

# THE COLLEGE VISIT MINUTE

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS Center*

**School:** University of Connecticut (UConn) **Date:** 9/17/15

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**Is the Rep a school Alum?** Yes (May 2015)

**Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes.

**Last year's Freshman Profile:** GPA - 3.5 SAT - 1234 (1400 for Honors Program) ACT – 28 (31 for Honors)

**GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs Cumulative? Weighted vs. Unweighted?** Cumulative. Unweighted.

**ACT/SAT – Written Portion?** Review essay from common app but not SAT. **Super Score?** Yes.

**Rigor - What are the average AP requirements?** Compare AP classes taken to the number of AP classes offered by the school.

**Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for?** Holistic approach, inclusive of test scores, grades, rigor compared to school, community involvement and extra-curricular activities.

**Does chosen major affect decision process?** No.

**Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?** Over 275 study abroad programs in over 65 countries. May participate for a semester/year/summer/winter break. Opportunity to obtain credit. May take UCONN classes with UCONN professors abroad.

**Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?** Over 5K part-time, on-campus job opportunities for students.

**Research Opportunities?** Yes. UCONN is a Research 1 institution. Involvement in research is encouraged starting freshman year. Opportunities to assist professors with research and receive credit for research. Opportunity to win grants to fund research.

**Special successes the school is known for:**

- Top 25 among public universities, according to US News & World Report – for 5 consecutive years. Currently ranked #19.
- Championship Women's Basketball Team.
- 90% of Nursing graduates pass the NCLEX exam, also known as the National Council Licensure Examination (standardized exam that each state board of nursing uses to determine whether or not a candidate is prepared for entry-level nursing practice).

**Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students?** No.

**When are scholarship deadlines?** December 1. Will consider merit based scholarship beyond 12/1 deadline but priority will be given to those who applied by 12/1.

**What is the Total cost of Attendance?**

Tuition, fees, residence hall and 7-day meal plan

In-State

\$25,802

Out of State

\$47,344

87% of students receive some form of financial aid (work-study, grants, loans, etc.)

## Applications

**When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?**

**December 1:** Priority Freshman application deadline for merit scholarships & Honors consideration.

**December 1:** Special programs in Law, Pharmacy, Medicine and Dental Medicine.

**January 15:** Storrs campus Freshman application deadline

**March 1:** FAFSA deadline for financial aid eligibility

**Is an essay required for all decision options?** No additional essay other than the essay from the common application.

**Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested?** No.

**Is an in-person interview required or suggested?** Only for School of Fine Arts.

**What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions?** Holistic approach, inclusive of test scores, grades, rigor compared to school, community involvement and extra-curricular activities.

**Does the school use the Common App?** Yes

**How many applicants are received per year?** N/A. 50 % acceptance rate. 3,800 Freshman in Fall 2015.

## Campus Life

**NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)?** 24 Division I sports teams

**Do freshmen live on campus?** Yes. **Are cars allowed?** Not for Freshman. 54 credit required to have a car on campus.

**What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, and apartment-style?** 118 residential buildings ranging from traditional double with 1 roommate to triple, quad, suite-style and apartment style. All, except apartment style must have meal plan. 70% of students live on campus.

### Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc)

Meals: 8 dining halls, some specializing in organic, peanut free or international meals. Unlimited swipes to the dining halls. #1 gluten free school in the country.

Clubs: Over 620 clubs and organizations. Various club and intermural sports.

**What is the undergraduate enrollment?** 18,400

**Total enrollment?**

**Female: Male Ratio—** 51:49

**Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students —** 34% of Freshman

**Percentage of students participating in Greek Life —** 11%. On campus houses, including Pan-Hellenic.

**Where is the school located? Main Campus: Storrs, CT (2 hours from NYC.)** (40 minutes from Hartford where football & basketball games are held.)

5 Regional Campuses: Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Torrington, Waterbury, CT.

**How far is it from Milton?** 1,015 miles to main campus.

### Other:

- Avery Point Campus located near Long Island Sound allowing for classes on the water. No housing at Avery Point.
- For campus safety, UCONN operates the Blue Light systems with a direct line to the police and 90 second response time. On campus Police Dept. and Fire Dept.