For more information, contact the Office of Student Engagement at:

e-mail: orientation@fairfield.edu
phone: 203-254-4053
fax: 203-254-5565
website: fairfield.edu/transferstudent
WELCOME!
Welcome, and congratulations once again on being accepted to and enrolling at Fairfield University. This Transfer Student Guide has been designed to simplify your next steps as a transfer student. You will find information about getting started, academic support and resources, academic planning, student life and resources, and financial planning. We hope this Transfer Student Guide familiarizes you with the different experiences and resources you will encounter at Fairfield University.

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Describes the transfer transitional experience at Fairfield University

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Details information students need to consider when selecting classes

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Learn about campus life and important resources available to students

**Financial Planning**
See important deadlines, payment plans, and resources

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To ensure a successful transition to Fairfield University, please visit the Transfer Student Checklist at [fairfield.edu/transferstudent](http://fairfield.edu/transferstudent) as soon as possible. Here, students will have access to all the assignments and forms they need to complete before Transfer Orientation and Fall Welcome. To facilitate a smooth transition, please complete each task and adhere to the deadlines.

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Note: Deadlines relating to financial aid and billing are located in the Financial Planning section of the Guide.
Transfer students are required to complete several tutorials and/or tasks that assist in the transition to Fairfield. Please log in to the Transfer Student Checklist at [fairfield.edu/transferstudent](http://fairfield.edu/transferstudent) as soon as possible. Here, students will have access to all the assignments and forms they need to complete before Transfer Orientation and Fall Welcome. It is essential that students complete each task and adhere to the deadlines.

- **CLAIM NETID**  
  Students will need to claim their NetID in order to access online resources. Students will receive an e-mail notifying them that their NetID is ready to be claimed. To claim a NetID, go to [fairfield.edu/netid](http://fairfield.edu/netid) and make sure to have the Fairfield issued ID number. Once claimed, students can login to [my.fairfield.edu](http://my.fairfield.edu) to access their Student Gmail account. The student NetID Login (which is generally "firstname.lastname") information is also required to use the Transfer Student Checklist.

- **STAGALERT INFORMATION UPDATE**  
  Students must add their cell phone number to StagAlert, which is the University’s emergency notification system used in the event of an emergency. To add or change a cell phone number:
  - Log into [my.fairfield.edu](http://my.fairfield.edu) with your NetID and password
  - Search for Student Records and click on the task button
  - Click on the Personal Information tab, then Update Cell Phone Number and follow the on-screen instructions to either add or correct the number on file.

- **REGISTER FOR TRANSFER ORIENTATION**  
  Transfer Student Orientation is essential. The orientation allows you to meet key campus partners and student leaders as well as provide you with the necessary resources to thrive at Fairfield University.

  **How to complete**: Via the Transfer Student Checklist

- **HOUSING APPLICATION**  
  **Assignment Process**
  The process for assigning rooms and roommates, including the assignment of varsity athletes, is overseen by the Office of Residence Life. Placement is based upon the student’s completed Housing Application, which includes their housing lifestyle preferences. Fairfield University houses students by their self-identified gender. Your housing application will be active within 24 hours from the first time you access the checklist. Residence Life utilizes Adirondack’s The Housing Director to assist with the Housing Assignment Process.

  For more information regarding housing please contact the Office of Residence Life at [residencelife@fairfield.edu](mailto:residencelife@fairfield.edu)

  **How to complete**: Transfer Student Checklist

- **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION FORM**  
  Parents/Guardians are asked to provide their contact information for print and electronic communications. Communications include e-mails regarding important information, invitations to regional and campus events, and mailings of Fairfield Magazine. Parents/Guardians will also be informed on all things Fairfield with [News@Fairfield](http://News@Fairfield), the University’s weekly e-newsletter, to keep them up to date on all campus news and student affairs.

  **How to complete**: Transfer Student Checklist or Parent/Guardian Checklist located at [fairfield.edu/transferstudent](http://fairfield.edu/transferstudent).
HONOR CODE SIGNING  DUE ASAP
Fairfield University’s primary purpose is the pursuit of academic excellence. This is possible only in an atmosphere where discovery and communication of knowledge are marked by scrupulous, unqualified honesty. Therefore, it is expected that all students taking classes at the University adhere to the following Honor Code:

“I understand that any violation of academic integrity wounds the entire community and undermines the trust upon which the discovery and communication of knowledge depends. Therefore, as a member of the Fairfield University community, I hereby pledge to uphold and maintain these standards of academic honesty and integrity.”

All students must sign the University Honor Code, especially before taking the online Language Placement Exam.

How to complete: Transfer Student Checklist

IMMUNIZATION/STUDENT MEDICAL REPORT FORM  DUE ASAP
Students are required to submit a confidential medical history and to document proof of immunizations that are required by Connecticut state law. Mandated immunization requirements are strictly enforced. Students may not move into a residence hall or begin classes until all immunization requirements are met.

The Student Health Center strongly recommends a pre-college physical exam. However, the Student Health Center requests that all students submit their health history and proof of immunizations (documented on the Student Medical Report Form) by June 7. Students may mail in their physical exam documentation at a later date if necessary.

How to complete:
Visit the Transfer Student Checklist for detailed instructions

Food Allergies
For more information on how Fairfield University addresses Food Allergies visit fairfield.edu/healthcenter

ACCESSIBILITY: CREATE ACCESSIBILITY PROFILE (OPTIONAL)  DUE AFTER MAY 1
Fairfield University is committed to providing qualified students with disabilities an equal opportunity to access the benefits, rights, and privileges of its services, programs, and activities in an accessible setting. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Connecticut state laws, we provide accommodations to reduce the impact of disabilities on academic functioning or upon other major life activities. Fairfield University also recognizes the need for accommodations when a student is suffering from a temporary impairment and will work to provide accommodations to the student should the temporary impairment impact academics or other major life activities.

A student with a disability or temporary impairment who wishes to be considered for academic or campus-life accommodations must identify themselves to Accessibility and complete the online registration process for accommodations.

How to complete: After May 1, students will have received their Fairfield University NetID. Please create an online Accessibility profile and upload supporting documentation. Instructions can be found via fairfield.edu/prospectiveaccessibility in the “Consideration for Accommodations” section.

PROXY ACCESS FOR FINANCIAL AID AND BURSAR INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)  DUE JUNE 1
Students often rely on the support of parent(s)/guardian(s) and others to assist them with financing their education at Fairfield University. In order to ensure that financial aid and billing information is discussed with approved persons per FERPA regulations, students will need to give permission to the Financial Aid and Bursar Offices to speak with designated persons. This permission is granted through the Proxy Access process.

How to complete: Transfer Student Checklist
ACTION ITEMS

☐ FALL SEMESTER PAYMENT PLAN ENROLLMENT (OPTIONAL)  DUE AUGUST 1
   The University makes available a monthly payment plan. The deadline for Fall Semester enrollment is August 1. For additional information, visit fairfield.edu/bursar.

☐ VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS  DUE AUGUST 1
   Students should verify that their financial aid file is complete by accessing their financial aid records in the my.Fairfield portal.

☐ HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER  DUE AUGUST 6
   Fairfield University requires that all full-time domestic* undergraduate students maintain or purchase a health insurance policy. Under Fairfield’s “hard waiver” program, full-time undergraduate domestic students are automatically enrolled in, and billed for, this policy each July for the upcoming academic year. Again, this is an annual process, and the waiver must be filed for each year coverage is not wanted.
   If a student has access to comparable or better health insurance through other means (e.g. parents’ coverage), and does not wish to be enrolled in the University sponsored plan, the student must complete the online waiver and provide proof of coverage. Once the online waiver is completed and processed by the University Bursar’s Office, a full credit for the cost of the policy will appear on the student’s bill.
   To view the details of the University-sponsored health insurance policy, please visit www.gallagherstudent.com/fairfield. Any updates to the policy, including annual pricing, are available in May.

   Students from outside Connecticut who carry HMO or network-based coverage are strongly encouraged to purchase the Fairfield University sponsored plan.

   How to complete: The waiver will be available online in early June. To waive insurance coverage for the 2019-2020 academic year:
   • Sign into my.fairfield.edu
   • Search keyword health and select “Student Health Insurance Waiver”
   • Fill out the waiver and click submit
   *Domestic students are either citizens of the United States or Permanent Resident Aliens (i.e. Green Card holder). International (non-U.S. citizens studying at Fairfield on a visa) are enrolled on a mandatory basis and cannot waive coverage.

☐ LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM  DUE AUGUST 9
   Fairfield University uses an online Language Placement Exam to assess students’ skills in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, or Spanish.
   Fairfield University does not offer a placement exam in Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, Latin or Classical Greek; students who plan to study one of these languages will be placed in the appropriate level according to their academic background.
   Students planning to study a new language at Fairfield University do not need to take the Language Placement Exam in that new language. Students will automatically be placed in the elementary level course.

   How to complete:
   Visit the Transfer Student Checklist for detailed instructions

   Questions
   • If students experience difficulty getting into any of the language tests, or have any questions about language placement, please e-mail languageplacement@fairfield.edu
   • If students wish to continue to study in a language for which an online placement exam in not available, students will be placed according to their academic background
   • Students who plan to begin a new language will be placed in the Elementary Level
AWARDING OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT, IB, OR COLLEGE CREDIT  DUE AUGUST 9

Students entering Fairfield University may be eligible to receive college credits for work previously completed in several ways: through Advanced Placement exams, high-level international baccalaureate courses, and/or college courses completed while in high school. Transfer students should make sure that official results or transcripts are sent to the Office of Academic Support and Retention as soon as possible in order to have more options in course planning.

Advanced Placement:
Fairfield University will award 3 or 4 credit hours for each AP course taken by a student, provided that the student has taken the Advanced Placement Test prepared by the CEEB program and obtained a test score of 4 or 5.

Higher Level International Baccalaureate Courses:
Fairfield University recognizes the advanced nature of Higher Level International Baccalaureate courses and will award 3 or 4 credit hours provided a grade of 6 or 7 is achieved.

