

# Regional Campuses

Through its Regional Campuses the University can provide Connecticut's citizens with diversified educational programs – both credit and noncredit – in five different locations around the State. These programs represent a continuing effort to extend the University's resources to all parts of the State.

All five Regional campuses – at Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Torrington and Waterbury – extend easier access to baccalaureate study on a local basis. Here students may begin Lower Division (Freshman-Sophomore) study in most baccalaureate programs, in all of the University's schools and colleges. Most students will anticipate moving to Storrs for Upper Division work toward the Bachelor's Degree, after two years at the local campus; in some programs they will relocate earlier, to accommodate specialized curricular needs better satisfied at Storrs. The Stamford program offers courses beyond the Lower Division; currently, students may complete majors in Economics, English, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, and a Bachelor of General Studies degree.

University standards for admission and student achievement are uniform for all campuses. Similarly, although the variety of Lower Division course offerings is somewhat more limited at the local campuses, courses offered there are identical to those offered at the main campus, and occupy the same place in the University's curriculum as those offered at Storrs. Compressed videoconferencing, computer terminals and other mechanisms link these campuses with the main campus.

Several local campuses offer evening courses, intended particularly to serve students who are employed or who wish to continue college study on a part-time basis. In addition, each campus serves as a local center where the Division of Extended and Continuing Education offers selected graduate courses and at Stamford ECE offers a wide range of non-credit programs, courses, and certificates, and manages a state-of-the-art Conference Center. Graduate programs in Business Administration, for example, are offered in Stamford. The Bachelor of General Studies Degree program administered by Extended and Continuing Education provides a means by which selected adult students may use local campus facilities to pursue Upper Division undergraduate study in individualized curricula. The Marine Sciences and Technology Center, housed at the Avery Point campus in Groton, is another example of how the local facilities are used to place elements of the University's total program where they will be most effective.

The University tries to offer at such locations courses and other programs which citizens in nearby communities need. Comments and inquiries should be addressed to the Director of the local campus, who can provide more specific information on current local University programs.

## Avery Point Campus

David P. Madacsi, Ph.D., *Interim Director*

Avery Point is the University of Connecticut's campus-by-the-sea, established in 1967 on the seventy-three acre Gatsby-era estate of industrialist Morton Plant. Situated directly on Long Island Sound at the mouth of the Thames River in Groton, the Avery Point campus offers a broad range of day and evening courses in an environment enhanced by the ever-present sights and sounds and smells—the very feel—of the ocean.

At UConn Avery Point, students may select from extensive academic program offerings in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Agriculture and Natural Resources; the Schools of Engineering, and Fine Arts; and the professional Schools of Education, Business, Allied Health, Pharmacy and Nursing. Avery Point students enrolled in any of these programs can look forward to a seamless transition to Storrs, usually at the end of the sophomore year.

In addition to offering Lower Division courses required for fulfilling all of the University's general education requirements, UConn Avery Point offers many Upper Division courses, including those of the multi-disciplinary coastal studies

curriculum, offered almost exclusively at Avery Point.

The campus also offers a significant number of both Lower and Upper Division courses in the evening. This scheduling accommodates the needs of working students and students enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies program. The BGS program is a junior-senior level interdisciplinary degree program for non-traditional part-time students, tailored to individual student needs and goals. Students may complete the entire BGS degree program at the Avery Point campus.

Academic resource facilities include Avery Point's 28,500-volume library which is networked for computerized searches and Internet access to numerous bibliographic and full-text databases, and which provides traditional library services as well. The campus' Learning Resources Center is an active and popular hub for supplemental instruction programs, tutorial help, and assistance with special projects including writing, math, the sciences, study skills and computer literacy.

The undergraduate academic complex features newly renovated chemistry and coastal studies laboratories, a state-of-the-art personal computer laboratory, distance learning facilities, a new high-tech classroom, the UConn Co-op bookstore, and other classrooms, laboratories, and seminar rooms. The campus gymnasium offers an all-purpose basketball/volleyball/tennis court, six-lane swimming pool, and fitness training facilities in support of fitness and selected athletic programs for women and men.

