otherwise noted:

- Baseball (m)
- Basketball
- Cycling
- Disc
- Equestrian
- Fencing (Connard)*
- Field Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Golf*
- Ice Hockey (m & w)
- Lacrosse (m & w)
- Rugby (m & w)
- Ski/Snowboard Club*
- Ski Team
- Soccer (m & w)
- Tennis
- Volleyball*

*Indicates groups that are primarily recreational in purpose.

Intramural Sports

- Intramurals are the most casual way to compete in sports here. Games are scheduled on nights and weekends.
- **Fall:** 3-v-3 Basketball, Softball, Dodgeball | **Spring:** Coed 5-v-5 Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Mixed Doubles Tennis.
Facilities

- **Ann and Lee Higdon Fitness Center (G5)** has state-of-the-art exercise equipment and soaring glass walls that provide abundant natural light and commanding views of the Thames River and turf events. There’s also space for aerobics, dance, spin classes and other sports programs.

- **Luce Field House (G5)** has three multipurpose rubber courts for pickup basketball and tennis, and foul-weather space for spring sports; two wood-floor gyms for competition in volleyball and basketball; five squash courts; two racquetball courts; a climbing wall; offices for the Department of Physical Education & Athletics; a training room; an equipment room; locker rooms; meeting space; and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

- **Lott Natatorium (G5)** includes the pool and diving area.

- **The Christoffers Rowing Training Room (G5)** provides a year-round training facility for the rowing teams.

- **Dayton Arena (H5)** houses the ice rink for our varsity teams, club teams and open skating for the community.

- **Silfen Track and Field (G6)** is open to varsity, club and recreational use in track, cross-country, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey.

- **The boathouse** is located on the Thames River and serves the sailing and rowing teams.