Courses Taken for College Credit While in High School:
For students who pursue college courses while in high school, upon receipt of an official college transcript, the coursework will be evaluated by the appropriate dean/director in consultation with the appropriate curriculum area, provided the following criteria are met (no exceptions):

- The course(s) must have been completed in a college environment and must have been taught by a college professor
- The course(s)/credits were not used to satisfy high school graduation requirements
- A final grade of “C” or better was earned.

That dean/director will determine the appropriateness of the transfer credit for the student’s program and decide whether it has met Fairfield’s curriculum standards. A maximum of 15 credits of approved coursework will be awarded transfer credit. The grades will not be transferred.

How to complete: Official score reports for AP or IB should be sent directly to the Office of Academic Support and Retention at Fairfield University.

College level courses will be evaluated upon receipt of the following:

- An official letter from the high school principal or school counselor stating that the course was taught on the college/university campus, by a member of the college/university faculty, and with regularly matriculated undergraduates at that college/university
- An official transcript from the college/university
- A course description and/or course syllabus

All documents should be sent to the Office of Academic Support and Retention. It is the discretion of college/school officials to determine if AP, IB, or transfer credit may be used to exempt students from specific University courses or requirements.

STUDENT HANDBOOK ACCEPTANCE  DUE AUGUST 24

The Student Handbook must be read, understood, and fully agreed to by incoming students before arriving on campus.

How to complete: Transfer Student Checklist

STUDENT CONDUCT QUIZ  DUE AUGUST 24

The Office of the Dean of Students is concerned primarily with students’ needs and well-being outside of the traditional classroom, in addition to administering the student conduct system. In keeping with the Jesuit ideals of “cura personalis” — the education of the whole person — and the development of the mind, body, and spirit — the Office of the Dean of Students calls students to be accountable for their actions in accordance with the Student Conduct Code.

How to complete: Transfer Student Checklist
ACTION ITEMS

- REGISTER A DEVICE TO OUR NETWORK  DUE AUGUST 24
  Network registration is required for full access to the University network. To successfully register a computer to the network, Fairfield requires that all Apple and Windows computers have the latest operating system updates as well as antivirus software installed that is also up-to-date. Detailed instructions on how to ensure your computer meets the registration requirements can be found at fairfield.edu/wireless. Visit the ITS4U Help Desk knowledge base at wiki.fairfield.edu for all solutions to many common technical issues/questions you may have once on campus.

- LOGIN & EXPLORE ORGSYNC  DUE AUGUST 24
  OrgSync is Fairfield University’s online community where students can find out about upcoming events, search for and join clubs and organizations, take surveys, apply for leadership positions and scholarships, sign up for a service opportunities, track involvement, and get personalized news updates. Students can access OrgSync via my.fairfield.edu and can explore our community after they claim their NetID.

  We are excited to announce that Fairfield University will be switching to a new Engagement platform in July 2019! More news to come as we get closer!

- NOT ANYMORE AND NOT ANYMORE FOR PART 1 BEFORE AUGUST 24
  ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS
  Alcohol and Sexual Assault Online Education Courses
  Fairfield University requires all incoming students (first-year and transfers) to complete alcohol and sexual assault online courses. All responses are strictly confidential. Information gathered about students through these courses will only be available to the University in aggregate form.

  How to complete: Transfer Student Checklist
ORIENTATION & MOVE-IN
Orientation allows transfer students to connect with each other and the Fairfield community before classes begin. Transfer students move in on Sunday, September 1. Commuter students will begin attending Fall Welcome sessions starting later that afternoon. For more information about Orientation & Move-In visit fairfield.edu/transferstudent.

COMMUTER STUDENTS
The Office of Residence Life is dedicated to fostering a welcoming community for commuters. Residence Life works closely with commuter students to help them take full advantage of the many opportunities that the University provides. The commuter community has Commuter Peer Assistants (supervised by the Office of Residence Life), who serve as mentors, provide engagement opportunities, and help commuter students successfully transition to Fairfield. Commuter students are encouraged to participate in all programs, such as clubs and organizations, sophomore residential colleges, service learning, and study abroad. There is a monthly breakfast series which provides information about these opportunities.

Commuter students have access to a renovated commuter lounge and study room equipped with a television, tables for studying, lockers, refrigerator and comfortable couches and is conveniently located in the Barone Campus Center. The Office of Residence Life also has a limited number of rooms available on short notice for students in case of poor weather or unexpected transportation issues.

MY.FAIRFIELD.EDU
Fairfield University’s portal can be reached at my.fairfield.edu. The portal provides access to:
- View grades and unofficial transcripts
- View current course schedule
- Accept financial aid
- Register for courses
- Access tuition bills
- Add a cell phone number to the StagAlert system
- Other online resources (i.e. Email, BlackBoard, OrgSync, etc.)
STAGCARD

The StagCard is Fairfield University’s official identification card. Students can have their picture taken during June Orientation or when they arrive on campus in the fall. Students will receive their StagCard in the fall, and are expected to carry the card at all times.

The StagCard is an all-in-one card. Students will use it for the following services:

- Building access to the residence halls, the DiMenna-Nyselius Library, computer labs, and the RecPlex.
- Document printing: All students receive $25 in complimentary StagPrint value each semester, or $5 per registered course, whichever is greater.
- Laundry: All campus residents receive 80 complimentary laundry cycles (one wash or one dry) each semester.
- Meal Plan: All residence hall residents are automatically enrolled in a meal plan; commuting students are eligible to purchase one. The StagCard is required in the Tully Dining Commons.
- Debit: When students add money to their StagBucks account, the StagCard becomes a debit card.

The money in the StagBucks account can be used at a variety of locations on campus, including the Fairfield Spirit Shop, University Bookstore (downtown), mailroom, vending machines, Einstein Bros Bagels, Stag Snack Bar, Starbucks in the library cafe, and more.

The StagBucks account will also kick in when students run out of dining dollars, StagPrint, or laundry cycles. For an updated list of off-campus merchants accepting the StagCard, visit fairfield.edu/stagcard.

There are four convenient ways to add money to the StagBucks account:

1. Online at stagcardonline.com
2. In person at the StagCard Office. Cash, check, Master Card, Amex, and Visa accepted.
3. At a Value Transfer Station (VTS) located in the Barone Campus Center next to the ATM and in the Weil Café of the DiMenna-Nyselius Library. Only cash is accepted.
4. By mail to the StagCard Office. Make checks payable to Fairfield University, indicate the student’s name and Fairfield ID number in the memo area, and send to:
   StagCard Office
   Fairfield University
   1073 North Benson Road
   Fairfield, CT 06824
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-2020: The calendar is on the University website at fairfield.edu/academiccalendar
OFFICES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS
Office of Academic Support and Retention
The Office of Academic Support and Retention provides individual and group services aimed at facilitating student transition and increasing student engagement and success. The Office supports and monitors students’ academic progress, offers tutorial programs and learning support resources, and coordinates with faculty advisors, deans’ offices, and campus resources to assist students in achieving academic success. Using a holistic advising model, the Office helps students meet their academic, personal, and professional goals through comprehensive and integrated academic support services and resources. For additional information, please contact the Office at 203-254-4000, ext. 2222.

The following services are available to undergraduate students:
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Academic Support Workshop Series
- The Math Center
- The Writing Center

For additional information, please contact the Office at 203-254-4000, ext. 2222.

Accessibility
Accessibility is a confidential service available for students with disabilities and temporary impairments attending Fairfield University. Accessibility works with students each semester to collaboratively create academic and/or campus life accommodations. Services include one-on-one sessions focused on time management, organization and planning, study skills improvement, effective note taking, and communications skills. To request accommodations or to learn more about the comprehensive services, please visit fairfield.edu/accessibility.

Project Excel
Project Excel is a TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program’s overall objectives are to increase and support the retention of participants, ensure that participants are in good academic standing at the University, and to have participants graduate in a timely way. Project Excel works to accomplish its objectives by providing an array of support services for eligible students. For additional information on eligibility requirements, please contact Project Excel at 203-254-4000, ext. 4064.

Career & Professional Development
It is never too soon to start thinking about life after Fairfield! That includes evaluating careers, graduate school, and service opportunities. This is the time for students to identify interests, skills, abilities, and personality traits. Career services can be obtained through any of the following:
- The University Career Center (also specifically for Egan and School of Engineering students)
- Career services within the College of Arts and Sciences for arts/sciences students
- Career services within the Dolan School of Business for business students

These offices provide access to assessment inventories, career counseling, and assistance with developing resumes. Many students find that asking questions about future work is closely tied to decisions they will make about majors, minors, and other areas of engagement. Thinking about a future career helps students to truly value their time at Fairfield, enhancing the college experience.

For more information, visit fairfield.edu/careercenter.

LIBRARY
The DiMenna-Nyselius Library develops students’ potential by supporting intellectual curiosity and open-minded exploration of complex research questions. Librarians on staff are information experts who prepare students for university-level research. To ensure that students successfully transition to Fairfield, the Library assigns each transfer student a Personal Librarian, who serves as a touchpoint of support and introduces students to the Library’s collections and services. In addition, the Library offers:
- One-on-one research help with a librarian in-person, by email, or phone
- 24/7 help via chat service
- Course-integrated library instruction
- Online research guides
- One million books/ebooks and over 200 databases of academic articles and streaming media
- Reservable spaces to conduct group work
Academic Planning

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Through academic advising, students learn to become members of Fairfield University’s community, to think critically about their roles and responsibilities as students, and to develop an educational plan that allows for exploration, reflection, and discernment. A network of faculty advisors, professional advising staff, and peer mentors supports students in all areas of academic planning and at each stage of the decision-making process. Students receive assistance with selecting courses, deciding on majors (and possibly minors), and incorporating co-curricular involvement and high-impact learning opportunities such as study abroad, capstones, and internships. Together, Fairfield’s faculty, staff, and peers promote a holistic approach to academic advising that encourages students to be actively engaged and to make thoughtful choices regarding their current and future plans.