Campus venues for social functions and cultural activities include the newly renovated Avery Point Student Center, the 375-seat Avery Point theatre, and the Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art located in the campus' landmark Branford House mansion.

## Hartford Campus

Arnold T. Orza, Ph.D., *Interim Director*

The Hartford Campus of the University of Connecticut, organized in 1946, moved in 1970 to its present location on the Greater Hartford Campus at 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford. The undergraduate building provides classrooms, laboratories, the Gampel Student Center, food services, a co-op bookstore as well as provision for athletic and extracurricular activities. Campus-wide facilities include a library, campus auditorium/theatre, and a computer center. Ample parking is available for authorized students.

The Hartford regional campus of the University serves a broad section of the population of the greater Hartford area. Freshmen-sophomore students who prefer to live and study in this area may begin a program leading to a degree from nearly all of the schools and colleges of the University. These programs, and the distinguished faculty who staff them, are fully integrated into the departments and colleges of the University. For those students who wish to continue their education in the evening, a number of undergraduate courses are offered, including some advanced courses which fulfill the requirements of the Bachelor of General Studies degree offered at the campus. Courses on a graduate level are available in education, public administration, and in business administration.

## Stamford Campus

Curtiss E. Porter, Ph.D., *Interim Director*

Established in 1951, the Stamford Campus represents the combined efforts of the University, the State of Connecticut, and the Stamford community to develop and maintain a distinguished educational program in southwestern Connecticut. The first building completed under the UConn 2000 initiative, the new campus boasts the latest in state-of-the-art technology, increased classroom space and the most modern science laboratory equipment. Every classroom is wired for computer accessibility and the computer center has more than 100 new computer stations for student use. Additionally, the distance learning classrooms link UConn Stamford to Storrs for extended instructional activities.

Located in the center of Downtown Stamford, students may complete majors

### University of Connecticut Internet Sites

Health Center: <http://www.uchc.edu/>

School of Law: <http://www.law.uconn.edu/>

School of Social Work: <http://www.socialwork.uconn.edu/>

in Economics, English, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, and a Bachelor of General Studies degree at the new Campus. A new degree program in Business Administration will be added to the curriculum along with the establishment of the Connecticut Information Technology Institute (CITI). The institute will prepare individuals who wish to follow an information technology tract in their studies. At Stamford, the Division of Extended and Continuing Education offers a wide range of non-credit programs, courses and certificates and manages a state-of-the-art Conference Center.

The Bartlett Arboretum, under the direction of Stamford Campus, is a 68-acre wooded nature center surrounding the Campus. It houses the state's largest library on plant science, and its Visitor's Center features botanical illustrators. The Arboretum sponsors a wide variety of horticultural programs in its Educational Building, and the Campus holds several classes there during the year. The greenhouse, gardens, and trails are visited by over 20,000 people yearly.

As a regional University center, Stamford attracts and accommodates a highly pluralistic student body, drawn from a variety of ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds. Besides the traditional college-age student, a special effort is made to meet the widely diverse needs of the non-traditional students who commute from the surrounding communities.

The Stamford campus recognizes its special urban character and welcomes its close relationship with major corporations in Fairfield County. Dedicated to strengthening its ties with the corporate community, the campus encourages students to take advantage of off-campus learning such as internships; faculty are also encouraged to participate in a constructive exchange of ideas with those outside the University.

## Torrington Campus

Adriane R. Lyon, M.A., *Director*

In the fall of 1957, the University of Connecticut began offering late afternoon classes at Torrington High School. The program grew rapidly, and as a result of a bequest from Julia Brooker Thompson, the present University Drive campus was established in 1965.

