Introducing UConn's Class of 2030

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The University of Connecticut is welcoming almost 7,400 undergraduate students to its campuses for the 2026-2027 academic year, according to UConn Today.

This includes about 6,400 incoming first-year students and almost 1,000 transfer students, according to preliminary enrollment numbers. Enrollment numbers are finalized by the 10th day of classes.

About 4,500 first-year students and 775 transfers are joining the almost 21,000 students enrolled at the Storrs campus this fall — just shy of last year's record of 4,715 first-year Storrs students.

Regional campuses are also welcoming new students, particularly UConn Hartford, which will see about 685 first-year students — a significant jump from last year's 490 first-years, a change likely attributed to the campus' new Pratt Street residence hall, which has about 200 beds.

As for the other campuses, UConn Stamford will welcome about 900 first-year students, about 700 students will join the Waterbury campus and Avery Point will welcome more than 150 first-years.



Freshman poses with Jonathan XV in front of Connecticut Hall. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONN ON INSTAGRAM

Across all the campuses, UConn has about 25,900 undergraduates enrolled this fall, according to UConn Today.

"We are thrilled to welcome another exceptional class of students to UConn," Director of Undergraduate Admissions Vern Granger told UConn Today. "This year's incoming Huskies bring tremendous academic talent, curiosity, ambition, and a genuine desire to make a difference in their communities and beyond."

Incoming students represent 158 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities, 48 different states and 78 countries. About 37% are first-generation college students, according to UConn Today.

UConn's Class of 2030 is also welcoming 147 valedictorians and salutatorians of their graduating high school class, as well as 600 new UConn Honors students.

UConn saw about 60,000 applications this year, a slight drop from last year's record-breaking 62,000 applications.

Students officially began moving into the Storrs campus on Thursday in preparation for the first day of classes on Aug. 31. At the same time, construction continues on Gampel Pavilion, where crews have been working seven days a week all summer to upgrade the dome's roof as part of a $99.4 million renovation project.

The work at Gampel, which is expected to continue through early October, will cause some road closures nearby, including Jim Calhoun Way between Hillside Road and the entrance to South Garage (though this intersection will re-open for move-in weekend).

Hillside Road from the driveway between the Center for International Students and Scholars and the bookstore, and Diane Wright Way between Jim Calhoun Way and Lot G will also be closed.

Lot G will be closed for parking, and some parking spaces in South Garage will be restricted. The bookstore will remain open throughout construction.

Nearby buildings like the bookstore and the Rec Center have their windows covered in plastic to protect against any paint spill from the project.

Construction on Storrs' new nursing building behind South campus along Bolton Road is also well underway. The Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing is expected to open in January 2027. Once finished, the building will include a lecture hall, classrooms, a simulation lab suite, a wet lab, a human behavior research lab, a student academic center, offices and support spaces. Once finished, the school will vacate its current location at Storrs Hall and the space will be put to different use.

A Letter to the Freshmen *by Samantha Brody*

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Hi Huskies!

First and most importantly, I'd like to welcome the class of 2030 to campus! My name is Sam, and I'm the editor-in-chief of the University of Connecticut's editorially independent, student-run newspaper: The Daily Campus.

For all the new freshmen reading this, I'm happy to say that you made an excellent choice in college. For all its ups and downs, there's no place I'd rather spend these four years of my life. Between the Gampel games, beating Duke, trips to the Dairy Bar, stargazing on Horsebarn Hill and finding a place of belonging in your new favorite club, there's a lot going on that you now get to take part in.

Speaking of which, if you're in the market for a new group of friends and a new passion, I can't recommend The Daily Campus highly enough. While I made my first college friends in the UConn Marching Band, I found a sense of purpose within UConn's student paper. From packed Sunday meetings to last-minute Thursday production deadlines, I think I can say with confidence that there isn't a space on campus with as much passion, community and heart behind it.

The Daily Campus has space for everyone, with roles in writing, design, photography, art, website management, social media and more. Over our 130 years of printing, we've weathered almost every kind of storm a student newspaper can face, and we've reported stories through it all.

Throughout your time in college, I also recommend reading the paper when you have the time. As I said before, there's a lot going on here at Storrs, and it'll pass you by if you don't pay attention. We've reported some of the biggest stories this campus has seen, and if you're willing to take the time to write a story, you might just become part of it.

So, I'd suggest you keep your Sunday nights free if you can — the lights of 1266 Storrs Road will be on, and the door will always be open for you.

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