Faculty Advisors
Students are assigned a faculty advisor within their academic discipline. Undeclared students are also assigned a faculty advisor who specializes in working with students who have not yet declared a program of study. Once these students declare a major, they will be reassigned to an advisor in the academic discipline chosen. Supplemental advising support is available to all students through the Office of Academic Support & Retention, assistant/associate deans, and department chairs. Advisors are available to meet regularly with students, monitor progress, advise students at registration time, and discuss courses and programs of study.

Peer Advising
Through the Transfer First-Year Experience seminar, students connect with a New Student Leader (NSL) — an upperclass student trained to address some of the concerns many students have when they start college. With knowledge of basic academic advising, the NSL is a good source to answer questions about Core requirements, registration procedures, planning for meetings with a faculty advisor, and other advising resources on campus.

For more information about academic support and related resources, visit fairfield.edu/academicsupport.
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CORE
Fairfield University’s rigorous and robust general education program, known as the Core, gives students the knowledge and skills to better understand the world and their place in it. The Core supports and reflects the University’s mission of educating the whole person and offering ongoing opportunities for transformation. A student’s Core experience varies slightly depending on their academic discipline and at what stage in their academic journey they join Fairfield, however all students will experience coursework in the arts, humanities, mathematics, behavioral, social and natural sciences prior to graduation. Because many Core courses can also be counted toward major and minor programs, students can still pursue more than one intellectual interest in greater depth even as they meet the core requirements. Transfer students will discuss their specific Core requirements when they meet with academic administration to plan their first semester of courses at Fairfield.

COURSE SELECTION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS
Class Registration
Students will work with academic administrators to select their courses for the upcoming semester. Based on academic program/school requirements and student interest, administrators will assist students in registering for their courses prior to the start of the semester.

Typical Course Loads and Schedules
Students normally enroll in five, 3- or 4-credit-hour courses each semester. However, a student will be considered full-time while taking a minimum of four courses or 12 credits.

Guidelines for the Language Requirement
Reasons for the Language Requirement
In an increasingly interdependent world, the ability to understand and communicate across ethnic, cultural, ideological, and national boundaries is essential. Since language is the primary vehicle for communication, one goal of the Core Curriculum is to ensure that Fairfield graduates acquire skills within at least one language other than English.

Deciding a Language to Study
Students with a high school background in a particular language may want to continue their studies to improve their proficiency. Other students prefer to use college as an opportunity to learn a completely different language, one that they do not know or that was not offered at their high school.

Assessment of Skills
We require all students who have acquired some fluency in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and/or Spanish — whether through study in high school, or another institution, at home or through living abroad — take the Language Placement Exam in one of these languages, even if they do not intend to continue the studies in any of them. The Action Items section of this Guide contains more information about taking the online Language Placement Exam.

If students choose to continue study in one of these languages the score on the placement exam will determine the beginning level of study at Fairfield. Currently there is no Language Placement Exam in Arabic, Japanese, Hebrew, Portuguese, Greek, or Latin; placement for these languages will be assessed alternatively. Students who plan to start a new language should not take the placement exam in this new language.

The U.S. Government has designated Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, or Russian-languages as Critical National Security languages in which the need for specialists is growing. All students are encouraged to consider starting one of these critical languages.

Students considering studying abroad as part of their college experience may want to begin — or continue — learning the primary language of the country in which they are planning to do coursework. All students should indicate their language preference on the Academic Interests Questionnaire found online on the Student Checklist.

Guidelines for Pre-Health/Pre-Med Planning
Fairfield offers a challenging, competitive, and highly successful pre-medical/pre-dental/pre-health professional program called the Health Professions Program, or HPP. Students in this program pursue studies in a field or major of their personal interest while taking those courses necessary for admission to medical
and dental schools, as well as any of the professional schools for allied health careers, such as optometry, physical and occupational therapy, podiatry and more.

Students who are considering the health professions as a career should identify themselves and meet with the Health Professions Advisor, Dr. Geoffrey Church, as early as possible in the fall semester (gchurch@fairfield.edu, ext. 2485, 207 Bannow). A great deal of careful planning over three to four years must be done in order to prepare a strong application for advanced study. Therefore, an early meeting allows students to make sure they are on track with program requirements while there is still time to add or drop courses as appropriate.

To apply to health professions schools, students need to have foundational knowledge in science. Many pre-health students elect to pursue a degree in one of the sciences. In fact, there is a Pre-Health Concentration option within the biology degree curriculum. However, students can major in any area as long as they supplement the major program with a combination of courses that represent preparation for medical, dental, and allied health schools. There are numerous courses across the Magis Core Curriculum that focus on health care topics.

While many HPP students are interested in earning degrees in chemistry, biochemistry, or biology, students with other majors (or undecided students) should still strongly consider taking “General Chemistry” (CH 111) in their first semester. Because two years of chemistry (General I & II and Organic I & II) are required for nearly all pre-health students, it is easier for students to schedule the full load of prerequisite courses by starting with chemistry in the first year. In fact, students wanting to begin medical school immediately after graduation must take CH 111 in their first semester.

It is NOT necessary for students to begin their pre-health preparation by taking “General Biology” (BI 170) in the first semester unless they are considering majoring in biology, have already declared that major, or have a strong interest in the course content and are well prepared. The faculty members who teach BI 170 lead students through a self-assessment during the first week of class (the add/drop period) so that students can be sure they are ready to succeed in this demanding course.

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

College of Arts and Sciences
The College of Arts and Sciences, the oldest and largest of Fairfield’s five schools, is where nearly half of all Fairfield undergraduate students will focus their studies, and where all Fairfield undergraduates take the Magis Core courses. Together, students will live and learn, both on and off campus, through the arts and humanities, philosophy and religious studies, the natural sciences and mathematics, and the social and behavioral sciences.

For a list of College of Arts and Sciences majors and minors, visit fairfield.edu/cas.

Charles F. Dolan School of Business
The highly competitive, globally-oriented, tech-savvy business world seeks sound, knowledgeable, inspired undergraduates with ethics to be the business leaders of the future. This is who we’d like to help students become during their time at the Charles F. Dolan School of Business. Whether students see themselves as entrepreneurs, accountants, international business executives, marketing professionals, information systems managers, or experts in the world of finance, the School of Business can help take students there.

For a list of Dolan School of Business majors and minors, visit fairfield.edu/dsb.

School of Engineering
The School of Engineering is devoted to helping students pursue successful undergraduate and graduate engineering and computer science degrees. The School provides opportunities to combine study with experience and professional practice through classroom instruction and industrial internships,
offering the prospect for the best in engineering education. The School’s graduates master the theoretical and practical knowledge of engineering skills, and acquire additional competencies in communications, critical judgment, social responsibility, and a sense of economic and ethical values.

For a list of School of Engineering majors and minors, visit undergraduate programs at fairfield.edu/soe.

Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies

Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies curriculum prepares future nurses at the baccalaureate and graduate level in an exciting environment that includes classroom experiences on campus, simulations in the learning resource center, and opportunities to care for patients at numerous clinical sites in hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and community agencies. Students are prepared for leadership roles in all healthcare settings.

Students take one semester of chemistry and three semesters of biology, which includes anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. Students also take courses in developmental psychology and statistics. The Egan School offers a major and minor in public health. This program aims to prepare students to address health inequity by graduating “change agents” who will lead and advocate for improved health conditions worldwide. The major in public health features a number of required courses, complemented by public health-related electives distributed across three thematic areas (Public Health Science and Management, Behavioral Science and Communication, and Applied Professional Skills). In addition, the major requires a three credit local health department field internship and a nine credit immersion experience in a higher level agency to provide more management, policy, and strategic experience. Students registered for the major have the option of pursuing one of three tracks: U.S. Public Health, Global Public Health, or Nutrition.

The Social Work program offers a five year BSW/MSW program option that allows students to complete both degrees in five years. The MSW program is housed in the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions at Fairfield University. Students will have the option of receiving the BSW degree without progressing into the MSW program. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students must complete the Magis Core Curriculum required of all undergraduates, with specific courses to meet both major and core curricular requirements. In order to complete the BSW degree, students will earn 120 credits. Coursework in the major begins with two introductory courses in the sophomore year, followed by a structured program, including 10 additional required courses (38 credit hours) in social work. Beginning in fall of the senior year, students will complete 450 hours (16 hours per week) over two semesters of supervised field education in a variety of social service agencies and community outreach settings.

Please note that transfer students, who were not admitted into the Egan School may transfer into the Egan School to pursue the majors in public health or social work. Following their first year, students enrolled in any major may be eligible to transfer their major to nursing pending successful completion of GPA requirements and prerequisite courses. If accepted, nursing classes begin in the summer between junior and senior year. Students will join the accelerated nursing program students, maintaining their full-time undergraduate status, and graduate with a bachelor of science in nursing in August following their senior year.
Academic Planning

Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions
The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions, in close collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, offers several programs for undergraduates:

- A 15-credit minor in educational studies open to all interested undergraduates
- A five-year integrated bachelor’s/master’s degree with Teacher Certification in the following areas: secondary education (with concentrations in science, math, English, social studies, and world languages); elementary education

To learn more about these programs, visit fairfield.edu/gseap.

Honors Program
The Honors Program is constituted of talented, intellectually curious students from all undergraduate schools who, upon acceptance to Fairfield, are provided with the opportunity to further diversify their education through interdisciplinary courses and small seminars reserved solely for Honors students. Acceptance to the Honors Program is communicated to the student at the time of admission to Fairfield University. Students experience the interdisciplinary and seminar courses via the “honors path” through the Magis Core.

To learn more about the Honors Program, visit fairfield.edu/honorsprogram.

OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Center for Faith and Public Life
Fairfield University’s Center for Faith & Public Life (CFPL) offers students a multitude of opportunities to build the knowledge and skills required for global citizenship. Rooted in the Jesuit tradition and Catholic Social Teaching, the Center is committed to addressing society’s most pressing challenges through active engagement with communities around the globe.

