

# 81 Things TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

2021–2022  
Hartford Edition

## Prove You Bleed Blue

- ☐ 1. Kick off the fall semester at our annual UConn Hartford Welcome Reception
- ☐ 2. Attend a basketball or hockey game at the XL Center to cheer on your beloved Huskies
- ☐ 3. Enjoy #UConnDairyBar ice cream at Bear's Smokehouse BBQ
- ☐ 4. Get your very own Husky at a "Stuff a Husky" event
- ☐ 5. Visit the Husky Heritage Sports Museum located in the Alumni Center in Storrs
- ☐ 6. Tailgate before a home football game and post a picture of yourself using #UConnTailgate
- ☐ 7. Shop for UConn gear at the UConn Barnes & Noble Bookstore
- ☐ 8. Learn the words to the "UConn Husky" fight song and sing it at a game
- ☐ 9. Meet the Interim UConn President and follow him @UConnPres on Instagram

## Prepare for Academic Success

- ☐ 10. Commit to routine meetings with your advisors and stay on track to graduate
- ☐ 11. Network with a UConn alum, perhaps through the Husky Mentor Network or an event
- ☐ 12. Utilize the Center for Career Development for a résumé critique or LinkedIn consultation
- ☐ 13. Sign up for a group study room in the UConn Hartford Library at the Hartford Public Library
- ☐ 14. Get to know your professors during designated office hours
- ☐ 15. Visit our librarians to learn how to access thousands of eBooks and articles from the library's website
- ☐ 16. Visit our Academic Resource Center for 1:1 assistance with Writing (W), Quantitative (Q), and Biology (B) courses
- ☐ 17. Explore the many study nooks around campus to find your favorite
- ☐ 18. Attend a program or event at the Academic Achievement Center (AAC)
- ☐ 19. Choose to study topics outside of your comfort zone
- ☐ 20. Enroll in a UNIV 1000 course to expand your horizons and learn something new
- ☐ 21. Form a study group with classmates and share notes

## Engage with the Hartford Campus

- ☐ 22. Converse with faculty outside of class (even better if it's not about their academic discipline)
- ☐ 23. Eat lunch with a friend in the Mortensen Courtyard
- ☐ 24. Pray, meditate, or do yoga in the Interfaith Room
- ☐ 25. Explore our Hartford graduate programs (Public Policy, Social Work, Education, Law, and Business)
- ☐ 26. Learn where the Mezzanine is on campus, and introduce yourself to the Campus Director and his team
- ☐ 27. Follow @UConnHartford on Instagram
- ☐ 28. Get creative in the Travelers Collaborative space off of the Zachs Atrium
- ☐ 29. Introduce yourself to a UConn police officer and attend Coffee with a Cop
- ☐ 30. Use the Hartford Times Front Portico as the perfect photo backdrop, especially in your cap and gown
- ☐ 31. Expand your horizons by meeting fellow students across majors

## Be Involved

- ☐ 32. Run or vote in a student election
- ☐ 33. Relax with your friends in the Student Center
- ☐ 34. Go to an Involvement Fair to get involved in our campus student organizations
- ☐ 35. Meet your Undergraduate Student Government (USG) president
- ☐ 36. Apply your leadership skills as an Orientation Leader, First Year Experience Mentor, or in another leadership position
- ☐ 37. Participate in a USG event
- ☐ 38. Attend at least one program or event at the Hartford Public Library
- ☐ 39. Learn from your classmates about their non-English native languages or ethnic traditions
- ☐ 40. Run in the Hartford Marathon or a 5K run/walk in the city

- ☐ 41. Engage in our urban environment by volunteering at a Hartford shelter or food pantry
- ☐ 42. Attend the annual "Back to the Times" carol sing on the Hartford Times Building's front portico
- ☐ 43. Take a self-defense class offered by the UConn Police Department
- ☐ 44. Attend a program focused on campus civility and diversity

