OVER THE HUMP

A NEW STUDENT GUIDE TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE 2020
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YOUR GUIDE TO CONN
WELCOME, CAMELS!

OVER THE HUMP is your guide to all things Conn. In the following pages, you’ll find suggestions for items to bring to campus, places to eat, things to do and a whole lot more. You’ll also learn the lingo, so you’ll know what people mean when they say, “Hey! After my ConnCourse, I’m going to hit up Blue Camel and meet my PICA friends in the Arbo.”

From your Camel Moment to the last time you ring the gong, you’ll discover new things about Conn every day. Over the Hump just gives you a head start. And to stay ahead of the game, here are a few important things to do:

LOG INTO YOUR CONN EMAIL ACCOUNT. Check your conncoll.edu account regularly for information you need to know, even before you arrive on campus. If you have trouble logging in, contact the IT Service Desk at 860-439-4357.

COMPLETE THE CAMEL EXPERIENCE, an online program that prepares you for our in-person orientation, known as Welcome Weekend. The Camel Experience includes your checklist of to-do items, including choosing your first-year seminar and completing your housing selection and health information forms. All students must complete the entire Camel Experience before arriving on campus. Learn more at newcamel.conncoll.edu.

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THE LINGO: WALK LIKE A CAMEL ...
TALK LIKE A CAMEL

360 One of several apartment residences on campus, located next to Earth House.

AC The Athletic Center (AC) comprises the fitness center, natatorium, arena, field house and Silfen Track and Field. It’s across the footbridge and down the hill. Save some energy after your workout for the walk back to the main campus!

ARBO The College’s 750-acre campus is managed as an arboretum, but the 445 acres located across Williams Street are most commonly referred to as the Arbo. It’s an outside laboratory for the sciences, a habitat for native plants and animals, a place for students to relax with friends, and a park for the community. A walk around the pond is a great study break!

ARBOFEST A biannual music festival in the Arbo hosted by MOBROC.

ARC Need a tutor? Want help with a project or presentation? Just need someone to tell you, “You can do it”? Located in Shain Library, the Academic Resource Center (ARC) is for you. Because it’s for everybody. See you soon.

THE BARN A designated rehearsal space for student bands, located between Cro and the Plex. See MOBROC (the entry, but also, catch a show).

BLUE CAMEL or “BLAMEL” Lorelei and her trusty band of baristas serve up a variety of specialty coffees and teas, along with soup, snacks and baked goods, at The Blue Camel Café. Located on the first floor of Shain Library, Blue Camel doubles as a 24-hour study space you can access with your Camel Card.

CAMEL CARD Yeah, you’re gonna need this. Your Camel Card is your main student identification; it gets you into buildings and holds Printing Funds, Dining Dollars and Camel Cash. Before you leave your room, remember: phone, key, Camel Card. They make PopSocket wallets. Just sayin’.

CAMEL CASH Money you can load onto your Camel Card to make purchases on and off campus.

CAMEL EXPERIENCE An online program you will complete before you arrive on campus for the in-person orientation known as Welcome Weekend.

CAMEL VAN The College’s van service between campus and greater New London locations, including the train station, the beach, the mall and the movie theater. And Target, of course!

CAMELWEB The College’s intranet, a private network just for members of the campus community. Lots of info to be found here.

CAT The nickname for the Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology, one of Conn’s centers for interdisciplinary scholarship. Also, a furry animal creature, but that’s irrelevant.

CCSRE The Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity is the hub for researching and teaching race and ethnicity across disciplines.
THE CENTERS  The centers are unique programs for interdisciplinary scholarship. There are five of them and they are all great. Four of them—CAT, CISLA, Goodwin-Niering and Holleran—grant certificates and satisfy Connections requirements.

CISLA (“sis-la”) The Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts is one of Conn’s centers for interdisciplinary scholarship. Through its certificate program, you can internationalize any major.

COFFEE CLOSET This student-run organization operates two locations: the original cafe near the first-floor entrance of Cummings Arts Center, and the Walk-in Coffee Closet on the first floor of Harkness House. Grab a latte on your way to class, enjoy a cup of joe (do people still call it that?) with a friend or power up before practice.

COFFEE GROUNDS A student-run cafe in Katharine Blunt House (see KB) serving bagels, pastries, and gourmet coffees and teas, and featuring student art and entertainment. Try the cold brew. It’s good.

THE COLLEGE VOICE Extra! Extra! Read all about the latest Conn news in this student-run campus newspaper. New writers, photographers and designers are always welcome to attend meetings.

CONNCOURSE (Because we just can’t resist starting words with “Conn”—see next two entries.) In this interdisciplinary class, which you will take during your first two years on campus, you will discover connections between your studies and real-world issues.

CONNECTIONS You are going to hear this word A LOT! A curriculum unique to Conn, Connections will prepare you to solve the problems facing an increasingly complex world. It’s our reinvention of the liberal arts and your ticket to a fulfilling life and career.

CONNQUEST Find your people! This online resource for student clubs and organizations, accessible via CamelWeb, provides a wall to post messages, photo galleries, events, member lists and more.

COUNSELING AND HEALTH SERVICES We got ‘em. Located in Warnshuis Student Health Center.