Service Learning
Service learning is an approach to teaching and learning that links academic study and community-based service so that each is strengthened and both are transformed. Students get out of the classroom and into the community in a variety of ways, from tutoring in local schools to building homes on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. Courses designated as “SerL” or “SerL Option” in the course listing all have a community-engaged component that relates to the course material.

Students who have taken at least one service-learning course can apply for our student leadership program, Service Learning Associates (SLA). The SLA program engages students in meaningful peer leadership roles geared towards enhancing service learning at Fairfield. Paired with faculty teaching service-learning courses, SLAs assist with logistics, communication with partners, and facilitating critical reflection for peers.

Learn more about service learning and see an updated list of courses by visiting fairfield.edu/servicelearning.

JUHAN (Jesuit Universities Humanitarian Action Network)
Through the JUHAN program, students can take courses, participate in service and simulation experiences, get a “foot in the door” with great internship opportunities at leading humanitarian organizations, and assume leadership roles that will prepare them for addressing humanitarian crises. Through JUHAN, students can connect with students around the world on the meaning of humanitarian action and its implications for the Jesuit ideology of “men and women for others.”

In response to the increasing number, scope and intensity of humanitarian emergencies, Fairfield University has introduced a new Humanitarian Action Minor (fairfield.edu/humanitarianaction) which complements students’ other fields of study with the concepts, theories, and skills to discern individual and collective responsibilities to respond to humanitarian needs at home and around the world. The program includes faculty with expertise in an array of disciplines including ethics, engineering, health, history, economics, management, and international affairs from all five of the University’s schools. Additionally, Fairfield University is collaborating with the Peace Corps to offer a unique interdisciplinary preparatory program which prepares students for international development fieldwork and potential Peace Corps service. For more information, visit our website: fairfield.edu/pcprep

There are many different opportunities to engage with the program each year. Learn more about JUHAN by visiting fairfield.edu/juhan.

Service Learning Immersions and Humanitarian Action Simulations:
Each year, CFPL sponsors various experiences for students to engage in experiential learning.
opportunities with partners around the country. Scholarships are available.
- Service learning immersion on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota with Simply Smiles.
- Day trips to the United Nations
- SBC weekend service experience to rebuild homes affected by Hurricane Sandy
- Alternative spring break in Abilene, Texas to work with the International Rescue Committee
- Florida (Atlantic) Hope where students participate in a three day simulation training exercise held in Ft. Pierce, Florida
- United Nations Security Council Crisis Simulation

The Center for Catholic Studies
The Center for Catholic Studies promotes research and teaching on all aspects of the Roman Catholic Church. Catholic Studies examines Catholicism as a cultural tradition, exploring its particular customs, politics, organizational structure, and distinctive ethical voice; as an intellectual tradition, attending to the great philosophical and theological legacy of the Church and its impact upon the development of science and learning; and as an artistic tradition, studying its immense contributions to music and drama, to poetry and fiction, to painting and sculpture.

Lectures and Other Events
Throughout the year, the Center brings nationally-recognized scholars to campus to share their expertise on a wide range of topics of interest to Catholic Studies through evening lectures. In addition, the Center regularly sponsors workshops, conferences, and student initiatives related to the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Learn more about the Center for Catholic Studies by visiting in Canisius 200 or online at fairfield.edu/cs.

Study Abroad
An international experience has become an invaluable part of a complete undergraduate education. Fairfield invites students to study abroad for a semester or summer program from a selection of more than 100 programs with options for all majors and minors. We also have faculty-led and summer programs that are open to students from all levels (from first-year to seniors) so students can always make study abroad work with their schedules.

Study language in Florence, Italy; business in Brisbane, Australia; or a subject of your choice at one of our many overseas partner universities.

Explore what service learning means thousands of miles from campus, experience an academic internship abroad and discover what a completely different culture can teach us about our own. Students can study in
a Fairfield-administered program to earn credit and grades in Brisbane, Australia; London, England; Aix en Provence, France; Galway, Ireland; Florence, Italy; Madrid, Spain; and Managua, Nicaragua. Programs are also offered all over the world with affiliated programs earning transfer credit.

Students who submit the Study Abroad application online need approval from their academic department and an overall GPA of 2.8. Students are encouraged to drop by our Study Abroad office and attend our information sessions. To learn more, visit fairfield.edu/studyabroad.

Student Grants and Fellowships Office

The Student Grants and Fellowships Office is located in the Office of the Provost and provides outreach, information, and guidance to high-achieving Fairfield University students and recent alumni across various external and Fairfield University-specific fellowships and grants. These support domestic and international experiences before and after graduation. They also include fellowships for formal degree studies, independent research funding, teaching placements abroad, and support for public service and creative arts projects, among many other possibilities. The Office, in collaboration with faculty and other partners, aims to support Fairfield students as they reach for the magis or “the more,” by complementing their intellectual and personal development through thoughtful exploration and pursuit of such competitive opportunities.

The Office provides guidance throughout the application process. Students can meet with members of the office at information sessions throughout the academic year and connecting one-on-one to discuss goals and interests.

Contact Jocelyn Boryczka, PhD, associate vice provost for Scholarly, Creative, and Community Engagement, at jboryczka@fairfield.edu or Kim Baer at kbaer@fairfield.edu for more information 203-254-4000. 2292.

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Center for Faith & Public Life’s Global Citizenship Bucket List:
- Take at least one service-learning and one Humanitarian Action course before graduation
- Spend a day at the United Nations
- Participate in a service/immersion experience domestically or internationally
- Assume a leadership role as Service Learning Associate or JUHAN Fellow
- Get to know someone with a faith background that differs from your own
- Visit a new place of worship that you’ve never experienced before
- Participate in a humanitarian simulation
- Intern with a non-profit or humanitarian organization
- Attend events/lectures that expand horizons regularly
THINGS TO DO TO EARN YOUR ANTLERS

1. Watch your classmates on the big screen at Cinefest
2. Study on the beach...or just play Frisbee
3. Attend a Rock the Mass with Lord’s Chords
4. Tweet about the amazing Open VISIONS Forum you just experienced at the Quick Center
5. Grab a snack at Late Night at the Stag
6. Play a game and get an awesome give-away at one of FUSA’s late-night events.

7. Go to one of Fairfield@Night’s bingo nights
8. Take the train into the city around holiday time
9. Get all decked out in your Fairfield gear for Red Sea Madness
10. Chase — or be chased by — the turkeys
11. Dance the night away at Presidential Ball
12. Take a trip to a Broadway show

13. Make a donation in support of your Senior Class Gift senior year
14. Go to a Jazz Ensemble concert
15. Go sledding on the library hill
16. Visit South Side Cafe for great entertainment and a late-night menu
17. Sing karaoke at The Levee
18. Play trivia at The Levee
19. Cheer your head off at a Stags basketball game
20. Pull an all-nighter in Club DiMenna (a.k.a the library)
21. Grab a pre-class coffee at Einsteins or get a Starbucks at the library or town bookstore
22. Run down the hill to Dolan School of Business because you are late to class
23. Get lost looking for any office in Dolan Commons and Dolan House
24. Go to the University Orchestra concert
25. Take your picture with the President at Presidential Ball
26. Play on an intramural or club team
27. Attend the Activities Fair
28. Go on a Kairos retreat — or any retreat
29. Do homework in the McGrath Commons in Campus Ministry
30. Have your super nice RA let you into your room when you get locked out
31. Write an article for The Mirror — or at least read one
32. Vote for the president, vice president, and class senators at the FUSA election — or better yet, run for a position
33. Visit the Zen garden to relax during a stressful time
34. Stay for multiple meals in the Tully Dining Commons
35. Check out Fairfield Flicks — watch a weekend late night movie
36. Engage in civic dialogue during ‘Across the Aisle’
37. Convince your professor that there is a good reason to have class outside on the first nice day of spring
38. Play an impromptu game of Frisbee, wiffle ball, or soccer on the quad
39. Take the Stag bus to Colony Grill
40. Attend the fall concert
41. Laugh your head off at a “Your Mom Does Improv” show
42. Go to Colony Grill and eat your entire pizza
43. Take one of the free exercise classes at the RecPlex!
44. Visit a professor during office hours
45. Get to know a Jesuit
46. Participate in Relay for Life
47. Participate in Inter-Residential Housing Association’s Lighting of the Halls
48. Take a free shuttle to the Arena for a basketball game
49. Participate in Fairfield on Fire
50. Go on a service trip
51. Study abroad
52. Meet with a Career Counselor to prepare for life after Fairfield
53. Go to an art exhibit at the Fairfield Art Museum
54. See a Theatre Fairfield play
STUDENT LIFE
Student life at Fairfield University supports the Jesuit tradition of caring for the whole person by providing opportunities that engage students in meaningful activities designed for their living and learning experience. Through both curricular and co-curricular experiences, students will be involved in integrative learning opportunities that empower intellectual, spiritual, and cultural growth during their time at Fairfield University.

DEAN OF STUDENTS
The Office of the Dean of Students serves as a central resource to connect students with university and community resources in support of their educational experience. Alongside other members of the University community, the office strives to create community standards which encourage a safe, respectful, healthy, and inclusive atmosphere, open communication, values-based decision-making, ethical behavior, leadership, and resiliency. They advocate for students by listening to and addressing their concerns, and assisting them in resolving personal and university concerns that affect their educational experience and the University community at large. The Office partners and shares responsibilities with key stakeholders, including parents and guardians, faculty, and campus staff, to enhance learning, support success, and respond to the evolving needs of current and future Fairfield University students. The Dean of Students Office helps students make responsible decisions through peer mentor programs, one-on-one meetings with agents of the Dean’s office, and creative, educational programs. Students can visit the Dean’s office in the Barone Campus Center Suite 408, call 203-254-4211, or e-mail dosoffice@fairfield.edu.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Fairfield University registers over 100 student-led clubs and organizations—ranging from honor societies to academic-focused clubs to political and cultural clubs—where students gain first-hand experience in leadership, organizational development and management, decision-making, diversity, and event planning.
For a complete list of clubs visit fairfield.edu/clubs.

