



UConn School of Law: 2024 - 2025 Incoming Exchange Student Fact Sheet

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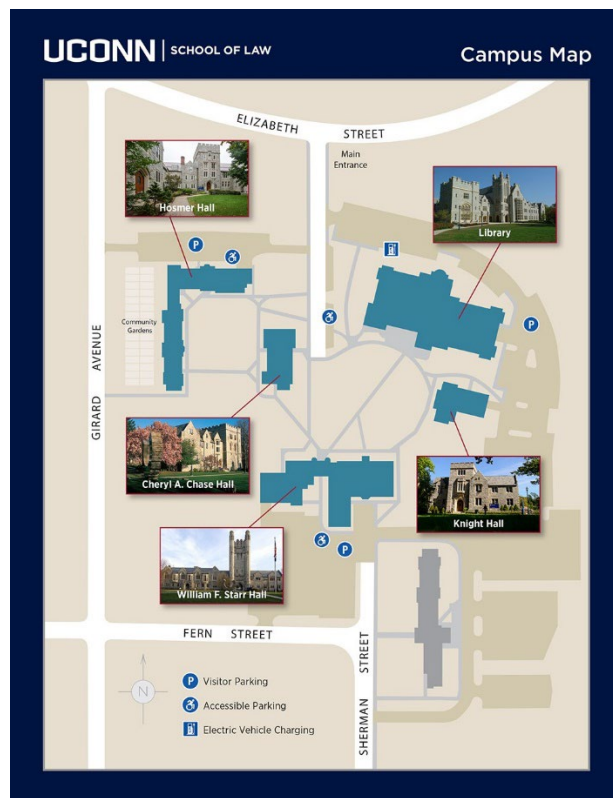
About UConn School of Law's Campus

[UConn's Law School](#) is located on a beautiful, collegiate, gothic campus in a pleasant neighborhood of Hartford, Connecticut's capital city.

UConn Law School is within two hours of New York, Boston, New Haven, Providence, ski mountains, and the seashore. Additionally, UConn students gain access to [U-Pass](#), which allows enrolled UConn students to use CT transit services for free.

Campus facilities accessible to all School of Law students:

- [Gothic-style library](#) (one of the largest law libraries in the world)
- Computer labs
- Student Services Office
- Cafeteria
- Bookstore (located on downtown campus)
- Fitness room



Academics



Exchange Programs for International Students (through partner institutions) are available in the Spring, Fall, and full academic year.

2024-2025 Academic Calendar and Important Dates

Fall 2024:

- Orientation: August 20-22, 2024 (LL.M. & Exchange)
- Classes: August 26-December 5, 2024
- Exams: December 9-19, 2024

Spring 2025:

- Orientation: January 15-17, 2025
- Classes: January 21-May 5, 2025
- Exams: May 7-15, 2025
- Graduation: May 18, 2025

Admissions



Application Procedure and Deadlines for UConn Law

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. First, partner institutions should nominate exchange students by **October 1st** for Spring enrollment and **April 1st** for Fall enrollment. Once the students have been nominated by the home institution, a welcome email will be sent to the students with the application instructions.

All international student applications should generally be received by **April 15th** for Fall enrollment or **October 15th** for Spring enrollment. Applications received before these dates will be given priority consideration.

Tuition and Fees for Exchange Students

Exchange students pay tuition and fees to their home institution. Exchange Students are responsible for the costs related to housing/accommodations, travel, visa, health insurance, books, transcript fees, and other miscellaneous expenses during the Exchange Program.

Language Requirements for Exchange Students



Language Requirements

UConn School of Law requires an English language proficiency exam. For the results to be considered valid, the exam must be taken within two years of your UConn application.

You may choose from one of the following tests to assess English language proficiency:

TOEFL: If taking the TOEFL exam, students must achieve a minimum score of 90 (internet-based).

IELTS: If taking the IELTS exam, students must achieve a minimum score of 7.0

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE): The level required is C1 or better.

Pearson Test of English (PTE): The student must score within or above the range of 65 or higher.

Exemptions

The student may be exempt from submitting a TOEFL, IELTS, CAE or PTE if:

- The student is earning a degree from a recognized institution of higher learning at which the primary language of instruction is English.