CRO Officially “The College Center at Crozier-Williams” (but seriously, no one really calls it that), Cro is the student center and home to the Oasis Snack Shop, Humphrey’s, Cro’s Nest, Cro-Pit, Bookshop, Post Office, SGA, Camel Card office, the Holleran Center, The College Voice, and two large meeting rooms, the 1941 Room and the 1962 Room. Many student clubs meet in Cro, and most offices related to student life can be found here, too. The third floor is home to the Dance Department and Myers Dance Studio.

DIEI The Office of the Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, located in Unity House, is responsible for integrating equity and inclusion in every aspect of the educational, residential and professional life of the College.

EARTH HOUSE A house in north campus where all residents commit to ecofriendly living and a focal point for green activities on campus.
**ECLIPSE** A Connecticut College tradition dedicated to celebrating and acknowledging all races and ethnicities through artistic expression including dance, music, spoken word and fashion. Always uber-impressive—you’ll want to put this one on your calendar.

**THE EXPERIENCE** A blog written by students for students (and prospective students). It’s chock-full of tips, tricks and insight. Check it out at conncoll.edu/the-experience/.

**FACILITIES** These are the people who fix things. If something’s not working, let them know. Submit a work request on CamelWeb.

**FALL WEEKEND** We’d call it Homecoming if we had a football team, but we don’t. Don’t worry, we make up for it with an awesome, jam-packed weekend to show your family everything you love about Conn. Catch a soccer game on Tempel Green, stock up on swag at Harvestfest and network with alumni.

**FESTIVUS** From a famous episode of *Seinfeld* (a TV show that launched long before you were born), Festivus is a fictional nondenominational holiday. We celebrate with premium dinner in Harris Refectory followed by an all-campus party in Cro.

**FISHBOWL** The quad located outside and behind Harris Refectory. If you are out here, most everyone inside the dining hall can see you.

**FLOOR GOVERNOR** While you might be picturing the Mayor of Linoleum or Titan of Tile, the floor governor is actually a member of the residential living staff who helps develop and coordinate social and educational programming in the residence houses.

**FLORALIA** This annual outdoor spring concert is one of the most popular events of the year. Held in early May, Floralia features live music, attractions, dancing and more. It’s not unheard of to begin planning outfits and scouting seating locations weeks in advance.

**FLYING CAMEL** This is the name of the airport shuttle service (Get it? Flying Camel? Since you are a Camel now? On your way to the airport?) that the College offers in partnership with a local transportation company. Prior to and following all breaks—Thanksgiving, winter, spring and summer—you can catch this shuttle for a discounted fare to and from T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island and JFK Airport in New York.

**FOUNDERS DAY** If you don’t wish us happy birthday on social media, does it even count?! Celebrated April 5 (with cake, of course), Founders Day marks the anniversary of the day Conn was officially chartered in 1911.

**FYS** Your first class! First-year seminars are small classes that delve into a diverse range of interesting topics, from “Performing Citizenship” to “The Meaning of Life.” In your FYS (you’ll select your top three choices before you even arrive), you’ll also learn about Connections; develop research, presentation and writing skills; and begin to explore career options—all with the help of your team of advisers.

**GALLOWS** It’s not as scary as it sounds! Gallows is a College building located at 33 Gallows Lane. The Theater Department is hanging out here while Palmer Auditorium is undergoing renovations to make it super awesome.
GENESIS This yearlong program is designed to acclimate, support and empower first-generation students and students of color in their first year at Conn.

GOODWIN-NIERING CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (GNCE) One of Conn’s five centers for interdisciplinary scholarship. If you are passionate about environmental science and/or sustainability, consider applying for the certificate program.

GREEN DOT Our violence prevention strategy. Green Dot equips us with skills to intervene and encourages us to each do our part to end power-based personal violence in our community. Don’t forget to wear your Green Dot gear to cheer on the Camels at the Green Dot games!

GREER MUSIC LIBRARY Check out books, scores, recordings and DVDs; use an array of computers and audio and visual equipment; compose music; or play an electric piano in the piano lab—you know you want to be the piano man! The Greer Music Library is located on the lower level of Cummings Arts Center.

Hale Center Conn’s nationally recognized four-year career program lives here, in the Hale Center for Career Development, located in Fanning Hall. Want to attend a professional conference? Job shadow an alum in a field of interest? Pursue an internship? We’ve got you.

HARRIS Harris Refectory is the largest dining hall on campus and is located in the Plex. With fresh offerings that range from bold to comforting, you’ll want to sample everything from the hand-rolled sushi to the mac-n-cheese bar.

HARVESTFEST An annual outdoor market held on campus during Fall Weekend with food, crafts and entertainment. Organized by student organizations and teams, and sponsored by SAC. Stock up on Camel swag!

HOLLERAN CENTER Community learning and civic engagement are fostered through the Holleran Center for Community Action, which also offers a certificate program. The Holleran Center partners with organizations in the greater New London area to address community priorities including education, food systems, housing, immigrant rights, health care and social justice. Get involved!

HONOR COUNCIL A body of students elected to review any breaches of the Honor Code. Do your best to avoid being summoned.