FUSA
The Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) is recognized as the official governing association of all Fairfield undergraduate students. FUSA advocates for and supports the growth and development of a strong student-driven and student-focused campus culture, where students of all backgrounds and belief systems work together to improve the undergraduate student experience for current and future generations of Stags. As all undergraduate students are members of FUSA, they are able to take advantage of everything FUSA has to offer, including traditional, late-night, multicultural, recreational, and class-specific programming, club organizational, marketing, and financial support and management, and opportunities to make their voices and opinions heard.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR!

Cultural Events
- Rep Ya Flag
- Diwali
- International Education Week
- Lunar New Year
- Noche Caliente
- Gender Bender Ball
- Martin Luther King Celebration Week
- Discover Islam Week
- Flavors of Asia
- Featured Speakers

Late Night Events
- Quick Center for the Arts Shows
- Art exhibitions
- Theatre Fairfield student productions
- Music performances
- Film screenings

Trivia Nights
- Broadway Shows
- Sporting Games

Lighting of the Lounges
- Annual Fairfield University Tree Lighting
- Santa's Workshop
- Siblings Weekend
- To Be A Kid Again
- Fairfield on Fire
- Mass of the Holy Spirit
- New England Day
- Spring Fest Carnival
- Relay for Life
heard. For more information, visit the FUSA website at fairfield.edu/fusa.

IRHA
The Inter-Residential Housing Association (IRHA) is the student voice within the residence halls. Students are invited to take part in shaping their residential living experience and make the most out of their residential experience. IRHA works closely with each Residence Hall community through RHA, campus offices, other student organizations and key senior administrators to make change happen. IRHA is also affiliated with the National Association of University Residence Halls and sponsors students to attend a leadership conference each semester.

Commuter Student Association: The Commuter Student Association is a group for both commuters and residents to connect with each other and have fun! We host different events throughout each semester. We also have meetings bi-weekly, where commuters and residents can come together as a community, make friends, and connect with each other.

Fairfield United
Fairfield United is a consortium of different cultural and affinity clubs. Fairfield United strives to increase knowledge and understanding of the Fairfield University population through educational programming. The following student organizations belong to Fairfield United: Alliance; ASA, the Asian Student Association; AAUW, LGBTQ students and Allies, The American Association of University Women; SALSA, the Spanish American Latino Student Association; SASA, the South Asian Student Association; MSA, the Muslim Student Association; Black Student Union (BSU), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE); Caribbean Club; Remixx, the hip hop dance team; CSA, Commuter Students Association; Distinguished Gentlemen; Performing for Change; and Weeepa, the Latin American Dance group.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Athletics
The Department of Athletics sponsors and supports 20 NCAA Division I sports that compete in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and the Colonial Athletic Association (Men’s Lacrosse only).

The varsity program includes nine men’s sports (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, swimming and diving, and tennis) and 11 women’s sports (basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball).

For more information on varsity athletics include team specific information, recruiting forms and to purchase tickets visit fairfieldstags.com.

Recreation
The newly remodeled and expanded RecPlex opened in September 2016. with three levels of cardio equipment, strength and conditioning equipment, four group exercise rooms, three basketball courts, a 25-meter pool, an indoor elevated track, and a spin room.

The Department of Recreation coordinates intramural programs, sport clubs, group exercise and general exercise opportunities weekly. Numerous employment opportunities are also available to the student body.

Intramural Sports
Intramural sports are an integral part of student life at Fairfield University. There are numerous, unique intramural activities, including full seasons or day/weekend tournaments. Separate divisions for male, female, and co-ed participation are offered. Intramurals are overseen by student supervisors and officiated by student employees.

Exercise classes
Fairfield Fit classes, led by certified (mostly student) instructors, are free of charge to the student body. Upwards of 40 classes are available on a weekly basis.

Sport Clubs
The sport clubs program strives to provide leadership and competitive athletic opportunities for students. These programs provide an excellent avenue to enhance knowledge and skills with a specific sport through social, cognitive, and physical experiences. Currently, Fairfield University sponsors 25 sport clubs, with more than 600 students forming team rosters.

Learn more about the RecPlex at fairfield.edu/recplex

ARTS AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
Fairfield takes great pride in the arts and intellectual co-curricular programming offered to our students. Engagement with the arts as a change agent in one’s life is an integral component of our mission as a Catholic, Jesuit University.
Fairfield University is home to numerous performing and creative arts organizations open to all students. Unlike most universities, students do not need to major or minor in the arts to participate. Come join Theatre Fairfield as a participant or an audience member; University Symphony Orchestra; Gospel Choir; The Sounds A Cappella Group; Stags TV; Jazz Ensemble; Glee Club; and Pep Band! Students are also welcome to sign up for private instrumental and voice lessons as well as use music practice rooms.

Regina A. Quick Center
Are you hoping to experience the best in performing arts and cultural and intellectual events without heading into New York City? Students can enjoy tickets to Quick events for just $5 with their Stag ID. Learn more at quickcenter.com.

Events include the best musicians, dancers, and actors in the world; the Open VISIONS Forum, which offers distinguished lecturers and taste-makers in a town hall style program; Live in HD screenings of The Met Opera and National Theatre; and featured performances by student ensembles including Theatre Fairfield, the Glee Club, and the Dance Ensemble.

Engage in global conversations as the world comes to your doorstep when you make the Quick your home for meaningful and enriching experiences!

Fairfield University Art Museum
The Fairfield University Art Museum (FUAM) encompasses galleries for the permanent collection and rotating exhibitions in Bellarmine Hall, and the Walsh Gallery for larger special exhibitions in the Quick Center for the Arts. It is an essential academic and cultural resource that brings original works of art to the Fairfield University community, the residents of Fairfield County, and beyond. The small but choice permanent collection features European and American paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs, as well as a group of Asian, African, and Pre-Columbian objects. This is augmented by antiquities and medieval objects on long-term loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Penn Museum, the Worcester Art Museum, and the American Numismatic Society, Asian art on loan from the Columbia University Collection, and European paintings and objects borrowed from private collections. Exhibitions showcase works of art in all media from a broad swathe of time periods and world cultures, ancient to contemporary. FUAM partners with local schools and cultural institutions and serves all audiences through outreach, free admission, and free events.

Lukacs Art Gallery and Experimental Space
Located on the ground floor of Loyola Hall, the galleries feature exhibitions by student artists, studio art classes, and contemporary artists.

For further information on Fairfield’s cultural offerings visit fairfield.edu/arts.

RESIDENCE LIFE
The Office of Residence Life seeks to provide safe, comfortable, living and learning environments for residential and commuter students. Fairfield University has many different types of housing, including traditional residential halls, suite-style buildings, townhouse blocks, apartment complexes, and several private homes adjacent to campus. Fairfield University guarantees and requires on-campus residency for all full-time undergraduates during all four years at Fairfield. The University works closely with students to administer the housing lottery and selection processes, and to create a sense of community and an active, engaged atmosphere in the student residences. Residence Life has taken steps to ensure the highest quality of life in the living spaces offered to students. To learn more, visit fairfield.edu/reslife.

CAMPUS MINISTRY
Reflecting our Catholic value that all people are created in the image and likeness of God, Campus Ministry strives to be a home for all students to integrate faith into the whole of their lives from an intellectual and spiritual perspective. Rooted in our Ignatian identity, we welcome students from all faith traditions and at all points on their spiritual journey. Recognizing the need for solidarity in today’s world, we seek to nurture a “faith that does justice.”

Campus Ministry is home to a wide variety of clubs and programs. Located on the first floor of the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Arrupe
retreat, and social justice programs. It is also a gathering space for students of all faith traditions who are interested in exploring and enriching their spiritual lives as well as learning about opportunities for service to the broader community. To learn more, visit fairfield.edu/campusministry.

**Domestic and International Immersion Trips**
Campus Ministry offers opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to explore what it means to live a faith that does justice through domestic and international immersion trips during winter break in January and spring break in March. During these trips, participants share in the lives of those living in poverty and cultures different from their own, reflect critically on issues of faith and justice, and contribute their skills and resources to help create a more just and loving world. The programs are open to students of all faith traditions and at all points of their spiritual journey. More information, including program dates and deadlines, is available at fairfield.edu/immersion.

**Clubs**
Campus Ministry staff advise a number of clubs in conjunction with the Fairfield University Student Organization (FUSA).

**Project Yes You Can**
Voted FUSA’s 2017-2018 Club of the Year, Project Yes You Can is a service club whose goal is to go out into the community and work with cancer patients, disabled people, and the general population (including the university community) to teach them to have a positive outlook and how to overcome obstacles to achieve their dreams and goals.

**Students for Life**
Participants aim to learn about, understand, and raise awareness about a broad range of life issues on our campus and in our communities. Students explore initiatives that focus on increasing respect and dignity for people at every stage of life.

**Students for Social Justice**
Students for Social Justice is a dynamic, student-led group that meets weekly and aims to educate, advocate, and activate around issues of social justice, to be a voice for the voiceless, and to further enrich Fairfield’s mission in the service of faith and the promotion of justice. Past activities have included a Darfur activism campaign, Congressional letter writing campaigns, a Fair-Trade Bazaar and Fashion Show, and the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice.

For more information, contact their advisor, Katie Byrnes at kbyrnes@fairfield.edu.

**Social Justice and Community Engagement**
Students can share their interests and talents by volunteering with numerous social service organizations in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Opportunities include working with animals, children, refugees, and the elderly, as well as at food banks, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and Habitat for Humanity.

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Mass is held every Sunday at 11 a.m., 5 p.m., and 9 p.m. Mass is also held daily, Monday through Friday, at 12:10 p.m. In addition to a Jesuit priest and four Catholic lay ministers, the Campus Ministry team includes a Catholic Permanent Deacon, as well as Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim chaplains. Campus Ministry co-sponsors monthly Jewish Shabbat services as well as a weekly Muslim Juma services, along with interfaith prayer services throughout the year. There are also opportunities for individual conversations, pastoral counseling, and spiritual direction.

