

A Guide to UConn Lingo

Here is a list of terms to help you find your way. It was compiled by a recent graduate of UConn.

Add/Drop: The first 2 weeks of fall and spring semesters when students can continue to change their course schedule online without getting special permission. After Add/Drop ends you cannot add or drop classes online and you will need permission to change your course schedule. Check with the registrar about Add/Drop deadlines for shorter terms--summer sessions, May term, or Intersession courses.

Campus Change: Changing to the Storrs campus requires you to meet certain criteria. For details see <http://www.registrar.uconn.edu/campus.htm>

Catalog: Annual publication containing course descriptions and requirements for Majors and Minors, as well as requirements for the individual Schools and Colleges. Students are held to the requirements listed in the catalog in the year they enter (e.g. a student who enters the University in 2008 will be held to the degree requirements in the 2008-2009 catalog). Catalog

Co-Op: The University bookstore.

Day 10/Fixed Enrollment Date: Each semester, final financial aid awards will be based on your enrollment status (number of credits) at the University of Connecticut at the end of the add/drop period (10th day of the semester). Appropriate adjustments to the award package will be made at that time. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for additional information.

Electives: Courses that a student takes that do not fulfill any major/minor or university requirements.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid; must be completed to receive financial aid. For more information, please go to the Financial Aid website http://financialaid.uconn.edu/index.php/Main_Page or call their office at (860) 486-2819.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. A federal law that mandates the student's rights with regards to their educational records. For more information, link here: <http://www.registrar.uconn.edu/ferpannu.html>

Full-Time Student: A student enrolled for 12 or more credits.

FYE class: First Year Experience; courses that help freshmen make a smooth transition into life as a University student. These courses are offered under the Interdepartmental (INTD 180) listings.

Homer: Name of the library catalog; named for the Storrs library namesake, Homer Babbidge.

ID Card (HuskyOne Card): A photo ID issued when students come to campus that is used at many University offices and facilities and to get into University events. It also serves as a library card and a debit card for purchases in the Co-Op and for printing in the library and computer lab.

PeopleSoft: The online system which allows students to register for classes, view and print a schedule, and view their grades from any computer via HTML. Access to the system requires the use of an assigned log-in ID and a password.

PeopleSoft Class Search: The method used to find courses offered in a given semester. A printed directory is not available.

Permission Numbers: Unique random numbers issued by instructors which are used to allow students into courses whether they are full or not. The same numbers allow students into courses, who would be otherwise blocked.

Prerequisite or co-requisite: Link to the following website for definitions of these terms:

<http://vm.uconn.edu/~regsdh06/courses.htm#prereq>

SGA: Student Government Association is the one of the largest student groups on campus. SGA is responsible for many programs and events on campus. SGA serves as the voice of the students.

TERM GPA (Semester or Term Grade Point Average): Includes all courses graded A-F in a single term, either a fall or spring semester or a summer session. This average is computed by dividing all credits completed at UConn for a single term into the total grade points for that term.

CUM GPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average): Averages all courses graded A-F that a student has taken at UConn. This average is computed by dividing total accumulated credits completed at UConn into the total accumulated grade points.

Title IV Waiver – if you have a scholarship or any form of financial aid, you should complete this waiver in your PeopleSoft account. For more details log on PeopleSoft and choose [Financial](#) > [Title IV Waiver](#)

Transfer Credits: Refers to credits from classes taken at other colleges or universities that UConn has accepted "in transfer". For more information on transfer credits, go to the Transfer Admissions website <http://web.uconn.edu/transfer/transfercredits.html>.

WebCT/ VISTA: (Web Course Tools) Renamed HuskyCT/ VISTA. This is a website that many instructors use to enhance their courses. It is used to post homework assignments, post review materials or online quizzes, and to enable students from the class to communicate with each other, among other things.