

Welcome Camels!

Over the Hump is your guide to All Things Conn. In the following pages, you'll find suggestions for items to bring to campus, places to eat, clubs you can join, things to do off campus and a whole lot more. And you'll even find a mini-glossary of Conn terms so you know what we mean when we say "the Plex" or "Cro."

You'll discover new things about Conn every day you're here. Over the Hump just gives you a head start! And to stay ahead of the game, here are a few important things to do:

Log in to your Conn email account. The College communicates with students primarily by email, so check your conncoll.edu account regularly for information you need to know ... even before you arrive on campus.

Complete the Enrollment Guide. It's broken into different sections with staggered deadlines, so you don't have to tackle it all at once. However, take an initial look at the entire guide because some forms require that you get information from a provider, such as your physician. (This is especially important for student-athletes.) You'll find the Enrollment Guide on CamelWeb.

Make your travel plans. Arrival Day is Thursday, Aug. 23, and Orientation begins that day. Remember to bring your copy of Over the Hump with you!

Become part of our online community right now.



Hello Camels!

Congratulations! We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2022 to Connecticut College!

Your Student Government Association (SGA) is here to represent you in Conn's system of shared governance, which ensures that all members of our community—students, faculty, staff and administrators—are valued in the College's decision-making process. Your elected, student-run SGA provides you with a voice.

And SGA can help you pursue your passions. For example, we supported students who led campuswide initiatives to install hydration stations and hand dryers on campus as well as provide free feminine hygiene products in most restrooms. Whatever you'd like to accomplish, SGA is here for you, and for all students.

Through our Honor Council, SGA helps students uphold the College's Honor Code, a system based on trust and mutual respect that is a philosophy by which we all live. (See more about the Honor Code below and the Honor Council on page 24.)

Again, we're very excited for the Class of 2022 to join us on campus. The summer will go by in a flash, and soon you will be a Camel. In the meantime, if you would like more information about SGA and how we can help you, check out our website sga.conncoll.edu/index.htm. If you have any questions, please email us at connsga@conncoll.edu.

We can't wait to meet you!

Your Student Government Association

*A note from
your SGA*

About the Honor Code

- The Honor Code is taken seriously by students, staff and faculty, and is an integral part of Connecticut College.
- Through the Honor Code, students uphold academic excellence and high community standards by practicing responsible citizenship and taking responsibility for their choices.
- It provides academic and behavioral guidelines that promote a spirit of integrity and respect among students, staff and faculty.
- Our Honor Code is one of the most extensive student-enforced codes in collegiate America.
- This system is the foundation of student shared governance and gives students a variety of responsibilities and privileges such as unproctored and self-scheduled exams.

During Orientation, you will learn about the Honor Code and you'll sign the Honor Code Matriculation Pledge. Only after you sign this pledge will you have officially matriculated. When you arrive on campus, you will receive information about the College's Student Handbook which details our College policies and your responsibilities as a student.

www.conncoll.edu/honor-code

THE LINGO

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- ★ **191 House (D4)** – Independent living apartment located between the Ridges and Abbey House.
 - ★ **360 (H4)** – One of several apartment residences on campus, located next to Earth House.
 - ★ **ABBEY (D4)** – Abbey House, a student residence located across Mohegan Avenue.
 - ★ **AC (G5)** – Athletic Center.
 - ★ **ARBO (F1)** – The College's 750-acre campus is managed as an arboretum, but the 445 acres located across Williams Street are most commonly referred to as the Arbo. It's an outside laboratory for the sciences, a habitat for native plants and animals, a place for students to relax with friends, and a park for the community.
 - ★ **ARC (F2)** – Academic Resource Center, located in Shain Library.
 - ★ **BLUE CAMEL CAFE (F2)** – The Blue Camel Cafe offers a variety of specialty coffees and teas, along with soup, snacks and baked goods. The Blue Camel is located on the first floor of Shain Library and is also a 24-hour study space you can access with your Camel Card.
 - ★ **THE BARN (H2)** – Located near Cro and the Plex, this is the designated rehearsal space for student bands. See MOBROC.
 - ★ **CAMEL CARD** – The Camel Card is your main student identification. It gets you into buildings and holds printing funds, Dining Dollars and Camel Cash. See pages 15-16.
 - ★ **CAMEL VAN** – The College's van service between campus and greater New London locations. See page 51.
 - ★ **CAMELWEB** – The College's intranet, a private network just for members of the campus community.
 - ★ **THE CENTERS** – The centers are five unique programs for interdisciplinary scholarship. Four centers grant certificates:
 - Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology
 - Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment
 - Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy
 - Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts
- Generally, sophomores apply to these centers, and each program culminates with a senior integrative project.
- The fifth center, the Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity, is the hub for researching and teaching race and ethnicity across the disciplines.
 - ★ **COFFEE CLOSET (E2 & E4)** – This student-run organization operates two locations: the original cafe near the first-floor entrance of Cummings Arts Center, and the Walk-in Coffee Closet on the first floor of Harkness House.
 - ★ **COFFEE GROUNDS (G3)** – A student-run cafe in Katharine Blunt House (see KB) serving bagels, pastries, and gourmet coffees and teas, and featuring student art and entertainment.
 - ★ **THE COLLEGE VOICE** – The student-run campus newspaper. New writers, photographers and designers are always welcome to attend meetings.
 - ★ **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (G2)** – Community learning and civic engagement are fostered through the Community Partnerships (CP) office. CP unites with