HOUSEFELLOW A student trained to provide academic, emotional and social support to house residents. (We call dorms “houses,” because we are cool like that.)

HUMPHREY’S A campus pub that serves beer and wine to students of legal drinking age in the evenings, and serves as the grab-and-go extension of Oasis Snack Shop (for students of all ages) during the day. In the pub, you can play pool, grab a quick bite, participate in trivia nights and hang out with friends.

INDEPENDENT LIVING COORDINATOR (ILC) Student staff who create community events, provide on-call assistance and serve as a liaison between independent living areas and the Office of Residential Education and Living.
IT SERVICE DESK
If you are not a computer whiz, you are going to need these people. Find them on the lower level of Shain Library, fill out a help ticket at webhelpdesk.conncoll.edu or call 860-439-HELP. (See what we did there?) If you ARE a computer whiz, apply now.

JA Jane Addams House, located in south campus. Go to the dining hall for lunch. Get the soup and bread.

KB Katharine Blunt House, located across from Cro and named after a longtime Conn president. (Not to be confused with the current prez, whose initials are also KB. Go figure!) KB is also home to Coffee Grounds.

LGBTQIA CENTER
Our super colorful, super welcoming LGBTQIA Center serves the unique needs of students by providing a supportive space, a resource library, social events and educational programming. The Center is located on the ground floor of Burdick House. Look for the rainbow flags in the windows.

MOBROC (“mob-rock”) Stands for Musicians Organized for Bands’ Rights on Campus, a student-run organization comprising student bands. They’re in charge of scheduling acts for many of the College’s concerts and providing rehearsal space (The Barn) for student bands. If you’re looking to start or join a band on campus, check them out.

MOODLE “It’s on Moodle.” This is the learning management system we use to deliver course materials, like your syllabus, as well as collect assignments, host discussions, post grades, facilitate communication with faculty, etc. Weird name, helpful tool.

MYERS This is the dance studio located on the third floor of Cro. Yes, it’s true, Cro has a third floor. Who knew?

NCAA Stands for National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA regulates student-athletes and organizes national competitions for teams. Conn is a member of the NCAA’s Division III. Go, Camels!

NESCAC (“nes-cack”) This is our athletic conference, the New England Small College Athletic Conference, composed of 11 highly selective small colleges. Out of all of them, we have the best mascot. Don’t @ us.

OASIS Two words: mozz sticks! Oasis is the snack shop in Cro. Students, staff and faculty go here to grab a bite and chat.

ODYSSEY This is a pre-orientation program for first-year international students and their families to help make the transition to Conn as smooth as possible.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS Based in Harkness Chapel and Zachs Hillel House, this office sponsors a variety of religion-specific and multi-faith activities.
OFFICE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY Located in Cro 222, this office provides violence-prevention education and programming, including the Green Dot bystander intervention program and the SafetyNet peer education program, as well as support, information, empowerment and resources for students who have been affected by sexual violence, relationship violence or stalking.

OFFICE OF WELLBEING AND HEALTH PROMOTION Learn to live your best life with programming on stress reduction, sleep, nutrition, and alcohol and other drug use.

PATHWAYS A set of courses and experiences organized around a central theme, Pathways allow you to explore issues you are passionate about by intentionally combining interdisciplinary coursework with an off-campus learning experience, such as study away or a summer internship. Your Pathway experience culminates in the fall of your senior year with an all-College symposium, where you and your classmates will present the results of your integrative studies to the larger campus community.

PEEPS Not to be confused with the highly divisive marshmallow candy, PEEPS (Peer Health Educators) are student leaders who offer health-promotion programs—designed by students for students—to address various health and wellness topics, including stress management and sleep.

PICA (“pee-kah”) Although this sounds like an adorable anime character, it is actually the nickname the Holleran Center for Community Action’s certificate program, the Program in Community Action.

THE PLEX The complex of six residential houses: Hamilton, Lambdin, Johnson, Morrisson, Park and Wright. One-third of students live here. It’s attached to Harris Refectory, the College’s largest dining hall. The corridor above Harris that connects the residence houses is called Main Street.

REAL The Office of Residential Education and Living, which oversees the residence houses. Not to be confused with FAKE, the Office of Flowery Acres of Kale and Endive. Because that office doesn’t exist. Or does it? Eat salad!

RIDGE/RIDGES The River Ridge Apartments, located across Mohegan Avenue, offer apartment-style housing for sophomores, juniors and seniors who apply.

ROTH WRITING CENTER Free writing help. Take advantage. You’ll find peer tutors in the ARC, on the second floor of Shain Library.

SA Student Advisers are sophomores who are part of your advising team at Conn. These will be some of the first people you meet when you arrive on campus.

SAC The Student Activities Council is responsible for organizing many of the social activities on campus, including dances, off-campus trips, study breaks and Floralia.

SGA The Student Government Association governs the academic, social and residential life of students.