Student Eucharistic Ministers (EMS), Lectors and Musicians are integral to Catholic worship and participate in all weekend and special Masses throughout the academic year. Eucharistic and Lector Ministry begins with training, an overnight retreat, and commissioning in the fall, along with bi-weekly meetings throughout the year. Students who sing or play musical instruments are encouraged to participate in choirs at all three weekend Masses, especially the Praise Project at 5 p.m. and the Lord’s Chords at 9 p.m.
Retreats and Spiritual Programs
In the spirit of Ignatian Spirituality, Campus Ministry offers several retreat experiences to meet a wide range of spiritual needs and are open to students of all faith traditions and backgrounds.

Kairos, adapted to mean “God’s time”, is a weekend experience that invites close examination of students’ relationships with others, themselves, and God in a communal and reflective setting off campus.

Other spiritual opportunities include the Busy Person’s Spiritual Workout for Lent; Encountering the Living God, a 10-week directed prayer experience offered through the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality; Bible Study; and bi-weekly Camino Communities which offer opportunities for small group reflection and sharing about faith. Visit fairfield.edu/retreats for more information.

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PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER FAIRFIELD

First Year
- Visit with a career counselor
- Look for a job on campus or volunteer to gain work experience

Sophomore Year
- Make an appointment with a career counselor and consider taking a “self-assessment inventory” such as Myers-Briggs or the Strong Interest Survey
- Begin drafting a resume
- Register with Stags4Hire, Fairfield’s online recruiting system. Search for jobs, internships, and information on career fairs
- Apply for a Stags in the Field opportunity

Junior Year
- Continue developing resume with a career counselor
- Upload and update resume to Stags4Hire to explore summer internships
- Practice interviewing techniques with career counselor and take advantage of mock interviews with real employers
- Attend career planning workshops
- Attend the Career and Internship Fairs to meet employers and learn about career opportunities

Senior Year
- Fine-tune your resume by adding summer jobs and senior classes
- Hone interviewing techniques and participate in real interviews
- Read the Stags4Hire calendar daily to learn of new opportunities
- Attend the Career and Internship Fairs to meet employers and learn about career opportunities
- Continuously update resume on Stags4Hire
- Apply for specific jobs and secure a position
- Attend professional development activities
- Take advantage of the University Career Center’s resources after graduation
- Register for “Senior Launch” events throughout spring semester
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling & Psychological Services (C&PS) is a confidential service for full-time undergraduate students. Fairfield’s Counseling Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) and provides individual and group psychotherapy by professional psychotherapists to help students deal with adjustment issues, mood disorders, relationship problems, family issues, and emotional distress.

Services offered include psychological counseling, crisis intervention, psychiatric services, and substance abuse assessment and treatment, including Choices, Eating Disorder Treatment and Referral, and Sexual Assault Response.

To learn more about the comprehensive services call 203-254-4000, ext. 2146 or visit fairfield.edu/cps.

BARONE CAMPUS CENTER

The John A. Barone Campus Center (BCC) is the focal point of student life on campus. The first floor contains a large, open lounge equipped with wireless access to the campus network, table tennis, and billiard tables. The lower level also features the StagCard office, the University radio station (WVOF-FM 88.5), the Commuter Club, Inter-Residential Housing Association (IRHA), the student yearbook, The Manor, Residence Life, the Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA), Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs; Student Engagement and offices for student clubs and organizations around its perimeter.

Meeting rooms are located on the second floor, and large multi-function rooms are located on the third floor. The Office of Conference & Event Management is on the second floor, and the Offices of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, and Tully Dining Commons are located on the fourth floor. The BCC is also the location for:

ATM

An automated teller machine (ATM), operated by Bank of America, is located on the second floor near the Spirit Shop. Two other ATMs, operated by Personal Care America Federal Credit Union, are located in the Gonzaga Auditorium lobby and The Levee.

Spirit Shop, Downtown Bookstore & Textbooks

Follett operates the Stag Spirit Shop on the second floor of the BCC where students can purchase apparel, stationery, gifts, school supplies, computer accessories, gift cards, snacks, and health and beauty items. The store also offers care packages, fax, and shipping services.

The Fairfield University Bookstore is located at 1499 Post Road in downtown Fairfield. Course materials can be purchased there or online at fairfield.edu/bookstore.

The store offers a variety of options for textbooks, including textbook rental, digital books, and new/used books. Books ordered through the website can be picked up at the Stag Spirit Shop, downtown bookstore, or shipped to your home for a small fee. The downtown bookstore sells a large selection of general reading books, stationery, greeting cards, convenience items, clothing, and novelty and gift items. The campus shuttle makes regular stops at the bookstore.

The downtown bookstore also houses a Starbucks Café where students can study, unwind, or attend one of the many events held there, including live music on Fridays.

Commuter Lounge

The Commuter Lounge is located in the lower lobby area of the BCC.

Dining

The Campus Center offers a range of dining options including the Tully Dining Commons located on the fourth floor, and Einstein Bros Bagels and the Stag Snack Bar on the third floor.

- The Tully Dining Commons features a deli, grill, create-a-meal and vegetarian stations, salad and pasta bars, desserts, a frozen yogurt station, and a self-serve ice cream freezer.
- Einstein Bros Bagels offers fresh bagels, coffee, and espresso. They feature freshly prepared deli sandwiches, breakfast egg sandwiches, and baked snacks and sweets.
- The Stag Snack Bar is open year-round, with outside dining during the spring, summer, and fall. The Snack Bar offers students many dining options, including a grill, pizzeria, convenience items, and deli.
Meal Plans
For information about other meal plan options, visit fairfielddiningservices.com.

Information Desk
The Information Desk, located on the third floor of the BCC, is staffed during the day for personal assistance to visitors, students, faculty, and staff.

Mailroom
All full-time undergraduate students are assigned a campus mailbox. This information will be sent to students’ Gmail accounts over the summer. Student mailboxes and the mailroom are located in the BCC, second level. Window hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.

The mailroom offers a full range of postal services (e.g., stamps, mailing packages, etc.). Cash and StagBucks are accepted. Mailing supplies such as envelopes and packing tape can be purchased in the Spirit Shop. The University's mailing address format is:

Student Name
Box #
Fairfield University
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Note: To expedite delivery, do not use ‘P.O. Box’, use ‘Box.’
HEALTH CENTER
The Health Center promotes healthy living and provides medical care for common health problems. Health care is provided by our physician and a staff of nurse practitioners and registered nurses. A nurse practitioner is an “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse” licensed to manage common illnesses and prescribe medication. The Health Center is open daily when classes are in session. Services provided include the diagnosis and treatment of common illnesses and injuries, allergy shots, and a women’s clinic. Health Center clinicians are able to order laboratory tests and prescription medications when indicated. Students who have prescriptions from their private healthcare provider for long-term conditions should arrange to have these prescriptions filled at a local pharmacy prior to coming to Fairfield University.

In the case of a medical emergency, students will be transported to a local hospital for care. Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent’s Hospital both serve Fairfield University students.

All full-time undergraduate students are eligible to use the services of the Health Center. There is no visit fee for eligible students.

STUDENT DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
The Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs seeks to promote the mission of Fairfield by creating an environment that supports greater understanding and appreciation of diversity, multiculturalism, and promotion of inclusive excellence. The office hosts a variety of services, learning experiences, and opportunities that educate and enhance the intellectual and social culture of the university. Additionally, the office works with student organizations, faculty, and other University offices to continue to integrate diversity and inclusion to address students’ needs, interests, and concerns effectively.

Undocumented Students Scholarship Fund
The Scholarship Fund for Undocumented Students provides financial assistance to students registered at Fairfield University who are not legal residents of the United States, and, as such, do not qualify for federal financial aid. Recipients must be enrolled at Fairfield University as full-time undergraduates for at least one semester, must be in good academic standing, and must demonstrate financial hardship. Requests for assistance with critical academic expenses (tuition, housing, healthcare, etc.), will be prioritized, but students may also apply for assistance with co-curricular activity expenses (immersion trips, study abroad, etc.) and DACA renewals. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and an effort is made to notify applicants of award decisions within 30 days of receipt.

For more information on resources to support undocumented students, please visit fairfield.edu/immigrantstudent.

Lucy Katz Dialogue & Resolution Program
Peer mediation is a voluntary program in which trained student mediators help other students resolve conflicts. The mediators facilitate communication and help explore new ideas. The parties to the conflict make all final decisions about the outcome.

Students create their own solutions with the mediator’s guidance. For more information visit fairfield.edu/mediation.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES HELP DESK (ITS4U)

ITS offers computer, networking, and wireless resources and assistance to the entire Fairfield University community. Fairfield University supports Windows-based and Macintosh computers. Devices such as smartphones and computers should be registered on the student network. Go to fairfield.edu/wireless for more information. For other devices such as tablets, gaming devices, smart televisions, and Alexa devices, the guest network is preferred.

The ITS4U Help Desk provides free technical support for issues like wireless connectivity, malware Prevention/cleanup, and limited software support. We are authorized to facilitate hardware replacements for warranty-covered HP-Enterprise and Apple computers. Additionally, all students have access to free, on-demand, training material through LinkedIn Learning, which can be accessed by searching “LinkedIn Learning” on my.fairfield.edu. Courses cover a variety of technical and non-technical subjects!

Students are welcome to visit the ITS4U Help Desk Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday 4-8 p.m. No appointment necessary. Located in the Library — Main Level Room 215 Requests for assistance can be submitted by logging into ITSHelpDesk.Fairfield.edu.

For information on purchasing a new computer visit ITS4U Help Desk: fairfield.edu/buyacomputer Phone: 203-254-4069 Email: itshelpdesk@fairfield.edu

PARKING

Due to the limited amount of parking spaces on our campus, Fairfield University has established guidelines and policies pertaining to parking. First-year and sophomore resident students are not authorized to have automobiles on campus (including weekends).

