81 Things
TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

Prove You Bleed Blue

1. Kick off the fall semester at the annual UConn Hartford Welcome Reception
2. Attend a basketball or hockey game at the XL Center
3. Enjoy UConn Dairy Bar ice cream at Bear’s Smokehouse
4. Follow UConn President Tom Katsouleas on Instagram and Twitter (@PrezTomKat)
5. Get your very own Husky at a “Stuff a Husky” event
6. Visit the Husky Heritage Sports Museum located in the Alumni Center in Storrs
7. Tailgate before a home football game and post a picture of yourself using #UConnTailgate
8. Get your UConn gear at the UConn Barnes & Noble Bookstore
9. Learn the words to the “UConn Fight Song” and sing it at a game

Prepare for Academic Success

10. Meet with your advisors and stay on track to graduate
11. Network with a UConn alum
12. Get a résumé critique or LinkedIn consultation from the Center for Career Development
13. Sign up for a group study room in the UConn Hartford Library at the Hartford Public Library
14. Attend your professors’ office hours
15. Access thousands of eBooks and articles from the library’s website
17. Find your favorite study spot on campus
18. Attend a program or event in the Academic Achievement Center (AAC)
19. Take a class out of your comfort zone
20. Take a UNIV 1000 course to learn about something you find interesting
21. Form a study group with classmates and share notes

Engage with the Hartford Campus

22. Have a conversation with a faculty outside of class (even better if it’s not about their academic discipline)
23. Attend a “Hear Us Out” event
24. Pray, meditate, or do yoga in the Interfaith Room
25. Explore the Graduate Programs (OPP, SW, Novag, Law, and BIU) and the Sustainable Global Cities Initiative at the Hartford campus
26. Follow UConn Hartford on Instagram
27. Get creative in The Travelers Collaborative
28. Get to know the UConn police officers at one of their events
29. Take a photo on the front steps of the Hartford Times Building (perfect location for a photo in your cap and gown)
30. Expand your horizons by talking to students in other disciplines

Be Involved

31. Vote in a student election
32. Relax with your friends in the Student Center
33. Go to an Involvement Fair and get involved in one of the student organizations on campus
34. Meet the USG President
35. Apply to be an orientation leader, FYE mentor, or another campus leader
36. Participate in a USG event
37. Attend a program at the Hartford Public Library
38. Learn from your classmates about their non-English native language or ethnic traditions
39. Run the Hartford Marathon or any of the many 5K races and walks in the Hartford area
40. Volunteer at a Hartford shelter or food pantry/kitchen

41. Attend the annual “Back to the Times” carol sing on the steps of the Hartford Times Building
42. Take a self-defense class offered by the UConn Police Department
43. Attend a program on campus civility and diversity

Connect with UConn Campuses

44. Take the CT Transit 912 bus to/from Storrs
45. Participate in an official Spring Weekend event
46. Visit another regional campus
47. Fundraise and participate in HuskyTHON for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
48. Take an online class at another campus
49. Access HuskyPrint from any campus
50. Travel somewhere new through Education Abroad or take an alternative break with Community Outreach
51. Play Oozeball

Explore Your Surroundings

52. Visit the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art for free with your UConn ID
53. Ride the carousel in Bushnell Park
54. Take a walk along the Connecticut River
55. See a movie at Spotlight Theatres
56. Go to a Hartford Yard Goats baseball game or a Hartford Athletics soccer game
57. Visit the Connecticut Science Center
58. Experience one of the Riverfront Recapture events (Dragon Boat Festival, Summer Yoga, etc.)
59. Explore the Hartford Public Library and all it has to offer
60. Use your UPass to explore Connecticut
61. See a show at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center, Sea Tea Improv, Infinity Music Hall, Theaterworks, or Hartford Stage
62. Go ice skating at Bushnell Park during Winterfest Hartford
63. Walk around the Hartford’s Ancient Burying Ground
64. Visit the Connecticut State Capitol building
65. Take part in the annual ConnectiCon Convention
66. Cruise the Connecticut River on a boat
67. Check out Hartford events @ hartford.com

Eat Across Town

68. On a nice day, grab a coffee at Story and Soil and/or Spectra Wired Café
69. Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a great conversation at Starbucks
70. Enjoy a cup or cone at Capital Ice Cream
71. Take a walk along the Connecticut River
72. Try a food truck near Connecticut’s Old State House
73. Enjoy lunch at one of the front Street restaurants
74. Take a self-defense class offered by the UConn Police Department
75. Attend a program on campus civility and diversity
76. Follow @UConn on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube
77. Take a picture in front of the gateway UConn sign. If you’re in a cap and gown that’s even better!
78. Fundraise and participate in HuskyTHON for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
79. Take an online class or attend class at another campus
80. Celebrate your upcoming graduation at the Senior Ceremony or another graduation celebration
81. Traditions never graduate, but you do. Walk across the stage during Commencement and remember: Students Today, Huskies Forever!
In 1880, brothers Charles and Augustus Storrs donated land and money to start an agricultural school in Connecticut. In 1881, the Connecticut governor signed legislation accepting the Storrs' gift, and classes at Storrs Agricultural School began on Sept. 28. More than 130 years later, here we are as one of the top 25 public universities in the nation.

In commemoration of our founding in 1881, UConn’s list of 81 Things to Do Before You Graduate shows you how to be a student today and a Husky forever, and it honors UConn’s history, present, and future. On behalf of UConn, this list is curated by the UConn Student Alumni Association, and more information can be found online at saa.rso.uconn.edu. We hope you’ll enjoy learning about UConn traditions as much as we enjoy creating and preserving them.

**UConn Husky**
*(Fight Song)*

UConn Husky, symbol of might to the foe.  
Fight, fight Connecticut, it’s vict’ry, Let’s go  
Connecticut U Conn Husky, vict’ry again for the White and Blue  
So go, go, go Connecticut, ConnecticuT U Fight!  
C-O-N-N-U. Fight! (repeat)

**Old Connecticut**
*(Alma Mater)*

Once more, as we gather today,  
To sing our Alma Mater’s praise,  
And join in the fellowship strong,  
Which inspires our college days.  
We’re backing our teams in the strife  
Cheering them to victory!  
And pledge anew to old Connecticut,  
Our steadfast spirit of loyalty.  
(Chorus)  
Connecticut, Connecticut,  
Thy sons and daughters true  
Unite to honor thy name,  
Our fairest White and Blue.

**Chants & Cheers:** Follow along with UConn Cheer, UConn Dance, and Jonathan the Husky during games!

- **Let’s Go Huskies!**
  Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap

- **Make the letters with your arms**
  U-C-O-N-N

- **UConn! UConn! UConn!**

- **Stadium call & response**
  Blue (Blue!)  
  White (White!)  
  Go (Go!)  
  Huskies! (Huskies!)

- **HU**
- **SK**
- **I**
- **E**
- **S**
  Go Huskies!

- **UConn! Huskies!**
  UConn! Huskies!  
  UConn! Huskies!  
  Huskies! UConn!  
  Woooooowwwwwwwwwwwwww!

**Find Your Hashtag**

#UConn  
#UConnNation  
#HuskiesForever

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