SHAIN Charles E. Shain Library is the College’s main library. The building features lots of natural light, a grand reading room, an outlet at each seat, open-access workstations, 10 group-study rooms and the Blue Camel Café, which serves as a 24-hour study space. Fun fact: Kurt Vonnegut nicknamed the building the “Noodle Factory” when he spoke at the building’s opening in 1976. Go ahead, Google Kurt Vonnegut.
SMITH GAME ROOM A game room (obvi) in Smith House featuring foosball, table tennis, air hockey, pool, board games, a poker table, puzzles, TVs, an in-house sound system, and wicked comfy couches and chairs.

SPROUT A student-run organic garden located behind Cro, where you can gain hands-on experience with sustainable, small-scale agriculture, and build community around the planting, growing and consumption of ethically grown food. We have chickens too. Natch.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES This one is kind of self-explanatory, but definitely good to know if you need support or accommodations as a person with a disability. These helpful folks are located in Main Street West on the floor above Harris Refectory.

STUDENT SUPPORT NETWORK (SSN) Through this program, students are trained by Student Counseling Services to identify other students in distress, engage them in conversation and refer them to services as needed.

TEMPEL GREEN Truly the centerpiece of campus, Tempel Green is a gathering place, a field for athletic competitions, the location of several all-campus events and a stunning spot from which to take in views of Long Island Sound. The nontraditional spelling of Tempel makes it even better. And typo-prone.

UNITY HOUSE This is the College’s multicultural center, which supports underrepresented and first-generation college students through mentoring and culturally relevant programming.

WALTER COMMONS The world is at your fingertips in the Otto and Fran Walter Commons for Global Study and Engagement. Located in the basement of Blaustein Humanities Center, the Walter Commons is home to the Global Learning Lab, the Office of Study Away, CCSRE, CISLA and the Office of Global Initiatives.

WCNI We have our own campus radio station. How cool is that? WCNI—90.9 FM—is located at the north end of Cro. Listen online to a variety of hip-hop, indie, pop, funk, Latin, reggae, alt-country and classical music at wcniradio.org.

WELCOME WEEKEND Conn’s orientation for first-year students. You’ll get here before classes start, settle into your room, learn where everything is on campus and start lifelong friendships.

WINCHES Conn slang for the Winchester Road apartment-style housing for upperclass students.

WOMXN’S CENTER This community works to educate, advocate and create an environment in which historically marginalized identities are discussed critically and openly celebrated. The Womxn’s Center collaborates with various student organizations, offices and academic departments to build solidarity within the College and the local New London community.

ZIPCAR Temporary wheels for those who need them. Reservations can be made online.
YOUR KEY TO CAMEL LIFE
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 whenever you leave your room.

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 (aka Dining Dollars)
• Check out library materials
• Print documents and make photocopies (use Printing Funds)
• Do your laundry using Camel Cash

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. Your account starts with a $0 balance; money must be added to your account by you, a family member or a friend.

Your family members and friends can load Camel Cash onto your Camel Card as long as they have your ID number and last name. Deposits can be made online using Visa, MasterCard or Discover. (American Express is not accepted.)

Parents, friends and relatives can make deposits at conncoll.edu/camel-card/ and click the blue “Add Camel Cash Now” button.

Funds are available immediately. Camel Cash is not available for cash withdrawals.
Adding Funds

To add Camel Cash funds to your own card and to view the transaction history:

1. Log on to CamelWeb.
2. Click “My Finances” at the top of the page.
3. Click “The Camel Card/My Account” on the bottom right.
4. On your eAccounts page, click “+Add Money” to make a deposit or “Account Transactions” to view details.

Dining Dollars

Dining Dollars are funds on your Camel Card that can be used at the Oasis Snack Shop and all dining halls. Students with a meal plan receive $45 in Dining Dollars at the beginning of each semester.

Printing Funds

Fully enrolled students receive $30 in Printing Funds at the beginning of the academic year to print and copy documents using Conn’s Xerox printers, copies and scanners across campus. Once the $30 in Printing Funds is exhausted, the Camel Cash account is used for printing and copying. Insider tip: Many documents, like your syllabi, will be available electronically at all times via Moodle. Avoid printing these documents if possible and save your Printing Funds for assignments, papers and presentations.

Need Cash?

(Not the Camel kind, but the U.S. treasury kind …)

There is a Citizens Bank ATM located on the first floor of Cro, near the entrance to the Post Office. Citizens Bank does not charge a fee to use the ATM, and many banks charge no fee or a nominal fee. It also may be the only ATM left in the world that distributes $10 bills.
SO MUCH TO DO
FIND YOUR PASSION

It’s easy to get involved on campus. We have more than 80 active clubs and organizations, students play a big role in Conn’s system of shared governance, and there is always something going on, from a cappella concerts to improv comedy shows to rugby games.

ConnQuest

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

ConnQuest is our online portal for student clubs, organizations and events. Each student org has its own page that features the club’s purpose or mission, as well as a list of members, a calendar of events, updates and more. You can search for organizations that appeal to you, and once you’ve joined a club or four, you can keep track of your activities in ConnQuest.

Don’t Miss Out!

With so much going on, you won’t want to miss your next opportunity to catch a concert in Harkness Chapel or attend a discussion about how gene editing is changing the world.

Follow @ConnCollege on Instagram and watch for the weekly story with previews for the week’s events.