organizations in the greater New London area to address community priorities including education, food systems, housing, immigrant rights, health care and social justice.

- ★ **CONN COLLEGE LIVE** – Conn's Twitter feed for campus event info. Learn about upcoming lectures, athletic games, performances, lunch/dinner menus and more. @ConnCollegeLive
- ★ **CONNECTIONS** – A curriculum unique to Conn, Connections will prepare you to solve the problems facing an increasingly complex world. See page 28.
- ★ **CONNCOURSE** – In a ConnCourse, you'll connect areas of the liberal arts and explore different modes of thinking. ConnCourses cultivate and encourage an integrative approach to learning and problem-solving.
- ★ **CONNQUEST** – An online resource for student clubs and organizations, accessible via CamelWeb, that provides a wall to post messages, photo galleries, events, member lists and more.
- ★ **CRO (62)** – The College Center at Crozier-Williams is the student center and home to the Oasis Snack Shop, Humphrey's, Cro's Nest, Cro-Pit, Bookshop, Post Office, SGA, Camel Card office, Community Partnerships and The College Voice. Many student clubs meet in Cro, and most offices related to student life can be found here.
- ★ **EARTH HOUSE (H4)** – A house in north campus where all residents commit to ecofriendly living and a focal point for green activities on campus.
- ★ **ECLIPSE** – This spring event includes an array of dance, such as capoeira, salsa and hip-hop, and fashion shows.
- ★ **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (B2)** – The maintenance staff on campus. They handle everything from repairs to custodial services to clearing snow in the winter. Something not working? We need to know. Submit a work request on CamelWeb.
- ★ **FALL WEEKEND** – A weekend to show your family the sights on campus, catch a soccer game on Tempel Green, enjoy events like Harvestfest and meet up with alumni.
- ★ **FELLOWSHIPS** – With an education from Conn, and the support of the Office of the Dean of the College and the Walter Commons for Global Study and Engagement, you will be in a prime position to compete for high-profile scholarships and fellowships. We're consistently recognized as a top producer of Fulbright scholars. Our students have also received the prestigious Davis Projects for Peace, Goldwater and Rangel fellowships.
- ★ **FESTIVUS** – From a famous *Seinfeld* episode, Festivus is a non-denominational holiday party. Small celebrations around campus are followed by an all-campus party in Cro.
- ★ **FG** – The Floor Governor is a member of the residential living staff who helps develop and coordinate social and educational programming.
- ★ **FLORALIA** – An annual outdoor spring concert with live music, attractions, dancing and more. Held in early May, Floralia is one of the most popular events of the year.
- ★ **FLYING CAMEL SHUTTLE** – The College partners with a local transportation company to offer students a discounted fare for shuttle transportation between T.F. Green Airport (Warwick, Rhode Island) and JFK Airport (New York) and the College. The shuttle service is offered during Thanksgiving, winter, spring and summer breaks.
- ★ **FOUNDERS DAY** – Celebrated April 5, this marks the anniversary of the day the College was officially chartered in 1911.
- ★ **FYS** – First-Year Seminars are limited to 16 students and focus on close student-faculty interaction, a lively exchange of views, and instruction in writing and critical reading and analysis. Dozens of seminars in a wide array of topics are offered each year. Your seminar instructor also serves as your pre-major adviser.
- ★ **GENESIS** – A year-long program designed to acclimate, support and empower first-generation and/or first-year students of color.

