Off-Campus Living …..
A Roadmap for Commuters, Parents and Family Members

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Who is Off-Campus Student Services...

☑ Assists Students, Faculty, and Staff Find Off-Campus Housing

☑ Program for students living off-campus and for students commuting to campus.

☑ Serve as a resource for the Town of Mansfield and other External Agencies (i.e. CT State Police, Faith Leaders, Property Managers)

☑ Assist students with off-campus living issues (ex. lease navigation, roommate issues, landlord complaints, commuter safety tips)

☑ Educate students on their rights and responsibilities of living in a community.

☑ Collaboration with UConn Regional Campuses and UConn Professional Schools (i.e. School of Business, School of Law and School of Social Work)
Off-Campus Community Leader Program

Off-Campus Community Leaders are undergraduate or graduate students hired, trained and supervised by Off-Campus Student Services.

The Off-Campus Community Leader is responsible for coordinating programs for off-campus students and provide student perspectives to the Off-Campus Student Services staff for the creation of programs and services.
Off-Campus Living

True Commuters
Commuter Appreciation Week

Events are held in convenient locations for UConn Commuters such as the Student Union, Fairfield Way, and various parking lots.

All events are free!

Fall ‘18 Semester: First full week of October (Oct. 1-5)

Spring ‘19 Semester: First full week of April (April 1-5)
# 2018 Commuter Schedule

**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

*Please check often for updates.*

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<td>Commuter Students meet with your WOW Leaders</td>
<td>Student Union Commuter Lounge (SU108)</td>
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<td>Meet up with your WOW group to make your way over to the Great Lawn</td>
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<td>to participate in this annual tradition!!</td>
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<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Class Photo</td>
<td>The Great Lawn, Rain Location - Shenkman</td>
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<td>The class of 2021 gathers for its official photo.</td>
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<td><strong>Immediately Following Class Photo</strong></td>
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<td>InterAct Performances</td>
<td>Jorgenson Center for the Performing Arts,</td>
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<td>Protect our Pack: Bystander Intervention Training</td>
<td>Student Union Theatre, Laurel Hall 102</td>
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<td>12:00pm</td>
<td>New Commuter Lunch and Learn</td>
<td>Student Union Room 304B</td>
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<td>1:30pm</td>
<td>Campus Tours</td>
<td>Across Campus</td>
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<td>3:00pm</td>
<td>Join your WOW Leader in seeing all UConn has to offer. You will</td>
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<td>get to meet the people who run each area you will visit. It is</td>
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<td>your time to ask questions, get involved, figure out where your</td>
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<td>classes are, and explore some new spaces!</td>
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Get Involved at UConn!

Fall Involvement Fair
Wednesday, September 5th, 2018
Fairfield Way
Number of Students who Commute or Live Off-Campus at the Storrs Campus?

Approx. 12,000

undergrads, graduate, professional students and non matriculated
Undergraduate Housing Comparison

On Campus Vs. Commuter

Data Collected at the start of Fall 2016 Term
Top 3 Reasons Students Move Off-Campus

Friends

Freedom

Funds

UCONN
Off-Campus Living Costs

Range = $900 – $1500 / Month
4 Types of Buses at UConn

- **Peter Pan buses** *(costs vary)*
  - Travel to Hartford, Providence, Boston, NYC, etc.
  - Stop location in front of Bookstore & Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center
    » *For more information: peterpanbus.com*

- **CT Transit Bus**
  - Travel between UConn Hartford and UConn Storrs
  - Stop locations in front of Whitney Hall, Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center and Four Corners
    » *For more information: www.CTtransit.com*

- **Storrs-Willimantic Bus - Windham Region Transit District** *(Free w/UConn ID)*
  » *For more information: www.wrtd.net*

- **UConn Campus Buses** *(Free)*
  » *For more information: transpo.uconn.edu/*
U-Pass CT

• Order Yours Now!

• Valid for unlimited rides within Connecticut on all local & express buses
  – No payment necessary

• Students need the U-Pass CT and a valid UConn student ID to ride CT public buses and trains

• To order your U-Pass CT: upass.uconn.edu
myUConn Mobile App
There are 7 bus routes that typically run every 15-30 minutes.