And be on the lookout for your daily Today at Conn email for the latest announcements, news and events. There’s also electronic signage in Harris, so you can plan your day while you fuel up on some delicious fare.
EXPLORE
THE
REGION
NEW LONDON WELCOMES YOU!

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—Target Run and Done, amiright?—so stocking your room with necessities will be easy.

There’s plenty to keep you active and entertained, and you’ll find cool, quirky places to explore throughout the year.

Getting Around

You have lots of options for traveling off campus, from bike rentals to Zipcars to the Camel Van, a free shuttle service between campus and numerous retail and entertainment venues in the area.

For all the info on getting around, visit conncoll.edu/campus-life/transportation/.
Where do **YOU** Wanna go?

There may be more to do than can ever be done (or at least listed), but we took our best shot at compiling a list of some of the area’s coolest, quirkiest and most essential places to visit. (If it’s food you are craving, see our restaurant listing on page 41).

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?**

**Bank Square Books**, Mystic. An independent and locally owned bookstore where you can order anything and attend great events, often with well-known authors.

**The Book Barn**, Niantic (plus two other locations). A used book store you can spend hours exploring.

**Sarge’s Comics and Games**, New London. One of the largest comic shops in New England, with more than 5,500 square feet of comics, manga, books, magazines, novelty items, collectibles, games and more.

**LOOKING FOR A LITTLE RETAIL THERAPY?**

**Blueback Square**, West Hartford. A mixed-use development featuring shopping, dining and entertainment.

**Crystal Mall**, Waterford. A typical suburban mall with stores and a food court.

**Flavours of Life**, New London. This store offers fair-trade jewelry, clothing and handcrafted goods.

**Providence Place**, Providence. An indoor mall featuring shopping, dining and entertainment.

**Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods**, Mashantucket. Featuring 69 outlet stores.

**Westfarms Mall**, West Hartford. An upscale shopping mall located seven miles southwest of Hartford.
LOOKING FOR FUN IN THE SUN?

Bluff Point State Park, Groton. Featuring over 800 acres of hiking and biking, plus fishing and wildlife viewing on Long Island Sound.

Fort Trumbull State Park, New London. Completed in 1775, Fort Trumbull was attacked in 1881 by the British, led by Benedict Arnold. Now you can enjoy the visitor center, exhibits, fishing pier, picnic area and walking trails. Visiting this summer? Take the water taxi from city pier to the park.

Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford. More than 230 acres with spectacular gardens, picnic areas and beaches; panoramic views of Long Island Sound.

Ocean Beach Park, New London. Saltwater and pool swimming, waterslides, watersports, miniature golf and picnic areas.

Rhode Island State Parks, Beautiful beaches with big waves line the coast in Rhode Island.

Rocky Neck State Park, Niantic. Swimming, hiking and camping facilities on 710 acres of state-owned land.
LOOKING FOR ENTERTAINMENT?


The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center, Waterford. A theater dedicated to the development of new works and emerging artists.

Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket. Concerts, dining, shopping, bowling, arcade, zip lining and the Thrill Tower.

The Garde Arts Center, New London. A renowned performing arts venue where you can catch concerts, comedians, Broadway shows on tour, international opera and dance, as well as film festivals and premieres.

Hartford Stage, Hartford. Enjoy world-class productions of classics and new plays.

Hive Skate Shop and Indoor Skatepark, New London. Catch some serious air—even when it’s cold.

Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville. A short drive or bus ride away; entertainment, shopping and restaurants.

Mystic Luxury Cinemas, Mystic. An award-winning cinema that often hosts live events and screenings of classic films.

Regal Waterford, Waterford. Catch the latest releases at this movie theater, which features plush, reclining seating.

The Strand Ballroom & Theatre, Providence. A great live-music venue.

SuperCharged Indoor Karting and Trampoline, Oakdale. The world’s largest indoor multilevel karting facility.

Trinity Repertory Company, Providence. Trinity Rep is recognized nationally for excellence and innovation, and cherished locally for high-quality and diverse programming.
LOOKING FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION?

Custom House Maritime Museum, New London. Offers lighthouse tours and boat trips; an annual chowda’fest; artifacts relating to local lighthouses, U.S. Customs, and the Amistad; changing exhibitions; and a great museum shop.

Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme. Known as the home of American impressionism, the restored mansion, with its galleries and gardens situated on the Lieutenant River, fosters the understanding of American art.

Hygenic Art Galleries and Art Park, New London. Gallery space and arts cooperative with an outdoor events space.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London. Located next door to the College; contains more than 15,000 works of art.

The Mark Twain House and Museum, Hartford. Visit this restored home, where the author lived with his family from 1874 to 1891 and wrote his most important works, including Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, Mashantucket. A nonprofit educational institution that seeks to further knowledge and understanding of the richness and diversity of the indigenous cultures and societies of the United States and Canada.


Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, Mystic. Featuring more than 500 species of fish, sea lions, penguins, whales and sharks. Don’t miss Juno, the playful beluga.

Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic. A “living” museum with authentic 19th-century ships, historic maritime village and working craftspeople.

The Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, New Haven. One of the oldest, largest and most prolific university natural history museums in the world. Admission is free for all students with a College ID.

