

81 Things TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

2022–2023
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. Learn the “UConn Husky” fight song
- ☐ 5. Vote in a student election
- ☐ 6. Meet the UConn President and follow them 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. Enhance your experience by attending an event or meeting about Enrichment Programs opportunities
- ☐ 10. Commit to routine meetings with your advisors
- ☐ 11. Visit the Center for Career Development for a one-on-one appointment to discuss your career-related plans
- ☐ 12. Sign up for a group study room in the library during finals week
- ☐ 13. Get to know your professors during designated office hours
- ☐ 14. Access thousands of eBooks and articles from the library’s website
- ☐ 15. Review your Academic Requirements Report in Student Admin to stay on track to graduate
- ☐ 16. Utilize academic resources such as the SOURCE, Q Center, and Writing Center
- ☐ 17. Memorize the train schedule to avoid a failed commute to/from campus
- ☐ 18. Explore the many study nooks around campus to find your favorite
- ☐ 19. Take a one-credit KINS or UNIV course

Engage with the Stamford Campus

- ☐ 20. Have a conversation with your faculty member outside of class (even better if it’s not about their academic discipline)
- ☐ 21. Attend Coffee Hour with the Campus Director
- ☐ 22. Utilize Handshake to explore career options, find jobs and internships, and connect with employers
- ☐ 23. Read the “This Week on Campus” and the “Daily Digest” emails to keep informed
- ☐ 24. Challenge your friends to Ping-Pong or a chess match on the concourse
- ☐ 25. Take in a power nap on the third floor
- ☐ 26. Schedule a research consultation with your librarian
- ☐ 27. Find the hidden staircases to more easily navigate the campus construction detours
- ☐ 28. Take the CT Transit Shuttle to/from the train station
- ☐ 29. Join your fellow students for a free movie night in town, sponsored by SGA
- ☐ 30. Have great discussions with your peers in the Affinity Space at Stamford
- ☐ 31. Follow @UConn.Stamford.SGA and @UConnStamford
- ☐ 32. Get to know UConn police officers at Coffee with a Cop or another event

Be Involved

- ☐ 33. Utilize your free membership and sweat it out at the Stamford YMCA
- ☐ 34. Get involved and attend one of the many events during Spring Week
- ☐ 35. Relax with your friends in the Game Room
- ☐ 36. Develop your leadership skills by participating in a leadership series or workshop
- ☐ 37. Donate blood during a campus blood drive
- ☐ 38. Stop by the Student Activities Office and learn more about getting involved
- ☐ 39. Attend the fall and spring involvement fairs
- ☐ 40. Join a student organization or start a new one!
- ☐ 41. Apply your leadership skills as an Orientation Leader, Husky Leader, First Year Experience Mentor, Student Activities Ambassador, or in another campus leadership position
- ☐ 42. On a nice day, relax in Whitey Heist Park

- ☐ 43. Participate in our annual campus trick-or-treat
- ☐ 44. Watch or play in a UConn Stamford intramural game
- ☐ 45. Paint a window with a department or student organization during Homecoming
- ☐ 46. Attend an event focused on campus civility and diversity
- ☐ 47. Quack the case and find a duck during the annual duck hunt

Connect with UConn Campuses

- ☐ 48. Participate in an official Spring Weekend or Homecoming event
- ☐ 49. Visit Avery Point, Hartford, or Waterbury to experience another regional campus
- ☐ 50. Fundraise and participate in HuskyTHON for Connecticut Children’s
- ☐ 51. Access HuskyPrint from any campus
- ☐ 52. Consider traveling somewhere new through Experiential Global Learning or an alternative break with Community Outreach

Explore Your Surroundings

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

Eat Across Town

- ☐ 69. Enjoy #UConnDairyBar ice cream when the truck visits campus
- ☐ 70. Get a cup of coffee at one of the local cafés
- ☐ 71. Try one of the local buffet style eateries at 9 West, Kalos, and the Government Center
- ☐ 72. Try out pizza at all the local pizza hot spots: Remos, Fairfield, Pappas, Atlantic, and Planet!
- ☐ 73. Get cones and nuggets from Garden Catering
- ☐ 74. Explore new and cultural cuisines at many of the downtown Stamford restaurants

Become a Husky Forever

- ☐ 75. Follow @UConn on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, 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 brothers' 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)

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.

UConn

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
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E
S**

Go Huskies!

**UConn! Huskies!
UConn! Huskies!
UConn! Huskies!
Huskies! UConn!
Wooooooooooooof!**

Make the Husky hand symbol

Find Your Hashtag

#UConn
#UConnNation
#HuskiesForever

#BleedBlue
#UConnBucketList

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