YOUR
EDUCATION
Academics

Advisers

Your class dean is always available to answer your questions — academic or personal. Associate Dean of Studies and Dean of First-Year Students Andrea Rossi-Reder can be reached at 860-439-2050 or aross@conncoll.edu. (Follow Dean Rossi-Reder @DeanRossiReder). You can contact Dean of Sophomores and International Student Adviser Carmela Patton at 860-439-5249 or cpatton@conncoll.edu. And Phil Ray, the associate dean of studies for transfers, juniors and seniors, can be reached at 860-439-2049 or peray@conncoll.edu.

Faculty Adviser

- Every student is assigned a faculty adviser. This professor may be teaching your first-year seminar or another course you are taking.
- You'll meet during Orientation to discuss your educational plans and choose the rest of your courses for the semester.
- This person remains your adviser until you declare a major, at which time you'll choose a new adviser in your field.

Additional Advisers

There's endless academic support at Connecticut College. In addition to faculty advisers, you'll find professors, staff and other students on campus who can help mentor and guide you in your academic and extracurricular pursuits. See Community Resources on pages 35 and 36.

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 self-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
Choosing Courses

- Start thinking about your courses over the summer. You should have already registered for two courses in June. (For first-year students, one course is a freshman seminar.)
- During Orientation, you’ll discuss your choices with your faculty adviser and work out a schedule for the fall semester.
- There are no rules for what courses you should take!
- However, you will need to complete a core of general education requirements and the courses for one major in order to graduate.
- Try the balance, change, diversity (BCD) formula for course selection, which ensures that you choose a variety of courses. Keep in mind that a balance between reading/writing and daily work courses is recommended. It also challenges you to try subjects that you’ve never studied before.

Majors

- You must declare a major by March 31 during the second semester of your sophomore year.
- Take a variety of classes your first semester to 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 general education 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:
  - The Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)
  - The Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment (GNCE)
  - The Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy
  - The Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA)
- The Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) is the newest academic center; right now it doesn’t offer a certificate program.
- Interested in a center? Attend information sessions at the beginning of the academic year.

HINTS & TIPS:

Develop strong relationships with professors in your first year. Take classes that you’re really interested in … they can influence your choice of major.
The Arts

► Any student can audition for any theater production. You don’t have to be a theater major to audition 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 with Facebook groups and invites.

HINTS & TIPS:
Auditions for theatrical productions and a capella 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:
Participate in a production. Fusion and Eclipse are two of the biggest dance productions on campus, and it’s a wonderful way to meet people.

HINTS & TIPS:
Concert band is really awesome because you play great music and meet a lot of awesome people. Band geeks unite!
Varsity Athletics

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

Women
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Field Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Rowing
- Sailing
- 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 (m)*
- Equestrian
- Fencing (ConnGarde)*
- Figure Skating
- Golf*
- Ice Hockey (m & w)
- Lacrosse (m & w)
- Martial Arts*
- Rugby (m & w)
- Ski/Snowboard Club*
- Ski Team
- Snowboard Team
- Soccer (m & w)
- Ultimate (m & w)
- 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.