The RISD Museum, Providence. Houses about 100,000 objects ranging from ancient art to work by contemporary artists and designers from across the globe.

Submarine Force Library and Museum, Groton. Tour the historic submarine USS Nautilus and visit this library and museum.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford. Noted for its collections of European Baroque art, ancient Egyptian and classical bronzes, French and American impressionist paintings, Hudson River School landscapes, modernist masterpieces and contemporary works, as well as collections of Early American furniture and decorative arts.
THE CAMEL WAYS
CONN Classics

Get ready to create some lasting memories with Conn’s time-honored traditions.

Batch Blast
This is the first tradition you’ll experience on campus! Taking place during Welcome Weekend for new students, and funded by an anonymous gift in honor of Esther Batchelder ’19, the Batch Blast often includes picnics, comedy acts, hypnotists, improv groups, open mics and other social events. It’s a, well, blast.

Matriculation Pledge
During Welcome Weekend, the honor system is explained to new students. When students matriculate, they pledge to adhere to the Connecticut College Honor Code by formally signing the Connecticut College matriculation pledge.

Castle Court Gong
After signing the matriculation pledge, new students ring the Castle Court Gong to signify the beginning of their academic journey. Graduates ring the gong again at Commencement, to signify the end of their academic study. It is considered taboo to ring the gong at any other time. (Don’t jinx yourself!)

Convocation
Literally a “calling together” of the College community, Convocation celebrates the formal opening of the academic year, welcomes new students to the College, and recognizes the new senior class and the incoming first-years. The ceremony highlights some of the College’s most important values: academic excellence, the Honor Code and the importance of community. Immediately following Convocation, the campus community gathers for an all-campus picnic.

Camel Moments
Also during Welcome Weekend, Camel Moments is an event during which sophomores, juniors and seniors each share the moment they realized Connecticut College was the right place for them. What will your Camel Moment be?
Fall Weekend
An awesome, jam-packed weekend to show your family everything you love about Conn. Catch a soccer game on Tempel Green, stock up on swag at Harvestfest and network with alumni.

Harvestfest
An annual outdoor market and festival held on campus during Fall Weekend with food, crafts and entertainment. Organized by student organizations and teams, and sponsored by SAC.

Moonlight Breakfast
This annual late-night study break serves as a festive close of the first semester and signifies the start of final exams. A traditional breakfast is served by campus administrators as a way to wish the Camels well on their upcoming exams.

Festivus
Everyone gather ’round the Festivus pole! From a famous episode of Seinfeld (a TV show that launched long before you were born), Festivus is a fictional nondenominational holiday. We celebrate with premium dinner in Harris Refectory followed by an all-campus party in Cro.

Founders Day
The College’s birthday, Founders Day, is celebrated on April 5, the date in 1911 on which the College’s original charter was signed by the Connecticut Secretary of State.
Eclipse Weekend

A tradition dating back to 1975, Eclipse is a spring weekend dedicated to celebrating and acknowledging all races and ethnicities through artistic expression, including dance, music, spoken word and fashion.

Floralia

This annual outdoor spring concert is one of the most popular events of the year. Held in early May, Floralia features live music, attractions, dancing and more.

Lilypad

During Senior Week in mid-May, the senior class uses the Outdoor Theater in the Arboretum to stage this semi-formal dance.

Commencement

A true community celebration of achievement! Conn’s Commencement takes place on Tempel Green and features student and guest speakers. Graduating seniors process through chains of laurel held by junior class women and men wearing all white, and each graduate is presented with an Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) sapling that represents the tree on the College seal and symbolizes each student’s continuing connection to the College.
WHAT TO EAT ON CAMPUS
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 conncoll.edu/camel-card/camel-cash/to-reload-money-online.

• Do you have a food allergy? @ ccDining accommodates hundreds of students with food allergies daily. Email dining@conncoll.edu for information and assistance.

Where to Eat on Campus

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. The offerings and stations are ever-changing. Some popular examples include Neapolitan-style pizza (three-day fermented dough, San Marzano tomatoes and fresh mozz) from our Italian pizza oven, a made-to-order Deli Bar at lunch, maki sushi rolls, Mac-n-Cheese Bar, Ramen Noodle Bar, Street Taco Bar, Mojo Cuban Pork Bar, and a Halal Cart Station featuring house-made falafel. Harris is the only dining hall open on weekends.

Jane Addams

Jane Addams, 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. In addition to a salad and deli bar, JA features an ever-changing array of composed salads, homestyle soups, and artisan breads with infused olive oils and compound herb butters.
Where to Take a Coffee or Snack Break

Oasis

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 Café

The Blue Camel Café is located on the first floor of Shain Library and serves specialty coffees and teas, along with soup, snacks and baked goods. The café 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

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)
- **The Walk-in Coffee Closet at Ruane’s Den**, Harkness House (cash, Camel Cash and credit cards accepted)
DINING TIPS

Dining Options
There are lots of dining options, including vegetarian, vegan, halal and gluten-friendly meals. Shabbat dinner is served in Zach's Hillel House on Fridays.

If you need a change of pace, Oasis has great breakfast sandwiches, and local merchants often set up shop to sell lunch in Cro.