The 100-acre campus is located in a quiet, rural setting on the outskirts of the city of Torrington and consists of a large classroom building and ample parking. Well-equipped biology, chemistry, and physics laboratories, an art studio, computer rooms, a UConn Co-op bookstore, an auditorium, and a cafeteria are all part of the facility. An 18,000 volume library subscribes to more than 100 journals and newspapers, and provides access to more than 250 libraries in the State through the CD ROM database, reQuest, and interlibrary loan. Classes are usually small, with a ratio of students to instructors of about 20 to 1; accessibility of faculty and quality of instruction are special features of the Torrington Campus.

An extensive program of both day and evening classes is available. Freshman and sophomore students who prefer to live, work, and study in Litchfield County may begin a program leading to a degree in any of the schools and colleges of the University. Additionally, many junior and senior level classes are offered, primarily for those students in the Bachelor of General Studies Program, who are completing requirements for a UConn degree at the Torrington Campus.

Activities available to students include an Associated Student Government, which sponsors a variety of social events. Membership at the Torrington YMCA

is free to all UConn Torrington students.

The campus is actively involved in many aspects of the community including economic development and the arts. Poetry readings are frequently hosted by the Associated Student Government and local authors visit classrooms on a regular basis. The campus is the home of public radio station WAPJ which provides students with the opportunity to participate in live radio programming. The Torrington Campus is also home to the Litchfield County Writers' Project which, in addition to housing a collection of the published works of Litchfield County authors, includes programs and seminars by and about those authors.

## Waterbury Campus

Francis G. Brennan, *Director*

The University of Connecticut at Waterbury, established in 1942 as an Extension Center to help answer the educational needs of students in the surrounding area, has responded to continued demand for its services by steady growth. Starting with its incorporation as a branch campus of the University of Connecticut system in 1946, and continuing with its current expansion into newly acquired premises, the University of Connecticut at Waterbury currently serves about 500 students, most of whom are freshmen, sophomores, and returning adults. Located in a residential and office neighborhood on the slopes of 32 Hillside Avenue, Waterbury, overlooking the city, the campus boasts at its heart two elegant Victorian dwellings. The Benedict-Miller mansion constructed in 1876, is one of the best examples of shingle-style Victorian in the country, and houses a combination of faculty and administrative offices while also providing meeting space for the campus and local community. The former Sperry Homestead or "White House," of a similar vintage, serves as the core of the administrative operation of the campus.

Other facilities include the modern classroom, library, and science and engineering buildings, and the recently acquired Victorian Hart House which will allow further space to be developed to accommodate student needs. In addition to library facilities, the Edward H. Kirschbaum Hall features an exhibition area, meeting room, group study rooms, audiovisual equipment and viewing rooms. The science and engineering building also includes a bookstore, snack bar, and student recreation facilities. Two computer laboratories are available, one containing terminals connected to the mainframe computer at Storrs and another containing both Macintosh and IBM compatible personal computers. A new student parking lot accommodates about 50 cars. The third floor of the Charles Ekstrom Hall at Central Naugatuck Valley Region Higher Education Center (HEC), a building equipped with excellent parking, cafeteria, and library facilities, is also used for classrooms and offices. Most night classes are offered at this location.

The groups served by the Waterbury campus of the University include a broad section of the population of the greater Waterbury area. For those students who wish to continue their education in the evenings, a large number of suitable courses are offered at all levels, including advanced courses toward the Bachelor of General Studies Degree. A selection of Upper Division courses in several majors, including mathematics, English, and history, are available year-round during the day and at night, as this urban campus continues to respond to the needs of its diverse community.

### Regional Campus Information on the Web

Information about all regional campuses is located at:

<http://www2.uconn.edu/camp.html>

Specific information can be found at the following sites:

Avery Point:

<http://www.averypoint.uconn.edu/>

Hartford

<http://www.hartford.uconn.edu/>

Waterbury

<http://www.waterbury.uconn.edu/>

Stamford

<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/>

Torrington

<http://www2.uconn.edu/ucdirect/torrdirect.html>