



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

University of Connecticut, USA

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Exchange students' website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May
Number of students currently enrolled	>32,000
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Students may not take Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Social Work, Medicine, or Education courses
General Costs	Total cost for the year is estimated to be around \$23,000 including insurance, flights, visa costs. Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of sufficient finances in order to receive your visa. Your host will provide more information on this if you are allocated an exchange place.
About the University	Ranked among the top 20 public universities in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report, the University of Connecticut (UConn) enrolls approximately 18,000 undergraduate students at UConn's main campus in Storrs. At UConn, our faculty, staff, and students are dedicated to learning more about the world around them through research. That's what makes us one of the nation's Top 20 public universities. Collaborative research is carried out within the departments of our 14 schools and colleges and at our more than 100 research centres and institutes.

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What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at UConn, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Course directory</p> <p>Areas of Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Schools and Colleges of Agriculture & Natural Resources· Engineering,· Liberal Arts & Sciences,· Business (courses are restricted to Business majors only)· Limited course availability: Fine Arts & Statistics <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>

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Academic Restrictions	<p>Students may not take</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Nursing · Pharmacy · Law · Social Work · Medicine · Education courses <p>Students are required to submit their course preferences as part of the online application process. Upper-division courses (2000 level and above) require evidence of pre-requisites.</p> <p>UConn will make every effort to assist exchange students to register for the courses they request in their course preference form. However, students should understand that not all courses listed in the school bulletins will be offered each semester, and some courses will have limited enrolment.</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	<p>Orientation is mandatory. Late arrivals are not permitted except for unforeseen circumstance (i.e. weather, flight cancellation...). All incoming exchange students are required to participate on orientation which start on the next day after arriving day.</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University Accommodation	<p>UConn recommends that all exchange students live on campus in residence halls. On-campus housing is guaranteed for exchange</p>
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	<p>students if students apply to housing on time. On-campus living is an important part of American university life, and by living on campus, you become an active member of the UConn community and have access to all the social, recreational, and cultural events that take place.</p> <p>Once you have applied for housing, you will be contacted by Residence Life with instructions on how to complete the room selection process. The housing selection process takes place in early December for spring and calendar year exchange students and in late May for fall and academic year exchange students.</p> <p>Residential Life cannot guarantee singles or requests for specific learning communities. The roommate experience is also considered an essential part of American university life, and almost all exchange students are paired with a roommate since there are very few single rooms on campus.</p> <p>Residence Life website</p>
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Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Full academic year</p> <p>University accommodation: \$7,500-14,500 depending on room</p> <p>Meal plan: Around \$6,000, depends on meal plan choice</p> <p>Personal expenses: \$2,000</p> <p>Transit Fee: \$160</p> <p>Activity Fee: \$190</p> <p>Technology Fee: \$60</p>

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	<p>Recreation Fee: \$500</p> <p>Health & Wellness Fee: \$580</p> <p>Books and supplies: \$600-1000</p> <p>Insurance: Around \$2,946 for the 22/23 year, cost may increase in subsequent years</p> <p>Flights: ~\$800-1,200</p> <p>Visa: around \$400, keep in mind associated costs like getting to a consulate/embassy</p> <p>Total: ~\$23,000</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
Insurance	<p>It is mandatory for all exchange students to have personal medical insurance that meets all J-1 visa requirements. All exchange students are able to purchase UConn Health Insurance that meets all stated J-1 visa requirements</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p>

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	<p>Accepted exchange students will receive a DS-2019 form from UConn. This is needed to obtain your J-1 visa from the US Consulate/Embassy. Students must submit proof of sufficient funds for their term of study.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
Employment	<p>J-1 students are allowed to work on campus for up to 20 hrs per week during the semester and 40 hrs during the break periods when classes are not in session. This includes during winter intersession, thanksgiving and spring breaks, and summer term. J-1 students MUST receive employment authorization from UConn's International Student & Scholar Services BEFORE starting their on-campus job.</p>
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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