Unlimited Meal Plan
With your unlimited meal plan, you can visit the dining hall as many times as you want in a day.

Harris
Check out Harris’ extensive salad bar and deli bar! They include local/regional offerings, house-made salad dressings, quinoa, house-made hummus and multiple plant-based proteins.

The Grill Station also offers classics including Meyer all-natural angus burgers (antibiotic free, vegetarian fed, 100% pure angus), grilled fresh boneless chicken, house-made veggie burgers, vegan sesame nuggets and so much more!

Custom orders?
You can order customized options, including scrambles, omelets and quesadillas, almost any time in Harris from The Grill. (Bring up some veggies, meats and cheese from the salad bar to add to your creation!)

Halal
Halal-certified proteins are available during each meal period daily at Harris.

Make Friends
Make friends with the dining hall staff. They’re very friendly and helpful.

Nightly specials
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.”

Annual Events
Annual special events @ccDining include a Lunar New Year Celebration, Diwali, Oktoberfest Lunch, Thanksgiving Celebration, Festivus Dinner, Moonlight Breakfast (a late-night full breakfast during fall exams) and much more!

Napkin Notes
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.

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Dining Services:
Instagram: @ccDining
Twitter: @CCdining
Facebook: @ccdiningservices

Food Allergies
Let Dining Services know.
Contact dining@conncoll.edu for more information.

Follow @cocoworow_eats on Instagram for mouthwatering inspiration.
WHAT TO EAT OFF CAMPUS
Decisions, Decisions

There are a number of dining opportunities in the area surrounding Connecticut College. We have categorized a number of them based on food type. The list also includes a price rating from affordable ($) to you better save up ($$$).

**SEAFOOD**

- **Abbott’s Lobster in the Rough $** Groton. Counter-service seafood restaurant with a view of the Mystic River.
- **Captain Scott’s Lobster Dock $** New London. A revered seasonal seafood shack on the edge of a marina.
- **Flanders Fish Market & Restaurant $** East Lyme. Classic New England seafood.
- **Fred’s Shanty $** New London. Seasonal waterside spot beloved by locals for lobster rolls, clams, native scallops, hot dogs and burgers.
- **On the Waterfront $** New London. Seafood and Italian and American cuisine in a spacious dining room facing the Thames River.
- **Oyster Club $** Mystic. “Farm and sea to table” fine dining and raw bar in downtown Mystic.

**PIZZA**

- **2 Wives Brick Oven Pizza $** New London. Gourmet pizza, panini and salads.
- **Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana $** New Haven. One of the country’s premier pizzerias (original location). For a closer option, consider the Mohegan Sun location.
- **Mystic Pizza $** Mystic. A nostalgic pizza spot that inspired the 1988 film and serves up pies in a memorabilia-filled space.
- **Pizzetta $** Mystic. Gourmet pizza with gluten-free options, served in a family-friendly space with a patio and live music.
- **Recovery Room $** New London. Gourmet pizza, entrées and salads in a lively setting.
- **Slice Pizza Bar $** New London. Pizza, grinders and burgers in a casual spot close to campus.

**CASUAL**

- **Caffe NV Bakery and Market $** Waterford. Featuring sandwiches, crepes, salads and Greek pastries.
- **Daddy Jack’s $** New London. Wood-fired pizzas and Italian classics in a convivial downtown location.
- **Engine Room $** Mystic. Rustic-chic eatery offering New American locally sourced comfort food.
- **Fatboy’s Kitchen and Bar $** New London. Eclectic, imaginative cuisine in a casual atmosphere overlooking the Thames.
Grass & Bone $$ Mystic. A casual, counter-service restaurant offering rotisserie chicken, hearty sandwiches and salads.

Hot Rod Cafe $$ New London. A Conn favorite for wings, apps and wraps, plus pool tables and board games.


La Belle Aurore $$ Niantic. Relaxed bistro serving eclectic farm-to-table fare in downtown Niantic.

Mr. G’s $$ New London. Another Conn favorite: sandwiches, burgers, pizza and dinner entrees in a relaxed atmosphere.

Muddy Waters Cafe $ New London. Soups, sandwiches, salads and pastries in a homey setting.


Paul’s Pasta $$ Groton. Pasta is made fresh daily and paired with high-quality ingredients at this popular spot on the Thames.

Rebeka’s $ East Lyme. Freshly made pasta, authentic Italian food.

The Social $$ New London. A modern gastropub-style menu incorporating handcrafted burgers, entrees, apps and more.

Tony D’s $$ New London. Fine authentic Italian food featuring dishes passed down from generation to generation.


FANCY


Caffe NV $$ Waterford. Classic Greek with some Italian and American fare.

Olio Restaurant and Bar $$$ Groton. Contemporary Italian fare in a bistro-like atmosphere.

S&P Oyster Co. $$$ Mystic. Traditional New England seafood overlooking the Mystic River and drawbridge.

AROUND THE WORLD

Jasmine Thai $$ New London. Popular Thai restaurant with a substantial Japanese menu, including sushi.

Lazy Leopard Thai Cafe and Sushi Side $$ New London; Featuring traditional and creative Thai dishes, sushi and seafood.

Milagro $$ Stonington. Authentic Mexican food in a colorful, intimate setting.

