Parent/Guardian Orientation

University of Connecticut
Avery Point
Orientation Goals

- For Students:
  - Learn about the responsibility of managing their enrollment, learn about services and resources
  - Meet other new students to start building a sense of community
  - To register for fall semester classes

- For Parents:
  - To learn about your student’s responsibilities
  - To engage in discussion to answer any questions

Some parents may feel that this online presentation sufficiently answers your questions and should not feel obligated to attend the on-campus orientation for parents.
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Communication

PARENTS
• Sign up for the Parent List Serve to stay informed about what is going on at Avery Point. [http://listserv.uconn.edu](http://listserv.uconn.edu) and choose AVPT-Parents

STUDENTS
• Official correspondence occurs via the student’s UConn e-mail account. Students should check their e-mail daily for important information
• Other communication on campus:
  • Twitter
  • Instagram
  • Facebook
CAMPUS SAFETY

- Full Police services on campus
- Community policing
- Blue phones for emergencies
- Alert system: Students cell phones should be registered at [www.alert.uconn.edu](http://www.alert.uconn.edu)
- Make an Emergency Plan with your family
Parking/Vehicle Registration

- Students are required to complete a vehicle registration form online at [www.park.uconn.edu](http://www.park.uconn.edu) to obtain their parking permit.
- Fall semester fee covers the full year (through summer).
- Restricted parking lots for students and visitors
Money Matters

- Many on-line resources (www.financialaid.uconn.edu, www.bursar.uconn.edu)
- Use Student Administration System to make payments, accept financial aid, etc.
- Bills are due on August 1 (Fall) and on January 8 (Spring). If your payment is late, $150 fee will be assessed - on due date and again (if still unpaid) on 10th day of class!
- Sept. 15 deadline for Title IV Waivers
- Contact the Avery Point Bursar: Questions about Late Fees, Financial Holds, Deferrals, Loan Info, Forms, Citizenship Certification.
Immunization Records

- State of Connecticut General Statutes as well as University of Connecticut regulations require each full-time or matriculating student born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of adequate immunization or screening before permitting such student to enroll at the university.

- Students who are not compliant with immunization requirements by the 10th day of classes of their first semester will be blocked from class registration functions (i.e. Add/Drop) in the Student Administration system.

- Upload immunization form to UConn Student Health Services through the “myhealth” portal.

- For more information, visit [www.shs.uconn.edu](http://www.shs.uconn.edu).
Health Insurance

- All full-time students must maintain health insurance coverage.
- UConn automatically enrolls and bills students for the University-sponsored plan.
- Students must complete the online waiver in the Student Administration system if covered by another plan.
- Deadline to complete the waiver is September 15th
- More information at www.shs.uconn.edu
Waive UConn Health Insurance

This is the pathway for waiving health insurance in the Student Administration System. Deadline: Fall waivers must be submitted prior to September 15th.
Husky One Card

www.onecard.uconn.edu

The Husky One Card is the official UConn ID and key to campus.

The Husky One Card is more than just an official University ID. At Avery Point it is also used for:

- Meal plan access
- Husky Bucks declining balance account
- University Library card
- Copying & printing

-Students upload a photo for the card, or have photo taken in the Library https://onecard.uconn.edu/the-one-card/online-photo-submission/

The card should be in the cardholder’s possession at all times and presented upon request to any University official. Although the card is issued to individuals, the card remains the property of the University and is non-transferable.
Mort’s Cafe

“Cash Points” Meal Plan

- Minimum initial purchase of $100 ($1 per point)
- Points never expire; will roll over from semester to semester
- Use at Mort’s and receive 15% discount at point of purchase
- Show ID card and do not pay CT sales tax
- To purchase, call Dining Service (860) 486-3128

https://averypoint.uconn.edu/student-life/dining-services/
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Your UCONN AVERY POINT Bookstore

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  - ACADEMIC BUILDING ON CAMPUS

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  - FRIDAY 9 AM TO 2PM
  - SATURDAY & SUNDAY CLOSED

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The Center for Career Development and the Incoming Student

- Career Development Programs
- Student Coaching and Counseling
- Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Corporate Partner Relations
- Internal Relations/Campus Partnerships
- Online Resources
Student Coaching/Counseling