- Has earned a proficiency certificate from UCAELI (University of Connecticut American English Language Institute) [or the English Language classes offered at UConn Law with pre-approval of the International Programs department].
- Primary language is English. A primary language is defined as a language used to communicate since childhood.

Course Information



Course Selection/Registration

A description of the courses offered by UConn School of Law can be found [here](#). Click on the "Course Catalog" to see available courses. Once admitted to our exchange program, our team will assist you with course selection. Students should send course selections to our team at lawexchange@uconn.edu prior to their arrival on campus.

Students have until the end of the add/drop period to add or drop courses. Following the add/drop deadline, students will need permission from the International Programs Department to drop courses.

Course Restrictions

Students must have the necessary prerequisites described in the course catalogue in order to take a course.

Minimum Course Load

Due to visa regulations, the minimum course load required for international exchange students is 9 credits. The average course load for students is 12 credits. Students must also take enough credits to satisfy requirements from their home university.

Code of Conduct

All students will be responsible for following [UConn's Student Code of Conduct](#).

Exchange to LL.M. Advanced Standing Program



Transferring from an Exchange Student to LL.M. Degree

Upon completion of the UConn Law exchange program, exchange students can apply up to 12 credits from their international exchange at UConn Law towards the LL.M. degree 24-credit requirement.

Application to the LL.M. program is subject to the following conditions:

- Exchange students are eligible to apply to the LL.M. program while they are still working on their first law degree
- The exchange student must have applied to the LL.M. program no later than five years after the end of the student's exchange study.

- The Director of Graduate Programs & Admissions shall determine the precise number of transferable credits (student must earn a “B” or above to earn transfer credits).
- A former exchange student who transfers into the LL.M. program will not be eligible to apply for the “LL.M. to J.D. program.”

For more information, contact law.gradprograms@uconn.edu.

UConn's LL.M. Programs



LL.M. Program in U.S. Legal Studies

UConn Law offers a general LL.M. program for lawyers who obtained their first law degree outside the U.S. The program offers certificates of specialization in following areas: corporate and regulatory compliance, energy and environmental regulation, intellectual property, international human rights, tax law, and the foundations of U.S. law.

LL.M. in Energy and Environmental Law Students

The Energy and Environmental LL.M. will help students develop expertise in global energy needs, climate change, renewable energy policy and environmental policy and land use. Students will have access to externships and applied research in numerous areas.

LL.M. in Governance, Risk Management and Compliance

The Governance, Risk Management and Compliance LL.M. offers students an opportunity to study legal and regulatory risk within organizations. Students will gain competence in the law regarding enterprise risk management and governance.

LL.M. in Human Rights and Social Justice

UConn Law's LL.M. in Human Rights and Social Justice offers students the opportunity to integrate the international and domestic dimensions of social justice lawyering. Students can take classes at the law school and at the [Human Rights Institute](#).

LL.M. in Insurance Law

UConn Law's LL.M. in Insurance Law is the top destination for lawyers and students from the U.S. and around the world who seek serious graduate training in insurance and financial services law. The program offers a certificate in financial services regulation.

LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Governance

UConn School of Law's LLM in Intellectual Property Law and Information Governance positions graduates to provide legal guidance for the global business environment and prepares you for policy work and understanding how to balance competing private and public demands for innovation in the arts, markets, and new technologies.

Doctor of Laws (S.J.D.)

The S.J.D. Program is intended for individuals who have demonstrated evidence of superior scholarly potential and who are engaged in, or plan to pursue, careers in academia, government service, or the judiciary.

Student Services



Student Services Office

The Student Services Office creates an open and welcoming environment for all students. The Office provides support for professional, academic or personal matters; offers programs on wellness; connects students with resources necessary for their academic success; provides accommodations for students with different abilities; and serves as a liaison between students, faculty and staff.

Disability Services

Student Services staff are trained to provide accommodations for students. Please send requests and documentation to Student Services, at law.access@uconn.edu as soon as possible after being admitted. Please refer to the [University of Connecticut Documentation Guidelines](#).

Housing

UConn School of Law does not offer on campus housing. Nearby, furnished housing will cost anywhere between \$650 - \$1000 per month for a room or apartment. UConn Law has a number

of connections with landlords in the Hartford area who offer such accommodation. Please contact lawexchange@uconn.edu for more information.