Mirch Masala $$ Groton. Classic Indian food, served buffet-style at lunch every day.

Noodles and Rice Bistro $$ New London. Thai, noodles and Asian fusion.


Pink Basil $$ Mystic. Casual kitchen with a patio, serving classic Thai, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese fare, plus sushi.

Pollos a la Brasa $$ New London. Authentic and affordable Peruvian and South American food.

Saeed’s International Market $ New London. A market selling Italian, Greek and Middle Eastern food and groceries.

DESSERT

Berry’s Ice Cream and Candy Bar $ New London. Delicious homemade ice cream, personalized service, party room, group rates.


Rita’s $ New London. Italian ice, custards, sundaes, milkshakes and more frosty treats. Seasonal.

Sift Bake Shop $$ Mystic. A French-focused bakery located in historic downtown Mystic.

Sweetie’s Bakery and Café $$ New London. Featuring an impressive selection of grilled cheese sandwiches and panini, as well as baked goods.

...AND MANY MORE

In addition to the restaurants listed, the greater New London area is also home to numerous popular chain restaurants, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili’s, Five Guys, Jersey Mike’s, LongHorn Steakhouse, Moe’s Southwest Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Ruby Tuesday and Smashburger.

The two local casinos, Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, are also home to dozens of eateries that range from fine dining to casual.
WHO
YOU
GONNA
CALL?
NUMBERS TO KNOW

On-Campus Resources

Academic Resource Center (ARC): 860-439-5294
Athletic Center: 860-439-2541
Bookshop: 860-439-2375
Camel Card Office: 860-439-2250
Safety: 860-439-2222
Career and Professional Development: 860-439-2770
Community Partnerships: 860-439-2458
Dean of First-Year Students: 860-439-2050
Dining Services: 860-439-2750
Events and Catering: 860-439-5356
Financial Aid Services: 860-439-2058
IT Service Desk (Help Desk): 860-439-4357
LGBTQIA Center: 860-439-2238
Library Circulation/Main Desk: 860-439-3005
Lost and Found: 860-439-2250 Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; 860-439-2222 after hours
Main College Number: 860-447-1911
President’s Office: 860-439-2666
Print Shop: 860-439-2373
Registrar: 860-439-2068
Religious and Spiritual Programs: 860-439-2463
Residential Education and Living: 860-439-2834
Roth Writing Center: 860-439-2173
Student Accessibility Services: 860-439-5428
Student Counseling Services: 860-439-4587
Student Health Services: 860-439-2275
Student Life: 860-439-2825
Unity House: 860-439-2628
Wellbeing and Health Promotion: 860-439-2826
Womxn’s Center: 860-439-5231
Academic Departments*

Anthropology: 860-439-2797
Art: 860-439-2740
Art History: 860-439-2734
Biology: 860-439-2445
Botany: 860-439-5021
Chemistry: 860-439-2818
Classics: 860-439-2037
Computer Science: 860-439-2818
Dance: 860-439-2830
East Asian Languages and Cultures: 860-439-2548
Economics: 860-439-2037
Education: 860-439-2630
English: 860-439-2350
Film Studies: 860-439-2636
French: 860-439-2175
Gender, Sexuality and Intersexuality: 860-439-2801
German: 860-439-2292
Government and International Relations: 860-439-2037
Hispanic Studies: 860-439-2239
History: 860-439-2098
Human Development: 860-439-2630
Italian Studies: 860-439-5415
Mathematics: 860-439-2012
Music: 860-439-2720
Philosophy: 860-439-2990
Physics, Astronomy and Geophysics: 860-439-2328
Psychology: 860-439-2330
Religious Studies: 860-439-5430
Slavic Studies: 860-439-5449
Sociology: 860-439-2819
Theater: 860-439-2605

Academic Centers*

Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology: 860-439-2001
Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity: 860-439-2032
Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment: 860-439-5417
Holleran Center for Community Action: 860-439-2596
Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts: 860-439-2440

*Some departments and centers may be closed or have reduced hours during the summer.
STAYING SAFE
CAMPUS SAFETY

Creating and maintaining a safe environment for you, your fellow students, and our faculty and staff is our highest priority.

Our campus safety officers are working to keep the campus safe 24 hours a day. To reach them any time of day or night, call 860-439-2222.

For more information about campus safety, including safety tips, visit conncoll.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/.

Rave Mobile Safety Alert System

We use the Rave Mobile Safety alert system to notify members of the College community about emergencies.

Here’s what to know:

• Download the app! The Rave Guardian app, available via the App Store and Google Play, allows users to place an emergency call and access key College contacts with the push of a button.

• In the event of an emergency, Rave allows administrators to communicate directly with you and the rest of the campus community by email, voice and text message and through push notifications on the app.

• You sign up for emergency notifications by filling out the “Emergency Contact Information” form. This is required to create a Connecticut College Account. You can update your information at any time in CamelWeb, and you will be prompted to review it twice a year.

• You must enter the information for anyone whom you want to be contacted in the event of an emergency; your parents and family members cannot do it themselves.

• Rave Mobile Safety is a free service offered by Connecticut College. However, your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive messages on your device.