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 What to Bring (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 residential houses are gender-inclusive. Some floors are single-gender with gender-specified 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.

Roommates

Your roommate may turn out to be a lifelong friend. Or not. Either way, learning how to live with someone is a valuable life skill. Here are some topics to discuss when you meet with your roommate and house staff during Orientation:

- **Visitors:** When would you prefer not to have people in the room? Are the preferences different depending on the visitor’s gender or time of day? How do you feel about having other people spend the night?
- **Sharing:** What is shared, and what is yours? Do you mind if your roommate eats your food? Uses your toothpaste? In the room, what is communal space?
- **Noise:** Do you study with music on? Do you like to watch TV late at night?
- **Cleanliness:** How often do you plan on cleaning the room? Do you mind if it’s messy, or do you prefer it stays neat?
Who’s Who in the Residence Houses

Fellow 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 top leadership position in the house, and a help with virtually any problem or issue.
  - Responsibilities may include advising on academic, personal and social matters; enforcing house and campus policies; helping develop house programs; and mediating roommate conflicts or room problems.
  - The HF has on-call responsibilities and the duty to intervene in order to protect the health and safety of the environment and to enforce policies.

- **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 in order to protect the health and safety of the environment and to enforce policies.

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.

- **Peer Educators (PEeps)**
  - PEeps educate fellow residents about health issues, including alcohol and other drug abuse, nutrition and eating disorders, sexual assault/misconduct, and stress and time management.
Social Life in Your Residence

- Houses host activities such as study breaks, movies, pizza parties and brunches.
- You can organize parties and compete in Camelympics with fellow residents.
- Don’t see activities you like? Talk to your HF or FG and help plan some!

Intellectual Life in Your Residence

Don’t be surprised if you run into a professor in the common room! 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)

A group of faculty members called REFs help create events and programs in the houses. Eleven full-time tenured faculty, in conjunction with FGs, plan a variety of social and academic programming in the residence halls. Sometimes these programs journey into the surrounding neighborhoods. You may make cupcakes at a bakery in New London or visit the aquarium in Mystic.

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 residence 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 first-year seminar professors will often bring treats, invite the class over for dinner or form a particularly special bond with their class.

REAL Talk

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

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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 mail or packages in the weeks before Arrival Day. Just add “Class of 2021” 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.
Meal Plan 101

- Participation in Dining Services’ 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.
- 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.
- Students get $45 in 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.
- Full-plan students 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.
- Card run out of money? Visit http://www.conncoll.edu/camel-card/camel-cash/ to reload money online.

Where to have a meal

The main dining hall: Harris Refectory
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. Some of the most popular dishes are pies from the pizza oven and the made-to-order deli bar at lunch. Harris is the only dining hall open on weekends.

Smaller, homier options

Jane Addams (D2), Freeman (D2) and Smith (G3) all have smaller dining halls within their residence halls. They are, of course, open to any student. Freeman is the vegetarian dining hall and serves vegan meals, too. These dining halls have more limited hours than Harris does.

The language tables in Knowlton Dining Hall (E2) are a staple of Connecticut College. While all students can dine here, international and language-studying students particularly enjoy the opportunity to converse in their language of choice over lunch each day.
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 sushi, ice cream, sandwiches, mozzarella sticks, salads and more. Oasis is open until 1 a.m. daily and until 2 a.m. on Saturday nights.

**The Blue Camel Cafe (F2)**
The Blue Camel Cafe is located on the first floor of Shain Library and serves local coffees, 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.

**Coffee Grounds (G3)**
Located in Katharine Blunt (KB) House, Coffee Grounds is student-run and serves coffee, tea and fresh baked goods. [Coffee_Groundz](https://www.instagram.com/coffeegroundz) | Insta: [ontheoffeegrounds](https://www.instagram.com/ontheoffeegrounds)

**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 (E2)
Insta: [The_Coffee_Closets](https://www.instagram.com/The_Coffee_Closets)
*** DINING TIPS FROM THE PROS ***

- Be creative! Don’t like the dessert du jour? Make yourself a root beer float, milkshake or s’mores.
- There are lots of dining options, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free meals.
- For something simple, Harris serves grilled chicken daily.
- 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.
- You can order 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.
- Try out the smaller dining halls in Smith, JA and Freeman.
- Keep an eye out for specialty-food nights in Harris, which feature a taco bar and quesadillas.
- Freeman has a much celebrated soup, salad and bread bar at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get there early!
- Freeman offers DIY dinners: Monday, grilled cheese; Tuesday, stir fry.
- About twice a semester, JA and Freeman host a theme dinner, which always makes for a fun night for all.
- Moonlight Breakfast is a late-night full breakfast offered in Harris during fall exam time.
- Make friends with the dining hall staff. They’re very friendly.
- Have an allergy? Let Dining Services know. Contact dining@conncoll.edu for more information.
- Shabbat dinner is served in Zachs Hillel House on Fridays.
- Halal dinner is served in Freeman Dining Hall on Friday evenings.
- With your meal plan, you can eat in the dining hall as many times as you want in a day.
- 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.
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.

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 its 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.

To register for ConnQuest, go to the home page 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 2021 will take place in the fall, once you arrive.

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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 31 for a full list of athletic organizations.