- Career Counseling
  - Same day and scheduled appointments
  - At Avery Point or
  - With a Storrs based Career Consultant
- Résumé Critiques
- Cover Letter Critiques
- Practice Interviews
- Internship and Job Search
Online Resources

https://career.uconn.edu/
UConn Libraries
Where to Start: http://lib.uconn.edu/

- Avery Point Hours: M-Th 9:00-6:00; F 9:00-4:00
- Space for group and quiet study
- Presentation practice equipment and smart board
- Computers for research and academic course-work
- Printing and scanning
- Remote Access from home
- Electronics to loan (e.g. camera, laptop, adapter, kindle, iPad, charging station)
- On-line “Ask A Librarian” for help
- Resources shared overnight with other campuses and other academic libraries
- 521 e-Resources and over 110,000 electronic and print journals; 660,000 eBooks
- Husky One-Card photos taken here
Health and Wellness

- Protect Our Pack training at Orientation
  - Learn about sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and the connection to using alcohol
  - Helps students think about what they would do if they saw someone in danger of being assaulted. Empowers them to take action

- AlcoholEdu
  - All students are required to complete AlcoholEdu, an on-line educational program. Students receive notification in August; it is due before classes start.

- Gymnasium
  - Students have free access to gymnasium, fitness center and swimming pool.

- Personal Counseling
  - Campus has a Case Manager to help students in crisis, refer them to appropriate community resources, and run educational programs.

- Code of Conduct
  - Students should become familiar with University community standards of behavior:
    [http://community.uconn.edu/](http://community.uconn.edu/)
Enriching the College Experience

- Internships
- Study Abroad/Global Education
- Honors
- Student Activities/Organizations
- Leadership Opportunities
- Student Government
- Athletics
- Waterfront Programs
- Art Gallery
Student Involvement

Associated Student Government:
- Representative voice of the students; plans campus activities and events

Student run clubs:
- Eco Husky
- Astronomy
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Fishing
- Multicultural
- Sailing
- UMAD (U Make A Difference - community service)
- Business Club
- SCUBA
- Rotoract
- Creative Writing

UConn sponsored:
- Husky Ambassadors
- Waterfront Programs

https://uconntact.uconn.edu/
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| Mon., Sept. 9   | Add/Drop via Student Administration System closes.
Courses added or dropped after this date require additional signatures (see chart). Dropped courses will have a "W" for withdrawal recorded on the academic record. Last day to place courses on Pass/Fail (Undergraduate students only) |
| Tues., Sept. 24 | Dean’s signature required to add courses                                       |
| Fri., Oct. 4    | Mid-semester progress reports due students from faculty                        |
| Mon., Oct. 21   | Registration for the Winter 2020 and Spring 2020 semester via Student Administration System begins |
| Mon., Oct. 28   | Last day to withdraw from a course                                             |
| Sun.-Sat., Nov. 24-30 | Thanksgiving recess                                                        |
| Fri., Dec. 6    | Last day of fall semester classes                                             |
| Sun.-Sat., Dec. 7-8 | Reading Days                                                                 |
| Mon., Dec. 9    | Final examinations begin                                                       |
| Thurs., Dec. 12 | Reading Day                                                                    |
| Sun., Dec. 15   | Final examinations end                                                         |
| Wed., Dec. 18   | Semester grades are due at 4 pm                                                |
ACADEMICS

- Students may adjust their schedule “add/drop” until the 10th day of the semester
- Midterm grades are available to students in the 6th week of the semester
- Last opportunity to withdraw from a class is the 9th week
- Final exams cannot be rescheduled for your convenience; do not make family plans during this week!
- Scholastic Standards: 1.8 for freshman to remain in good standing; 2.0 for sophomores and upperclassmen
- Dean’s List: top 25% in school/college, no grade lower than a C, full time student
Academic Support

The Avery Point Academic Center
- Staffed with peer tutors and academic specialists
- Free tutoring!

Faculty Availability
- Students should take advantage of Office Hours or make an appointment to meet with their instructors.

Advising
- Students are assigned to a faculty or professional staff advisor
- Help in navigating University policies
- Exploring possible plans of study
- Supporting students with any issues that arise

Career Development
- Workshops and access to a career development specialist for advising on career goals
Avery Point's Academic Center is the tutoring headquarters for all UConn students at the Avery Point Campus.

With a diverse staff of 25 tutors, the center provides tutoring services for almost every course being taught on campus—including math (from algebraic to multi-variable calculus), chemistry, biology, physics, writing, psychology, the humanities, as well as providing study-skill strategies, résumé assistance, and assistance with course technologies.