## Connect with UConn Campuses

- ☐ 45. Use your U-PASS to travel to and from Storrs via the CT Transit 913 bus
- ☐ 46. Participate in an official Spring Weekend event
- ☐ 47. Visit Waterbury, Stamford, or Avery Point to experience another regional campus
- ☐ 48. Fundraise and participate in HuskyTHON for Connecticut Children's
- ☐ 49. Access HuskyPrint from any campus
- ☐ 50. Travel the world through Experiential Global Learning or challenge yourself with an alternative break to help right here at home
- ☐ 51. Experience the decades-long tradition of muddiness by playing OOzeball in Storrs
- ☐ 52. Rub the nose of the Jonathan statue for good luck at the Storrs campus

## Explore Your Surroundings

- ☐ 53. Explore the Wadsworth Atheneum next door—it's free with your UConn ID
- ☐ 54. Ride the historic Bushnell Park carousel, just two blocks away
- ☐ 55. Stroll to Mortensen Riverfront Plaza and down to the beautiful riverfront walkways
- ☐ 56. See a movie at Apple Cinemas Luxury Dine In
- ☐ 57. Cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats baseball or a Hartford Athletics soccer teams
- ☐ 58. See the great exhibits at the Connecticut Science Center
- ☐ 59. Experience Riverfront Recapture with a sculpture walk, the Dragon Boat Festival, Yoga on the River, and so much more
- ☐ 60. Explore the Hartford Public Library to find out why it's "a place like no other"
- ☐ 61. Jump on the Hartford DASH shuttle to get a quick ride around the heart of the city
- ☐ 62. Use your U-PASS and student ID to explore Connecticut by CT Transit and Rail
- ☐ 63. See a live show at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center, Sea Tea Comedy Theater, Infinity Music Hall, TheaterWorks, or Hartford Stage
- ☐ 64. Skate the night away at the Bushnell Park ice-skating rink during Winterfest Hartford
- ☐ 65. Walk around Hartford's oldest historic site, the Ancient Burying Ground at Gold and Main Streets
- ☐ 66. Visit the beautiful and unique Connecticut State Capitol, which opened in 1878
- ☐ 67. Take part in the annual ConnectiCon pop-culture fan convention
- ☐ 68. Take a Connecticut River Cruise
- ☐ 69. Stay informed about Hartford events through Hartford.com

## Eat Across Town

- ☐ 70. On a nice day, grab a coffee at Blue State Coffee or Story and Soil
- ☐ 71. Stop at our Barnes & Noble UConn Starbucks for coffee and conversation
- ☐ 72. Enjoy a cup or cone at Capital Ice Cream
- ☐ 73. Sample food truck fare at the Old State House plaza
- ☐ 74. Enjoy lunch at Bear's BBQ or El Pollo Guapo on Front Street
- ☐ 75. Explore new and cultural cuisines on Pratt Street and Park Street
- ☐ 76. Wander through the Riverfront Food Truck Festival and sample your favorite foods

## Become a Husky Forever

- ☐ 77. Follow @UConn on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube
- ☐ 78. Take a picture in front of the gateway UConn sign—especially in your cap and gown
- ☐ 79. Proudly sport your UConn Senior button
- ☐ 80. Celebrate your upcoming graduation at the Senior Ceremony or another celebration
- ☐ 81. Thank everyone who made your college experience possible

**Tradition never graduates, but you do. While you walk across the stage during Commencement, proudly remember: Students Today, Huskies Forever!**



# Why 81 Things?

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 September 28. More than 130 years later, we are 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, honoring UConn's history, present, and future. With this said, we must also acknowledge that the land on which UConn stands is the territory of the Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett, Nipmuc, and Lenape Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.

On behalf of UConn, this list is curated by the UConn Student Alumni Association. More information can be found online at [saa.rso.uconn.edu](http://saa.rso.uconn.edu).

## UConn Husky (Fight Song)

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UConn Husky, symbol of might to the foe.  
Fight, fight Connecticut, it's victr'y, Let's go  
Connecticut UConn Husky, victr'y again for the White and Blue  
So go, go, go Connecticut, Connecticut U. Fight!  
C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I C-U-T. Connecticut,  
Connecticut Husky,  
Connecticut Husky, Connecticut 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.

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

### Let's Go Huskies!

*Clap, 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!  
Woouoooooooooof!**

*Make the Husky hand symbol*

## Find Your Hashtag

#UConn  
#UConnNation  
#HuskiesForever

#BleedBlue  
#UConnBucketList

## Get in Touch!

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