Student Organizations

The Law School has over 30 active student organizations. Groups run the spectrum from the UConn Law Soccer Club, Capital Punishment to the Connecticut Alliance of International Lawyers and the Public Interest Law Group to the Christian Legal Society. If your interests are not piqued by the current organizations, you are welcomed and encouraged to form your own.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Student Services provided.

Logistics



Visas and Immigration Procedures

UConn International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is the office responsible for advising J-1 visa holders at UConn on matters related to your immigration status. Questions concerning your status as an international student and immigration laws that pertain to you should be referred to the ISSS on the Storrs Campus.

Website: iss.uconn.edu

Phone: (860) 486-3855

Email: international@uconn.edu

Medical insurance

Government regulations require all J-1 Exchange Visitors (EV) and their dependents to carry medical insurance throughout the period of participation in the Exchange Visitor Program as a condition of maintaining legal status. Learn more about the costs and different options for medical insurance [here](#).

Arrival and Orientation

We recommend that you arrive within two days of the start of orientation.

Our team provides exchange students with a full orientation to all the services of the Law School. Students will have the ability to meet other students, staff, and faculty to ensure a smooth start to the semester. A sample class will be provided for academic preparation.

Please see the "[Academic Calendar](#)" above in the "Academics" section of this document for dates.

Cost of Living

Furnished apartment - \$650 – \$1000 per month

Food (supermarkets) - \$200 per month

Transportation

- One-way bus ticket - \$2.00
- Monthly bus pass – \$54.00* Note: students may obtain a free local bus/train pass through UConn
- Gasoline - \$1.00 per liter

Movie ticket - \$10.00-\$20.00

Gym membership (off-campus) - \$25.00 per month

Restaurant (inexpensive to mid-range) - \$15 - \$30

Living in Hartford



The Hartford area contains many riches in cultural, recreational and educational resources. The region also offers many opportunities to see live performances and has a wealth of wonderful restaurants.

Here is a small list of what Hartford has to offer:

Museums

- Wadsworth Atheneum – oldest public art museum in the United States
- Mark Twain House
- Harriet Beecher Stowe House

Theater and music

- Bushnell Memorial Hall – Hartford symphony and theater performances
- Xfinity Theatre – concerts
- XL Center — exhibits, sports events (UConn Huskies), and concerts
- TheaterWorks – free tickets for students first Saturday of every month
- Cinestudio, RealArtWays and Cinépolis Movie Theaters — movie tickets range from \$8 (with student ID) - \$16 (evening)

Sports

- UCONN football, basketball & hockey games and Hartford Wolfpack (hockey) and Hartford Athletic (soccer) games
- Hiking, running, and biking – nearby trails are located in West Hartford reservoir
- Skiing – Three downhill ski areas in CT are within 40 minutes of the law school and cross-country skiing is also available at state parks in the area

UConn Identification Cards & Student Numbers



UConn PeopleSoft ID: Your UConn ID number (often called your PeopleSoft number) is a seven-digit number specifically assigned to you. This ID number is often referenced when discussing course registration and billing.

NetID: Your NetID gives you access to your e-mail, online course management systems (HuskyCT), and other services on campus. You will use PeopleSoft to access your grades, view your fee bill, etc. You will **NOT** use this system to register for classes.

NetID Instructions:

You should receive your NetID with instructions and activation code in two emails. If you don't receive them, you can go to NetID and click on "Find NetID".

Once you receive your NetID, please go to [NetID > Home \(uconn.edu\)](#) to activate your ID (click on "Activate NetID") and reset your password. Once you activate your NetID password, you will use the same password for your e-mail account (below). You can use this number to access the Student Administration system also known as PeopleSoft. For security reasons, we strongly recommend that you change your password the first time you login.

If you need help from the University Information Technology Services (UITs) you can call or email them:

helpcenter@uconn.edu or 860-486-4357.

UConn Email: UConn uses Outlook on Microsoft 365 to administer student email accounts. More information is available at [Microsoft Outlook - Information Technology - UConn Knowledge Base](#). You will use your NetID to access your student email. You must check your email very often as this is the primary way administrative offices at UConn will contact you.

UConn Email Instructions:

For setup instructions, visit [Setup Options | University Email \(uconn.edu\)](#)

Note: you will need your NetID number.

Your email is usually your [firstname.lastname@uconn.edu](#)

Questions?

Primary Contact for International Exchange:

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