Students are encouraged to utilize the University shuttle, public transportation, taxi or Uber. Zip Cars are also stored on campus and available for rental. Fairfield does not have the ability to accommodate first-year students and sophomores with vehicles. Violations of this policy will be documented and referred for disciplinary action, in addition to any ticket or towing charges assessed to the offender.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to prevent, investigate, and report any violations of state or federal law and/or Fairfield University policies and regulations on campus. Students can report any potential criminal act or emergency to any officer or representative of the department. Public Safety officers patrol the campus in cars, on foot, and on bicycles. Officers are trained as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and Public Safety is the first-responder for medical emergencies on campus.

Public Safety encourages all members of the community to practice basic crime prevention practices by leaving valuables at home, always locking doors, and traveling with friends.
Public Safety officers perform a number of other services on campus, including an escort service, coordinating security needs for campus events, and parking enforcement.

Additionally, Public Safety encourages all students, faculty and staff to use the smart phone app, LiveSafe. The app activates and streams real-time video and audio, GPS location and two-way texting to Fairfield University’s DPS dispatch center. LiveSafe allows dispatchers and first responders to monitor information in real time, streaming from a person’s phone, enabling a quicker and more effective response by our Public Safety Officers.

The Department also sponsors personal safety and defense workshops. Students can even participate in a ride-along program. For more information, visit fairfield.edu/publicsafety.

To report any emergency, students should call ext. 4090 or 203-254-4090. All students are to program the DPS phone number into their cell phones prior to arriving on campus.

TRANSPORTATION

Off-Campus Shuttle
Fairfield University provides a daily off-campus shuttle service that departs from the Campus Center. The shuttle service goes to numerous locations along the Post Road, including the Fairfield University Bookstore, Super Stop & Shop, and CVS, as well as to the Fairfield train station.

In addition, on weekends the shuttle runs service to the Trumbull Shopping Mall and movie theatres. The shuttles are accessible. Schedules are posted in the Campus Center and at fairfield.edu/shuttle.

Zipcar
Students at Fairfield University now have wheels with no strings attached. Zipcar, the world’s leading car-sharing service, is now on campus and available for all 18+ students, faculty, and staff. Members can reserve cars parked right on campus by the hour or day, 24/7. Join Zipcar today for only $25 and you’ll get $35 in driving credit to take your first drive for free.

There are four simple steps to Zipcar freedom:
2. Reserve a car online or on your phone for as little as an hour or up to seven days.
3. Let yourself into the car with your unique Zipcard. (The keys are already in the car.)
4. Drive away. (Just make sure to return the car at the end of your reservation.)

With Zipcar parked right at on campus, it’s easy to get downtown, run errands, or even take a road trip. And since Zipcar covers gas, insurance, and 180 miles per day, you can enjoy the freedom of having a car on campus without the hassle or cost. Join at zipcar.com/fairfield.*

* For more information on drivers licenses and documents needed to apply as an international student, check out zipcar.com/apply/foreign-drivers.
ALUMNI RELATIONS AND STUDENT PHILANTHROPY

Students don’t have to wait until they receive their diplomas to visit Alumni House. The Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Board of Directors support numerous programs on campus and throughout the country, such as networking events, webinars, career development programming, and a Job Shadow program for juniors and seniors. These events enable students to connect with alumni in various fields and make career connections before graduation. Stop by today or visit fairfield.edu/alumni to learn more!

Alumni House is also home to the Student Alumni Association (SAA). This campus organization of current student leaders works to “bridge the gap” between students and alumni by connecting past and current Stags. Connections made through SAA have resulted in internships and full-time jobs after graduation and life-long mentor connections.

SAA is also active in the community, sponsoring the annual “Teddy Bears with Love Drive,” which has donated over 22,000 teddy bears to charities across the country over the last 20 years. SAA also works to educate their peers of the importance that philanthropy in our daily lives. They emphasize the critical role that alumni play in shaping the student experience by developing fun and innovative ways to share the important message of paying it forward.

SAA members also have the unique opportunity to work and attend regional and national conferences annually with other Student Advancement organizations across the Northeast and the country through their membership with the national CASE ASAP organization. To learn more, follow us at facebook.com/fairfieldsaa, or @FairfieldSAA on Instagram.

CREDIT UNION

America’s First Network Credit Union offers a wide range of financial products and services that can be accessed on campus in Gonzaga Hall or online.

- Savings accounts (several different types)
- Free checking accounts
- MasterCard branded debit/ATM card
- ATM located in Gonzaga Hall (fee-free for Credit Union members)
- Electronic payments (ACH)
- Online account access
- Mobile phone app
- Check cashing on campus
- A wide variety of loan products

Visit the Credit Union website for more information at afncu.com.
At Fairfield University, we know that the cost of a private college education is an important financial investment and a major decision for students and their families. The value of this investment will be realized in many ways over a student’s lifetime. Fairfield administers a comprehensive distribution of financial aid, using its own financial resources, state and federal funds, and private programs. From the time of admission to Fairfield until graduation, Fairfield’s financial aid counselors will work with students to be sure they are aware of all the financial aid options available to achieve their educational goals. Funds are awarded on the basis of both merit and need to supplement the resources of students and their families. In the last several years, Fairfield has increased its financial aid budget by 33 percent, so students of all economic backgrounds can attend.

**PAYMENT PLAN**

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**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

(The time-line below captures an entire processing year for continuing students.)

**Early July**
Fall semester bills will be sent via e-bill to all students and authorized users.

**August 1**
- **Financial Aid:** Deadline to submit all verification documents — applicable only to students who have been notified by the Office of Financial Aid of additional requirements.
- **Bursar:** Payment is due for the fall semester. Last day for fall semester enrollment in the monthly payment plan.

**September 30**
Final date of fall semester extension for receipt of federal and alternative loan proceeds. A late fee is assessed after this date.

**October 1**
FAFSA & CSS Profile applications are available for the upcoming school year.
- Make any corrections to your applications. If available, please utilize the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval (DRT) Function.

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**March 15**
Deadline to submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile for all returning full-time undergraduate students.

**April 15**
Continuing full-time undergraduate students will be notified of their financial aid awards for the upcoming school year.
- Students selected for verification will be notified of required documentation.

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**January 1**
Payment is due for the spring semester. Last day for spring semester enrollment in the monthly payment plan.

**February 28**
Final date of spring semester extension for receipt of federal and alternative loan proceeds. A late fee is assessed after this date.

**April 15**
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**June 1**
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**FUNDING SOURCES**

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID: FINANCIAL AID MANAGEMENT

Students can view financial aid awards, required documents, payment history, financial aid counselor contacts, and more in my.fairfield portal.

It is expected that students will regularly check the portal and University e-mail accounts for important financial aid correspondence and requests. All communication from the Office of Financial Aid is sent directly to students via university e-mail. Students are encouraged to visit the office, located in the Kelley Center.

Financial aid is issued for one year only. Financial aid is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students are required to apply for financial aid every year by the April 15 deadline. Students are required to submit BOTH the FAFSA and CSS Profile each year. Renewal of financial aid will be determined once a student’s academic progress has been reviewed and providing the student adheres to all other financial aid eligibility requirements. For more information on all financial aid policies, requirements, and aid sources, please visit: fairfield.edu/finaid.

HANDLING OF ANTICIPATED LOAN PROCEEDS

The Office of the Bursar will allow for deferment of payment on a semester bill in the amount of the anticipated receipt of a Direct Loan disbursement.

For the fall semester, the deferment will be allowed until September 30. For the spring semester, the deferment is extended until February 28.

If the loan funds are received by the University later than the end of the deferment periods noted above, and a balance is still due the University, a late fee will be assessed.

To avoid the late fee as it relates to the Direct Loan(s), students must have submitted all financial aid application materials to the Office of Financial Aid by the published deadline(s), and must have completed an online Direct Loan Master Promissory Note no later than June 1. Students are encouraged to submit all loan applications as early as possible.

Students and parents/guardians are invited to contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information about loans, or may apply online at fairfield.edu/loans.

Office of the Bursar
McAuliffe Hall, Room 111
Telephone: 203-254-4095
E-mail: bursar@fairfield.edu
Web: fairfield.edu/bursar

ESTABLISHING PROXY ACCESS FOR FINANCIAL AID AND BURSAR CORRESPONDENCE

Students often rely on the support of parent(s)/guardian(s) and others to assist them with financing their education at Fairfield University. In order to ensure that financial aid and billing information is discussed with approved persons per FERPA regulations, students will need to give permission to the Financial Aid and Bursar Offices to speak with designated persons. This permission is granted by the student through the Proxy Access process found in my.fairfield.edu and clicking on the “Launch” button.

What is FERPA? The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) provides for the confidentiality of the student educational records. Fairfield University may not disclose and/or discuss information in a student’s educational records (including financial aid, financial assistance, financial statements, wage and tax information, billing information) with anyone without the permission of the student unless disclosure is permitted by an exception set forth in FERPA, 20 U.S.C.A., Sec. 1232 et seq.

Office of Financial Aid
Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center
Telephone: 203-254-4125
E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu
Web: fairfield.edu/finaid

Banking

Area banks will be present at the University’s Information Fairs during Orientation and Fall Welcome. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for a variety of banking services at that time.

See Credit Union Information page 25.
PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians are asked to provide their contact information for print and electronic communications. The University mails Fairfield Magazine and invitations to regional and campus events and e-mails urgent information as necessary, as well as News@Fairfield, the University’s weekly e-newsletter, a key source of campus news and student information. Parents/guardians can visit fairfield.edu/parents to learn how to get involved with Fairfield University.

A Parent/Guardian Information Form should be completed ASAP. The form is located in the Transfer Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/orientation under Parent/Guardian Checklist. Call toll free at 877-748-5123 or e-mail parents@fairfield.edu with any questions.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION POLICY AND STUDENT PRIVACY

Fairfield University’s official Parental Notification Policy as well as our Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act are in the Student Handbook online at fairfield.edu/handbook.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that applies to students attending college. In general, FERPA transfers the right of access to records from the parent to the student once they attend. What this essentially means is that college students—have the right under FERPA to expect that their educational records, including grades and disciplinary matters, will be held in confidence and not shared with anyone, including their parents or guardians.