- ★ **GREEN DOT** – Our violence prevention strategy. Green Dot encourages bystanders to make a choice and then take action by doing something to prevent violence from happening in our community.
- ★ **HARRIS (H2)** – Harris Refectory is the largest dining hall on campus and is located in the Plex.
- ★ **HARVESTFEST** – An outdoor carnival/festival with food, crafts and entertainment organized by all the student organizations, teams and residence houses on campus during Fall Weekend. Sponsored by SAC.
- ★ **HONOR COUNCIL** – A body of students elected to review any breaches of the Honor Code.
- ★ **HOUSEFELLOW** – A student trained to provide academic, emotional and social support to house residents.
- ★ **INTEGRATIVE PATHWAYS** – A series of courses that weave through your entire Conn experience. Every Pathway is organized around a central theme and exposes students to different modes of intellectual inquiry, including creative expression, critical interpretation and analysis, quantitative and formal reasoning, scientific inquiry and analysis, and social and historical inquiry. See page 30.
- ★ **JA (D2)** – Jane Addams House, located in south campus.
- ★ **KB (H3)** – Katharine Blunt House, located across from Cro and named after a longtime Conn president. Also home to Coffee Grounds.
- ★ **LGBTQIA (G3)** – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning, intersex and asexual. Conn's LGBTQIA Center serves the unique needs of students by providing a supportive space, resource library, social events and educational programming.
- ★ **MOBROC** – Musicians Organized for Bands' Rights on Campus. A student-run organization comprising student bands. They're in charge of scheduling acts for many of the College's concerts and providing rehearsal space (The Barn) for student bands. If you're looking to start or join a band on campus, check them out.
- ★ **MOODLE** – Learning management system used to deliver course materials, including text, audio and video; collect assignments; conduct discussions; post grades; facilitate communication between students and faculty; or do any number of course-related activities online.
- ★ **NESCAC** – We belong to the New England Small College Athletic Conference, composed of 11 highly selective liberal arts colleges. See page 35.
- ★ **OASIS (G2)** – Snack shop in Cro. Students, staff and faculty go here to grab a bite and chat.
- ★ **ODYSSEY** – A pre-Orientation program for first-year international students and their families that includes workshops, including on immigration and visa regulations, to help make the transition to Conn as smooth as possible.
- ★ **PATHWAYS** – See “Integrative Pathways.”
- ★ **PEEPS** – Peer Health Educators are student leaders who offer health promotion programs—designed by students for students—to address various health and wellness topics, including stress management and sleep.
- ★ **THE PLEX (H2)** – The complex of six north campus residential houses: Hamilton, Lambdin, Johnson, Morrisson, Park and Wright. One-third of students live here. It's attached to Harris Refectory, the College's largest dining hall. The corridor above Harris that connects the residence houses is called Main Street.
- ★ **REGISTRAR (E3)** – This office supports the education of students at the College, protects the integrity of the CC degree, and maintains permanent academic records for current and former students. The office also maintains, interprets and monitors academic policy, and communicates procedures to students, faculty and administrative staff. Located on the first floor of Fanning Hall, Room 105.
- ★ **THE RIDGE/RIDGES (C4)** – The River Ridge Apartments, located across Mohegan Avenue, offer apartment-style housing for sophomores, juniors and seniors who apply.

- ★ **RUANE'S DEN (E2)** – This space in Harkness House is home to the Walk-in Coffee Closet and offers coffee, snacks and an outside patio with tables for doing work.
- ★ **SA** – Student Adviser. Your student adviser is part of the advising team at Conn.
- ★ **SAC** – The Student Activities Council is responsible for organizing many of the social activities on campus, including dances, off-campus trips, study breaks, Winter Formal and Floralía.
- ★ **SGA** – The Student Government Association governs the academic, social and residential life of students.
- ★ **SHAIN (F2)** – Charles E. Shain Library is the College's main library, which recently underwent an extensive renovation. The building features much natural light, a grand reading room, an outlet at each seat, 10 group study rooms and the Blue Camel Cafe, which serves as a 24-hour study space.
- ★ **STUDENT SUPPORT NETWORK (SSN)** – A program in which students are trained by Student Counseling Services to identify other students in distress, engage them in conversation and refer them to services as needed.
- ★ **TEMPEL GREEN (E2)** – Truly the centerpiece of campus, Tempel Green

is a gathering place, a field for athletic competitions, the location of several all-campus events and a stunning spot from which to take in views of Long Island Sound.

- ★ **UNITY HOUSE (G4)** – The College's multicultural center, which supports underrepresented and first-generation college students through mentoring and culturally relevant programming.
- ★ **WCNI (H3)** – The campus radio station, 90.9 FM, located at the north end of Cro. Plays a variety of music, including hip-hop, indie, pop, funk, Latin, reggae and classical. Listen online at www.wcniradio.org.
- ★ **WINCHES (E5)** – Winchester Road apartment-style housing for upperclass students.
- ★ **WOMXN'S CENTER (G3)** – A community working to educate, advocate and create an environment in which historically marginalized identities are discussed critically and openly celebrated. Collaborating with various student organizations, offices, and academic departments to build solidarity within the College and the local New London community.
- ★ **ZIPCAR (G3)** – Reserve online if you need temporary wheels. See page 51.

