University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut, USA
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Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 32,000
- Number of campuses: 5
- Academic year: August - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – May

Things to do
The University of Connecticut is in the university town of Storrs, which is connected to the state capital, Hartford, by a number of bus routes. Connecticut and neighbouring states are in the region of New England which is famous for its white wooden panel churches, red brick buildings and fall scenery.

There are some great beaches and national parks along the north east coast and the area is well known for its outdoor activities such as mountain biking and skiing.

Top attractions: Avery’s soda factory, Lake Compounce Theme Park and Connecticut Wine Trail.

The University of Connecticut offers a range of culturally – and gastronomically – rich attractions. Tour the diverse and distinct museums; attend world-class performances in music, theatre, and the performing arts; or enjoy homemade ice cream at the UConn Dairy Bar.

There’s a wealth of things to see and do at the Storrs campus, including the Student Union (the U) with its own movie theatre, game room with video games, pool and bowling, TV lounges and food court; you can watch American football, basketball and baseball on campus; enjoy free sports facilities including an Olympic sized pool, gym, classes, and the unique Oozeball – UConn’s traditional mud volleyball tournament; join hundreds of student clubs and organisations; enjoy entertainment including concerts, stand-up comedy and plays; and chill out at UConn Late night every Friday with free food, karaoke and massage.

Travel opportunities
Storrs is located between the Boston (1.5hrs drive) and New York (3hrs drive). It has a good rail network and several bus companies including Greyhound and Peter Pan offering routes along the East Coast from the nearby state capital, Hartford.

Regular internal flights also operate from Bradley International Airport near Hartford. Further afield, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Ottawa in Canada are easily reached by train from New York or Boston.

Climate
The climate in Connecticut is characterised as a humid continental climate with cold winters and hot humid summers. In summer average temperatures are around 27°C with regular thunderstorms. Winter is usually cold and snowy, with average temperatures of -3°C to 2°C.

Finance 2018/19
Bursaries available:
- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).
- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<td>Return flight from UK (avg. 7 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

Accommodation
On campus accommodation is guaranteed for exchange students. Students live in one of 18 halls on campus in a room shared between two. All students purchase a meal plan, which is unlimited, so you can eat as much as you want in the on-campus cafes and restaurants. Kosher and Halal food stations are available as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options.

UConn accommodation has a number of Learning Communities which offer students the opportunity to live and study with others who share their interests including Global House which gives students the opportunity to live with US and international students who are interested in their world and their relationship to it. There is an airport/train station pickup and welcome programme to help you settle in with your new roommates and introduce you to the 400 student organizations available at UConn.

Further information
http://abroad.uconn.edu/

Application success rate
2016/17 = 13%
2017/18 = 10%
(Percentage of students placed at this partner out of total applications received)