Beyond Conn
Work and Money

Spending Money
- The first few weeks, you will need some extra money for books, room decorations, snacks and other essentials.
- Textbooks can cost up to $300 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
- 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 houses. Students with a full meal plan receive $45 in Dining Dollars on their Camel Cards at the beginning of each semester. Fully enrolled students receive $30 in printing funds for the academic year. Your Camel Cash account starts with a $0 balance. Money must be added by you, a friend or relative.
- Camel Cash deposits can be made online using Visa, MasterCard or Discover (American Express is not accepted). Log into CamelWeb or go to 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.
- Visit the Camel Card office (G2) for keys, Camel Cards and special needs parking tags.
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 an Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) form. Please refer to the listing on page 3 of the EEV form for acceptable forms of ID for the Financial Aid Services Office.
- Many offices give hiring preference to work-study students.
- Arrange your work schedule after your academic schedule is set!

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.
Nicknamed “The Whaling City,” our hometown is a historic New England seaport, but New London and the surrounding communities also have the modern amenities you crave. All the retail giants are here—Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Bed Bath & Beyond and HomeGoods—as well as a variety of supermarkets, so stocking your room with food and necessities will be easy. And you’ll find cool, quirky places to explore throughout the year.

**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 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 has 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 **New London Antiques Center** on Bank Street is an under-the-radar gold mine 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.
Multiple murals in downtown New London colorfully reflect the city’s vibrant arts scene.
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 Sift 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 and Burdick houses.
- The Office of Transportation Services 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 $7.50/hour or $69/day during the week and $8.50/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 Transportation Services 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.
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<td><strong>La Belle Aurore</strong>, 75 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic; 860-739-6767</td>
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**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.

**On the Waterfront,** 250 Pequot Ave., New London; 860-444-2800 | Seafood and Italian and American cuisine in a spacious dining room facing the Thames.

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

**Oyster Club,** 13 Water St., Mystic; 860-415-9266 | “Farm and sea to table” fine dining and raw bar in downtown Mystic.

**Paul’s Pasta,** 223 Thames St., Groton; 860-445-5276 | Pasta is made fresh daily and paired with high-quality ingredients at this popular spot on the Thames.

**Paesano’s on Bank,** 929 Bank St., New London; 860-447-9390 | Lunch, dinner and takeout Italian entrees and New York-style pizza.

**Pollos a la Brasa,** 255 Broad St., New London; 860-447-8181 | Authentic and affordable Peruvian and South American food.

**Recovery Room,** 445 Ocean Ave., New London; 860-443-2619 | Gourmet pizza, entrées and salads in a lively setting.

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

**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.

**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.

**The Social,** 208 Bank St., New London; 860-442-6900 | Eat, drink and socialize in a setting that’s equal parts Portland, Maine, and San Diego. Craft beer, burgers, live music.

**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, Olive Garden, Panera Bread** and **Ruby Tuesday**.

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.

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.

The RISD Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence; 401-454-6500 | Houses about 100,000 objects ranging from ancient art to work by contemporary artists and designers from across the globe.

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, 401-667-6200; 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, 877-474-1117; www.wheelingcitytours.com | Tour New London waterfront and historical sites and beaches by Segway. Custom tours available.