- Active Minds
- Amnesty International
- Animal Rights and Equality Society (Conn C.A.R.E.S.)
- Asian & Asian American Students in Action (ASIA)
- Belly Dance Club
- Best Buddies
- Cadenza
- Caribbean Students Association (CSA)
- Chinese Cultural Association (CCA)
- Club Baseball
- Club Golf
- Club Volleyball
- Coffee Closets
- Coffee Grounds
- Co Co Beaux
- Comedy Club
- ConnArtists
- ConnChords
- Connect
- Concordia
- ConnSider (TEDx)
- Dance Club
- Dance Team
- Democrats
- Disc Club
- Eclipse
- EMS Club
- Equestrian Team
- Field Hockey Club
- Figure Skating Club
- Forest Justice
- Futbol Club
- Gaming Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Her Campus
- Hillel
- International Student Association (ISA)
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Japanese Anime Club
- Latin Sole Dance Club
- Launch CC
- Law Society
- MEDLIFE
- Men’s Club Basketball
- Men’s Club Lacrosse
- Men’s Club Hockey
- Miss Conrund
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)
- Musicians Organized for Bands’ Rights On Campus (MOBROC)
- Muslim Student Association
- Oceana
- Outdoors Club
- Peggotty Investment Club
- Pre-Health Club
- Pre-Med Paramedic Internship Program
- Pre-Vet Club
- Queer People of Color and Allies (QPOC+)
- RefleXion
- Relay For Life
- Republicans and Conservatives Club
- Roosevelt @ Connecticut College
- Rugby Football Club
- Scuds
- Shwiffs
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Ski Team
- Souled Out
- Spokespeople
- Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Student Chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)
- Student Government Association
- Students Against Slavery
- Students Organized Against Racism
- Tennis Club
- The College Voice
- The Women’s Empowerment Initiative
- theLOOK
- Umoja the Black Student Union
- Vox Cameli
- Women in Technology
- Women’s Club Soccer
- Women’s Rugby Football Club
- Wig and Candle
- Williams Street Mix
- Yalla Bina
Student Activities Council (SAC)

- The council organizes social and cultural activities.
- It promotes awareness of various issues on campus.
- First-year representatives will be 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 23).

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Honor Council

- The Honor Council is charged with upholding the Honor Code and addressing conduct violations. The Honor Code entrusts students with unproctored, self-scheduled exams.
- Breaches of the academic, social or residential aspects of the Honor Code will result in a hearing before the Honor Council or a member of the Student Life staff.
- You’ll matriculate by signing the Honor Code and pledging to abide by it.
- Each class elects Honor Council representatives to serve on the committee.

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.

Out of the classroom learning

Connecticut College Community Partnerships advises and guides students in community internships, local activism, and community service work-study and volunteer positions. Community Partnerships and its partner agencies and institutions in New London provide opportunities for students to gain knowledge, skills and experience in real-world contexts.

- Students develop community-building skills and collaborative leadership capacities within health care centers and hospitals, economic development and entrepreneurial offices, public schools, museums and art centers.
- Students acquire requisites for fellowships, graduate and professional schools, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and other national/international programs.
- Students complete orientation, training and reflection components to engage in diverse communities in ethical and collaborative ways.
- Students complete work on campus and within New London, and Community Partnerships provides transportation to project and internship sites throughout New London.

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Anyone on campus can get involved in Eclipse, an annual student-produced performance celebrating our multicultural community.
Events not to miss

You won’t want to miss these Connecticut College traditions:
- Camelympics
- Convocation
- Eclipse
- Fall Weekend and Harvestfest
- Festivus
- Floralia
- Founders Day
- Moonlight Breakfast

Different kinds of events

There’s plenty to do on campus—something is always happening! Student Engagement, SAC, residential 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

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Student Engagement 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.

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Student Activities Council (SAC) events

SAC is the student board that plans and produces events on campus. Learn more about SAC on page 21, in the Shared Governance section.

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.

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Cultural events

- Student organizations such as the International Student Association (ISA), Asian Students in Action (ASIA), Caribbean Students Association (CSA), Umoja, Spectrum, La Unidad and MEChA hold events celebrating and promoting diversity.
Annual events include 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. See page 14.

**Simply hang out**

There are a million places to hang out with friends, read, do homework or sunbathe on campus. In addition to the coffeehouses listed on page 17, you might choose to spend some time in one of these spots:

**The Arboretum**
- All 750 acres of campus are managed as an arboretum.
- The Native Plant Collection was established in 1931 and features trees, shrubs and vines; it also includes a wildflower garden and pond.
- An outdoor amphitheater provides rehearsal and performance space.
- Buck Lodge is used for gatherings and meetings by campus groups and visitors.
- The Caroline Black Garden, next to Vinal Cottage (E4), is one of the nationally recognized sections of the Arboretum.
- 200 acres of natural area (including Mamacoke Island and Bolleswood) and 400 acres of managed lands are great places to explore.
- It’s a beautiful place to walk, hike, study, picnic or just sit and think.
- It’s open every day until sunset. Maps and information are available at the Arboretum office on the first floor of Olin (E3).

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**Lambdin Game Room**
- Play table games including foosball, table tennis, air hockey and pool.
- The room also has board games, a poker table, puzzles, wall-mounted televisions, an in-house sound system, and comfy couches and chairs.

**Office of Sustainability at Steel House (B4)**
- Sustainability is rooted in the College’s educational mission, and it is very important to our campus community that we balance the three components of sustainability: social equity, economic well-being and environmental stewardship.
- Students play a huge part in developing and achieving sustainability goals, and an even bigger part in planning and implementing sustainability programs on campus.

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