**UConn Bus Lines**

Bus Tracker

[www.transpo.uconn.edu](http://www.transpo.uconn.edu)

Provides a free network of shuttle buses and accessible vans for UConn at the Storrs campus. Bus routes range with daily loops around campus and to commuter parking lots, as well as late night and weekend shuttles.

*Students can track UConn buses by downloading the live bus tracker app available for iPhone and Android!*
Off-Campus Housing within Walking Distance or on the UConn/WRTD Bus Route

**Housing within Walking Distance:**
- Carriage House Apartments
- Celeron Square Apartments
  - Clubhouse Apartments
- Hunting Lodge Apartments
  - Knollwood Apartments
  - Oakwood Apartments
- Orchard Acres Apartments
- The Oaks on the Square

**On the UConn Apartment Shuttle Route:**
- Carriage House Apartments
  - Celeron Square
  - Clubhouse Apartments
- Hunting Lodge Apartments

**On the Willimantic Regional Transit District Bus Route (WRTD):**
- Colonial Townhouse Apartments
Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center

• Located in the heart of Storrs Center, Mansfield’s downtown.
• Provides easy access to Windham Region Transit District (WRTD) buses and UConn shuttles.
• The Peter Pan bus line has also added the Nash-Zimmer as a stop, providing access to Hartford, Providence, and Boston via public transit.
• Minutes from Price Chopper Supermarket
When To Arrive on Campus?

30 Minutes Prior to the start of a Class or Commitment
Parking Pass Rates & Options at UConn

Traditional Commuter Student Permit: $279

Student Garage Permit - Designated Garage Only: $620.02 (includes tax)
  Commuter students, including TA/GA Commuters, on a first come, first served basis
  (active waiting list)

Remote C Lot Permit - C Lot ONLY: $234
  Any commuter student, TA/GA, or resident student with 54 or more credits, on a first come, first served basis

W Lot Permit - W Lot ONLY: $234
  Any resident student with 54 or more credits, commuters and TA/GA

July 1, 2018 Student Online Permits Available
For more information visit: www.park.uconn.edu

Note: Costs include Fall, Spring, Winter, and Summer Parking
Location
Walking distance, biking distance, on the bus line, or do you have your own transportation?

Cost
Price range and budget for utilities (if they are not included in the rent)?

Residential Style
What type of rental unit are you looking for? House, condominium, apartment? Furnished or unfurnished?

Timing
Are you interested in a short-term (monthly) or long-term (yearly) lease?

Number of Occupants
Do you want to live with roommates? If so, how many? What is the maximum capacity?

FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Here are some things to keep in mind when looking for a home:

Amenities
Would you like laundry machines, dishwasher, central air, pool and/or gym?

Accessibility
If you have a disability, is the facility's structure accessible for your needs?

Pet Friendliness
Do you have or want to get a pet? What restrictions are there?
Off-Campus Housing Fairs

Held twice a year....
Fall and Spring in the Student Union Ballroom

The Housing Fair Features:
• Local property management companies and landlords
• Town and University Offices
• Furniture Rental Companies
• Parking Services

Fall Housing Fair: Tuesday, November 6th
Spring Housing Fair: Tuesday, March 5th
Commuter Lounge

Located on the first floor of the Student Union (Room 108)

The Commuter Lounge is a great place to hang out while on campus. It includes a large screen television, day lockers, information racks, bulletin board, refrigerator, microwaves and sink.
Students living off campus or in a University apartment can purchase a community plan. Block of 25 meals, for $282.00 and can be used in any of our 8 Residential Dining Units. Unused meals roll over from year to year. Year Round Plan with no daily limit and you can pay for a guest by using one of your meals.
Protect your property!

- Whether you rent a room, apartment, or house, OCSS recommends investing in a renter's insurance policy.
- Costs as little as $100 a year.
- Covers your personal belongings in the case of theft and/or damage.
- Provides liability coverage in the event someone is injured either in your rental or on the property where you rental is located.
Budgeting
Time Management
Independence
Relationship Management
Community Expectations
Understanding of Contracts and Leases
Living off-campus provides the opportunity to live more independently with increased rights and responsibilities as a tenant & community member.
Thank You!