There are exceptions to this right of confidentiality, including but not limited to situations where the University determines that a health or safety emergency warrants communication without a student’s consent.

In general, Fairfield University will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to contact a parent or guardian in relation to an injury or medical condition requiring hospitalization. The University will always encourage students to contact parents or guardians themselves in the event of hospitalization.

If the student’s life is at risk or in the event of a medical transportation to a local hospital for alcohol intoxication, the University will make reasonable attempts to contact a parent or guardian.

A student’s grades are made available electronically and directly through the student. Fairfield University operates on the presumption that a student’s academic records, including grades, are not to be shared without the express written permission of the student and only students can turn in the Records Release form. Exceptions include the student’s academic advisor and selected Fairfield University staff.

Obviously, parents and guardians want to know how their are doing academically. The University strongly encourages parents and guardians to ask their students directly for this information. This can be done in the broader context of a conversation about how their son or daughter is doing both in class and outside the classroom.

Similar to academic records, a student’s conduct records are confidential, and as a general rule, the University does not release information related to a student conduct proceeding without the express permission of the student. Exceptions to this include communications to selected Fairfield University personnel. Exceptions also exist if a student is
found responsible for a violation of the University’s drug or alcohol policies, or has to be hospitalized for intoxication. In those circumstances, a parent or guardian will be notified. A parent or guardian will also be notified if the student is placed on disciplinary probation or deferred dismissal, or dismissed or expelled from the University. Fairfield University officials will actively encourage students to be in communication with parents and guardians throughout the entire processing of any student conduct matter.

Consistent with state and federal law, both the Student Health Center and Counseling & Psychological Services are prohibited from sharing a student’s medical or counseling records with anyone absent the express written consent of the student. This prohibition includes even confirming that a student has visited the Student Health Center or Counseling & Psychological Services. Students may provide written authorization for the release of information, but releases are done on a per-incident basis.

Exceptions to rules regarding confidentiality exist, and a University official or hospital professional will attempt to contact a parent or guardian when a student’s life is at imminent risk either for medical or psychological reasons.

Additional questions regarding Fairfield University’s notification procedures may be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students, or to the specific office involved (e.g., the Office of the Registrar, the Student Health Center, Counseling & Psychological Services, the office of the student’s academic dean).

STUDENT CONVERSATIONS
Going off to college is an important rite of passage for both students and their families. To assist in this transition period, following are important
conversation topics that parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss with their student before coming to campus in the fall.

**Academic Performance**
Talk about expectations for academic performance. What is important in regards to performance? Concentrate the conversation on learning, and not solely on grades. Make this a routine and frequent topic of conversation, and not just when grade reports come out. Discuss the importance of engagement with courses, faculty, and co-curricular experiences. Trust they are making good choices around their curriculum with the support of their academic advisor.

**Financial Considerations**
Are there expectations for the student to contribute financially to their education? How much spending money should students allocate themselves each week? What should students know about their own budget? Discuss methods of cash flow, including banks used, credit cards, debt, loans assumed and by whom, and student employment (on or off campus).

**Health Care**
Talk about their health insurance coverage:
- Provide them with their own health insurance card
- Let them know if there are specific labs or pharmacies to use
- Let them know if an insurance referral/approval is needed to see a specialist
- Talk about how to access medical care when needed
- Remind them the University Student Health Center is open seven days per week during the semester
- Instruct them to call Public Safety at ext. 4090 for a medical emergency on campus
- Inform them that the local hospitals are St. Vincent’s and Bridgeport Hospital
- Discuss expectations for communications regarding medical treatment or concerns

**Communication**
How often, when, and by what methods do you expect to communicate? When a problem arises, what is expected in resolving conflicts independently at college? How can parents/guardians empower students to engage in the resources available on campus to independently cope with adversity? What do parents/guardians hope to hear from students regarding their college experience? Parents/guardians should share why they might need to say ‘no’ in order for students to best make the transition into independent adulthood.

**Social Life and Alcohol**
Share expectations for their social behavior. Alcohol is a factor in college life; in fact, it is a factor for many students before they come to college. Discuss the responsibility that comes with the freedoms afforded during college. Discuss expectations for balancing social life with academic demands. Share the consequences should students not live up to expectations (i.e., miss classes, do poorly on exams, incur residence hall damage fees, be documented and have a hearing with the Office of the Dean of Students, etc.). Share the resources available (on campus and at home) should they need support and help.
Travel Expectations
How often do parents/guardians expect students to travel home? Are there specific occasions when it is important that they are present? What about other travel with college and/or high school friends? Share expectations about communicating travel plans; in particular, weekend travel not associated with visits home.

Living in a Residence Hall Community
Many students have had a single bedroom at home, often with their own bathroom. At college, students share a room with one or two peers and a bathroom with 30-35 hallmates. Discuss realistic expectations of the roommate experience and the openness necessary for living in a space with someone who is different from them. Discuss expectations about having guests stay in their room. (Fairfield University prohibits opposite gender guests from staying over.) Are students prepared to do their own laundry? Clean their room? Extend hospitality to people who are different from them? How might students assert themselves with their roommate/floormates, particularly when their decisions are counter-cultural to their peers?

Co-curricular Life
Studies show that students are more satisfied and do better when they are involved in the co-curricular life at college. Talk about what they might continue to be involved in from their high school experiences and what new activities they might engage in at college. Discuss how their co-curricular activity choices might assist them in developing their global citizenship.

Freedom and Responsibility
Discuss the many new freedoms that come with moving away to college, including how most of their time is now theirs to structure. How might they balance this newfound freedom with their
responsibilities? Discuss their responsibility to family as a result of the privilege of higher education. Share the trust in their decision-making thus far and their proven ability to make good decisions.

**Saying Goodbye**

Take a moment before even packing to say goodbye as a family. Do something that is traditional for the family to engage in prior to leaving for college — go to a favorite family restaurant, have a board game tournament, visit a park for a family barbeque, watch favorite home videos, etc. Be particularly attentive to siblings and visit the places where the family engaged in fun memories! The day students move into college is a busy one and can be a difficult time to say a proper goodbye.

**ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND**

Families and alumni are invited to campus in October for Alumni & Family Weekend, a Fairfield tradition with a variety of activities and events for students, alumni, and families. A typical schedule of events includes a welcome by Fairfield University President, athletic events and clinics, StagFest Food Truck Festival, a special University Mass, the popular Glee Club Concert, night time activities for the entire family, and more!

The 2019 Alumni & Family Weekend is October 18-20, 2019. Registration and event information will be available in August. Call Student Engagement at 203-254-4053 for more information or visit [fairfield.edu/afw](http://fairfield.edu/afw).

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**

The historic shoreline town of Fairfield offers a peaceful oasis for study and recreation. Families and students can enjoy all the town has to offer. They can also hop on a train and — in less than an hour — arrive in New York City to take in a Broadway show, or head east and enjoy the vibrancy of historic New Haven.

Have a little more time? Students can cheer on the Boston Red Sox at Fenway, jump on a ski lift at majestic Mt. Tom, or catch a wave on the beaches of Rhode Island! For more information about the Town of Fairfield, including places to stay and eat, visit [fairfield.edu/town](http://fairfield.edu/town).
WHAT TO BRING TO CAMPUS

Students should bring things that will help make the residence halls feel like home, but they shouldn’t bring too much! We also recommend bringing a minimal number of boxes/containers to reduce the amount of trash generated during move-in.

Clothing
In addition to everyday-wear, following are suggested items to bring:
• One or two dressy outfits and shoes for more formal affairs (The Presidential Ball is held in early Fall!)
• Work-out clothes, shoes, bathing suit
• Light jacket and rainwear
• Winter coat and accessories

Room
Students should consult with their roommate(s). Rooms will not accommodate multiple TVs, stereos, or other large items. Following is a list of suggested, not required, items:
• Comforter/bedspread/pillow
• Bed linens for an extra-long twin bed
• Clothes hangers
• Drinking glass/mug, a few dishes/bowls, and utensils
• Poster putty/blue painter’s tape (to hang items on the walls)
• Plastic containers with lids for storage (stackable containers are good)
• Headphones (so music does not bother others)
• UL-approved power strip
• Ethernet (network) cable and power extension cords
• Desk lamp or bed lamp
• Small TV (12”-18”) and Roku Stick for PhiloTV
• Small stereo or speakers for computer
• Fan, message board
• Hair dryer and alarm clock
• Paper towels, tissues, and cleaning supplies
• Sewing kit, scissors, safety pins
• Small recycling and trash bins

Personal Care
Students will be sharing bathrooms and laundry facilities with other students.
• Bathrobe
• Shower shoes, towels, and washcloths
• Soap and/or body wash and shampoo
• Shaving cream and razors
• Small bucket for carrying shower items (shower caddy)

For School
• Computer (laptop, with lock, recommended)
• Back Up Storage Solution (External Hard Drive and/or Online Storage)
• Backpack/bookbag and personal planner

Good Things to Have
Think about daily activities and hobbies and pack items such as:
• Access to money (i.e., bank account, bank card, credit card, etc.)
• Umbrella
• Key ring
• Camera
• Batteries and flashlight
• Sports/recreation equipment (also available at the RecPlex)
• Snacks

Items to Leave at Home
For safety reasons, we ask students to keep the following items at home to prevent fires or hazards within residence halls:
• Halogen bulbs and/or lamps
• Hotplates, toasters, and toaster ovens
• Coffee makers with an open heating source (Keurigs are okay)
• Electric frying pans
• “George Foreman” or similar-type grills
• Microwave ovens and refrigerators (only the University-issued micro-fridge is permitted)
• Air conditioners
• Mercury thermometers
• Candles
• Pets (other than fish in a container of 10 gallons or less)
• Waterbeds/mattress
• Wi-Fi printers

Students should label moving boxes, containers, and large bulky items with their name, building, and room number, which will be sent to students later in the summer. Visit fairfield.edu/housing.
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