The APAC is available to all Avery Point students, and provides a comfortable space for individual tutoring, group tutoring, computer work, research, and study.

https://academiccenter.averypoint.uconn.edu/
FERPA
Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- Protects student records
  - Student is responsible – *not parents*
- Correspondence goes to student
- e-mail – financials – goes to student
- Access to student records approved by student:
  - “FERPA Designee” to call and talk to us
  - PIN for delegated access to Student Administration account
- See [https://students.uconn.edu/parental-notification-ferpa/](https://students.uconn.edu/parental-notification-ferpa/)
Navigating Basic Policies

Disability services
- Refer to the Center for Students with Disabilities website: www.csd.uconn.edu.

Withdraw from UConn
- Students complete a “Voluntary Separation” if they no longer want to attend UConn. Contact the Director of Avery Point Student Services.

Campus change
- Depends on program of study - most students are allowed to go to Storrs once 54 credits are completed.

Attendance
- Attendance records are not required, although many classes require participation.

Students are responsible for knowing information sent by e-mail!!
The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) engages in an interactive process with each student and determines appropriate accommodations on an individualized, case-by-case, class-by-class basis.

Register through MyAccess ➔ Submit Documentation ➔ Set up Meeting with Disability Service Provider (DSP)

1. Students who require an accommodation or adjustment to access their educational experience must register with the Center for Students with Disabilities.

2. **Your student** should register at: www.myaccess.csd.uconn.edu (support their self-advocacy skills!)

3. Students are encouraged to submit any documentation that discusses their condition and establishes the need for accommodation(s). CSD documentation guidelines: www.csd.uconn.edu/documentation-guidelines.

4. Your student will get an email confirmation from CSD-MyAccess once registration is complete, and a second email once they have been assigned to a DSP at the Center. They are encouraged to then set up a meeting with this DSP. **It is important for your student to get into the habit of checking their UConn email account!**

**Questions? Contact us:** web- www.csd.uconn.edu, phone- 860-486-2020, email- csd@uconn.edu

Check out our Facebook! We share important dates/deadlines, news, events, and resources related to individuals with disabilities! www.facebook.com/UConnCSD
Registration 101

- Degree progress is measured in credits. Students should register for 15-17 credits per semester.
- Full load (15 credits) vs. full time (12 credits).
- Study 2-3 hours outside of class for every hour in class. 15 credits = 30-45 hours per week study time.
- Numbering 1000-4000. Most freshmen will only register for 1000-level unless bringing in ECE or AP credits.
“Holds” on the Student Administration account will block students from making any changes to registration, if:

- Bill is not paid – make sure financial aid is accepted!
- Immunizations have not been submitted
- Haven’t met with an advisor
- Alcohol Edu is not completed
- Financial Responsibility statement isn’t signed

Reminders are in student e-mail!!
First Year Experience

The First Year Experience class helps with transition to College – highly recommended!!

- Become familiar with UConn services
- Connect with students and campus activities
- Reflect on what it means to be part of a campus culture
- Get support while adjusting to high university academic expectations.
- One-credit course

https://fye.uconn.edu/
What are Gen Eds?

Requirements vary depending on school or college!!

A selection of these courses is offered at Avery Point every semester

Content Areas:
- Arts and Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Science & Technology
- Diversity & Multiculturalism
What are Gen Eds?

Competencies:
- Computer Technology
- Information Literacy
- Quantitative
- Second Language
- Writing

School or College websites are a great source of information on degree requirements!!
Academic Programs

Students can complete these programs at Avery Point!

- American Studies
- English
- Marine Sciences
- Maritime Studies
- General Studies

https://averypoint.uconn.edu/academics/undergraduate/
General advice to give your child

- “Have you checked your UConn e-mail today? Remember it is official correspondence and you are expected to know what is in your mailbox!”
- “Have you checked the Student Administration System for your bill? If you want us to help you pay for college, you have to let us know when the bill is due!”
- “How many credit hours are you carrying this semester? Find out the minimum study hours you need every week.”
- “Are you working too many hours at your job? You will need good time management to stay on track with your classes!”
- “Did you read the catalog and review the plan of study for your major on-line to make sure you are registering for the right classes? Be sure to meet with your advisor to review your choices!”
Tell your student: College is more like a roller coaster with its ups and downs and exhilarating pace. Stay strapped in – do your work and talk to your advisors! Before taking on something new, be sure to check that you are “tall enough for this ride.”
Orientation Part 2 for students will be Thursday, August 22. Be sure that your student attends (sorry, this is for students only – there is no parent program)!!