Curious about where some of these places are on campus? The alphanumeric code refers to areas of the map on the inside front cover.



WHAT TO BRING

Your room will come with an extra-long twin bed, dresser, closet space, desk, chair and wired and wireless internet connections. To make it your home for the next year, you'll want to consider bringing or buying the following items:

Must have:

- Your copy of **Over the Hump!**
- Bed linens (twin extra-long: 80" L x 36" W x 7" D)
- Mattress pad
- Pillow(s)
- Blanket
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal toiletries, carrying caddy
- Winter coat, hat, gloves
- Umbrella
- Government-issued identification for employment, e.g. birth certificate, Social Security card

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Very helpful to have:

- Laptop computer with ethernet cable (If you need to purchase a computer, Apple and Dell offer excellent discounts on many models for Conn students. Learn more at <https://www.conncoll.edu/information-services/purchasing/>)
- Power strip/surge protector
- Extension cord
- Desk lamp or floor lamp, lightbulbs (LED or CFL)
- Laundry basket, detergent *
- Shower slippers or flip-flops
- Clothes hangers
- Outfit for formal occasions (dress, suit or equivalent)
- Rain boots, snow boots
- School supplies: pens, pencils, etc.
- Travel mug
- Desk fan, room fan
- Posters
- Pushpins/nonstick adhesive squares for hanging posters
- Alarm clock
- Backpack
- Storage containers
- Doorstop
- Dry-erase board
- First-aid kit, digital thermometer, hot pack, ice pack
- Ear plugs and eye mask (If you're a light sleeper!)
- Books and supplies for classes (Each professor will inform you about what you need and all books are available at the Bookshop, the library or through our student-run lending library that provides free course books to students.)
- Microwave
- Refrigerator (A rental service is available through the College.)
- Rug

* Your Camel Card holds Camel Cash that can be used to do laundry. (See page 15.)

Items for fun on campus and in New London

- Beach towel
- Bicycle with durable lock
- Camera
- Sled
- TV, DVD/Blu-ray player
- Blanket for lounging on the green

You may want to share some items with your roommate(s), such as a TV or fridge. Check with them first so you don't have duplicates, and to discuss sharing the cost.

What to bring if you're an international student

In addition to the other items listed in this section, you must travel with the following:

- Airline tickets
- Form I-20
- Passport and visa

If you bring any electronic devices from home, bring power converters/adapters so you can use them on campus. You may also want to bring other small personal items such as photographs, maps, posters and snacks.

There will be opportunities to go shopping during Odyssey, the pre-Orientation program for international students, so you may want to bring only the items that cannot easily be acquired in the United States, such as medications.

For more information, please check the International Students Handbook.

Please leave at home

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| ■ Hot plates/skillets, hibachis and grills | ■ Ceiling fans/lights |
| ■ Toaster ovens | ■ Halogen lamps |
| ■ Space heaters | ■ Outside TV antenna or satellite dish |
| ■ Candles and incense | ■ Pets |
| ■ Flammable fluids | ■ Wireless routers (We provide phone, cable and data connectivity to every room on campus.) |
| ■ Air conditioners | |

Orientation

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Arrival Day is **Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.**

New Student Orientation (for first-year and transfer students) is **Thursday, Aug. 23, through Monday, Aug. 27.**

All new students must arrive on Thursday, Aug. 23, between 9 and 11 a.m. (with the exception of students who will be participating in one of the optional pre-Orientation programs—see below).

At your residence house, you will have the opportunity to meet your roommate(s), housefellow and floor governor.

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch will be available at various dining halls around campus and is free to all.
1:30 - 4 p.m.	Separate sessions for students and parents and families.
4:30 p.m.	President's Assembly in Palmer Auditorium.
5:30 p.m.	Dessert reception, after which parents and families will say goodbye and depart.

Full schedules for Arrival Day and Orientation will be available online in early August.

During the first few days, you will meet with your advising team to discuss course selections for the fall semester. You will attend workshops, both academic and social, to help you get better acquainted with the organizations, resources, traditions and activities of Connecticut College. Your residence house staff, whom you will meet on Arrival Day, will help guide you throughout all of Orientation.

In addition to Orientation, which is mandatory, the College offers two optional pre-Orientation programs for first-year students:

- **Genesis:** A year-long program designed to acclimate, support and empower first-generation and/or first-year students of color. Prior to the start of Orientation, Genesis participants meet your peer mentors and engage in a series of activities and team-building exercises. You will also be introduced to various campus resources that will support your successful transition to Conn. For more information, contact unity@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2628.
- **Odyssey:** This program gives international students an opportunity to get to know the College and each other, and learn about resources on campus. For more information, contact the international student adviser at DOC@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2050.