



81 Things TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

2021–2022 Stamford Edition

Prove You Bleed Blue

- ☐ 1. Kick off your UConn experience with your class at the Convocation
- ☐ 2. Attend a basketball game, football game, or other UConn athletic event
- ☐ 3. Take your picture with Jonathan the Mascot
- ☐ 4. Get your very own Husky at the annual “Stuff a Husky” event
- ☐ 5. Vote in a student election
- ☐ 6. Meet the Interim UConn President and follow him on Instagram @UConnPres
- ☐ 7. Attend a Student Government Association meeting to meet your SGA leadership
- ☐ 8. Shop for UConn gear at the UConn Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Prepare for Academic Success

- ☐ 9. Commit to routine meetings with your advisors and stay on track to graduate
- ☐ 10. Utilize the Center for Career Development for a résumé critique or LinkedIn consultation
- ☐ 11. Sign up for a group study room in the library during finals week
- ☐ 12. Get to know your professors during designated office hours
- ☐ 13. Access thousands of eBooks and articles from the library’s website
- ☐ 14. Visit the SOURCE in the library for a little extra help
- ☐ 15. Memorize the train schedule to avoid a failed commute to/from campus
- ☐ 16. Explore the many study nooks around campus to find your favorite
- ☐ 17. Take a one-credit KINS or UNIV course

Engage with the Stamford Campus

- ☐ 18. Have a conversation with your faculty member outside of class (even better if it’s not about their academic discipline)
- ☐ 19. Attend Coffee Hour with the Campus Director
- ☐ 20. Stamford is “The City that Works.” Snag a great internship just steps from campus!
- ☐ 21. Read the “This Week on Campus” and the “Daily Digest” emails to keep informed
- ☐ 22. Challenge your friends to Ping-Pong or a chess match on the concourse
- ☐ 23. Take in a power nap on the third floor
- ☐ 24. Schedule a research consultation with your librarian
- ☐ 25. Take the CT Transit Shuttle to/from the train station
- ☐ 26. Join your fellow students for a free movie night in town, sponsored by SGA
- ☐ 27. Have great discussions with your peers in the Affinity Space at Stamford
- ☐ 28. Follow @UConn.Stamford.SGA and @UConnStamford
- ☐ 29. Get creative in the Innovative Collaboration Space
- ☐ 30. Get to know the UConn police officers at one of their events

Be Involved

- ☐ 31. Relax with your friends in the Game Room
- ☐ 32. Utilize your free membership and sweat it out at the Stamford YMCA
- ☐ 33. Express yourself or support your friends by attending a student performance
- ☐ 34. Develop your leadership skills by participating in a leadership series or workshop, or by attending the Stamford Campus leadership conference in January
- ☐ 35. Donate blood during a campus blood drive
- ☐ 36. Stop by the Student Activities Office and learn more about getting involved
- ☐ 37. Join a student organization after visiting the fall and spring involvement fairs
- ☐ 38. Apply your leadership skills as an Orientation Leader, Husky Leader, First Year Experience Mentor, or in another campus leadership position
- ☐ 39. Visit a friend in the Residence Hall
- ☐ 40. On a nice day, relax in Whitey Heist Park
- ☐ 41. Read the annual “UConn Reads” book
- ☐ 42. Mentor a middle school student with the Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF)
- ☐ 43. Join your friends on a sponsored trip to NYC, Six Flags, ice skating, etc.

- ☐ 44. Enjoy some healthy competition by participating in a sports tournament
- ☐ 45. Attend an event focused on campus civility and diversity

Connect with UConn Campuses

- ☐ 46. Participate in an official Spring Weekend or Homecoming event
- ☐ 47. Visit Avery Point, Hartford, or Waterbury to experience another regional campus
- ☐ 48. Fundraise and participate in HuskyTHON for Connecticut Children’s
- ☐ 49. Take an online class
- ☐ 50. Access HuskyPrint from any campus
- ☐ 51. Travel somewhere new through Education Abroad or take an alternative break with Community Outreach

Explore Your Surroundings

- ☐ 52. Show your UConn OneCard to get a student discount at many local restaurants and shops
- ☐ 53. Visit the city parks: Mill River, Scalzi, Cove Beach, West Beach, etc.
- ☐ 54. Take a stroll to Stamford Town Center to discover shopping, dining, and fun
- ☐ 55. Enjoy the lights on Bedford Street in the winter
- ☐ 56. Volunteer in Mill River Park
- ☐ 57. Enjoy a free, live taping of a show at the NBC Studios in Stamford
- ☐ 58. Get produce and other local treats from the Farmers’ Market on Bedford Street
- ☐ 59. Stroll through Arts and Crafts on Bedford
- ☐ 60. Experience one of the Downtown Stamford events (parades, food truck festivals, craft fairs, farmers market, Alive at 5, summer art exhibit, etc.)
- ☐ 61. Go to an independent, documentary, cult classic, or foreign film at the Avon Theatre
- ☐ 62. Explore the Stamford Public Library and all it has to offer
- ☐ 63. Ride the FREE trolley to Harbor Point
- ☐ 64. Enjoy a local museum: Nature Museum, Bartlett Arboretum, Norwalk Aquarium, etc.
- ☐ 65. Use your U-PASS to explore Connecticut
- ☐ 66. Take MetroNorth to NYC

Eat Across Town

- ☐ 67. Enjoy #UConnDairyBar ice cream when the truck visits campus
- ☐ 68. Get a cup of coffee at one of the local cafés
- ☐ 69. Use your HuskyBucks to buy a snack at the café on campus
- ☐ 70. Try out pizza at all the local pizza hot spots: Remos, Fairfield, Pappas, Atlantic, Pieology, and Planet!
- ☐ 71. Get cones and nuggets from Garden Catering
- ☐ 72. Try out all the local favorites like Fiesta and Tomatillo... or find your own new one!
- ☐ 73. Explore new and cultural cuisines at any of the downtown Stamford international restaurants (during summer or winter restaurant weeks you can save some bucks)
- ☐ 74. Visit a food truck in downtown Stamford

Become a Husky Forever

- ☐ 75. Follow @UConn on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube
- ☐ 76. Try to avoid getting a parking ticket...but if you do, try to appeal it!
- ☐ 77. Take a picture in front of the UConn sign... if you’re in a cap and gown that’s even better!
- ☐ 78. Proudly sport your UConn Senior button
- ☐ 79. Celebrate your upcoming graduation at the Senior Ceremony or another graduation celebration
- ☐ 80. Thank everyone who made your college experience possible
- ☐ 81. 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.

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!
Woooooooooooooof!**

Make the Husky hand symbol

Find Your Hashtag

#UConn
#UConnNation
#HuskiesForever

#BleedBlue
#UConnBucketList

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