WELCOME NEW STUDENTS
NEW STUDENT GUIDE
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
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WELCOME!
Welcome, and congratulations once again on your acceptance and enrollment at Fairfield University. This New Student Guide has been designed to simplify the next steps in the process and to answer questions you may have about what to expect as a new student.

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NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

To ensure your successful transition to Fairfield University, please visit the New Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation as soon as possible. Here you will have access to all the assignments and forms you need to complete before New Student Orientation in January. To facilitate a smooth transition, please complete each task and adhere to the deadlines.

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The New Student Checklist and forms are to be completed online at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation.

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Note: Deadlines relating to financial aid and billing are located in the Financial Planning section of the Guide.
New students are required to complete several tutorials and/or tests that assist in the transition to college. Please log in to the New Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation as soon as possible. Here, students will have access to all the assignments and forms they need to complete before January Orientation. It is essential that students complete each task and adhere to the deadlines.

☐ **CLAIM NETID** DUE ASAP
You will need to claim your NetID in order to access Fairfield online resources. You will receive an email notifying you that your NetID is ready to be claimed. To claim your NetID, go to fairfield.edu/netid and make sure you have your Fairfield issued ID number. During the claim process you will be required to create a password and up to 10 challenge questions. Please note that your NetID will be displayed during the claim process so be aware of this. Once claimed, you can log into my.Fairfield.edu to access your Student Gmail account. Your NetID Login (which is generally your “firstname.lastname”) information is also required to use the New Student Checklist (fairfield.edu/januaryorientation).

☐ **COMPLETE STAGALERT INFORMATION (EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM)** DUE ASAP
Students must add their cell phone number to StagAlert, which is the University’s emergency notification system used to call student cell phones and/or send text messages in the event of an emergency. To add or change a cell phone number, log into my.Fairfield.edu, click on Self Service Links, then Update Cell Phone Number. Follow the on-screen instructions.

☐ **REGISTER FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION** DUE JANUARY 6
Students must register for January Orientation. Please note that if a student is unable to attend Orientation, they must still complete the registration process, stating the reason for not attending.
How to complete: Via the New Student Checklist

☐ **NEW STUDENT HOUSING APPLICATION** DUE JANUARY 6
Assignment Process
The process for assigning rooms and roommates, including the assignment of varsity athletes, is overseen by the Office of Residence Life and based upon students’ completed New Student Housing Applications. Room assignment and roommate(s) information will be e-mailed to students’ Gmail accounts. There are a number of factors used to determine how students will be assigned a room: whether students request a specific type of room and its availability; whether students have applied for a Living and Learning Community; and gender (Fairfield’s housing is single gendered by floor or wing). Residence Life utilizes computer-generated random lottery numbers to assist with the housing assignment process.
How to complete: Via the New Student Checklist

☐ **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION FORM** DUE JANUARY 6 OR ASAP
The information shared facilitates parent/guardian involvement. For example, Student Affairs produces an electronic newsletter especially for parents and guardians. An e-newsletter keeps parents/guardians apprised of general campus news and events. Parents/Guardians will automatically begin receiving the newsletter provided they submit their e-mail information. For ongoing news, parents can visit news.fairfield.edu, a weekly electronic publication.
How to complete: Via the New Student Checklist or Parent/Guardian Checklist located at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation.

Access the New Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation.
ACTION ITEMS

- **ACCESSIBILITY: NEW STUDENT INTAKE FORM (OPTIONAL)  DUE JANUARY 6**
  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. Furthermore, in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Connecticut state laws, we provide reasonable accommodations to qualified students to reduce the impact of disabilities on academic functioning or upon other major life activities. A student with a disability or temporary impairment who wishes to be considered for reasonable academic or campus life accommodations at Fairfield University must identify them self to Accessibility in the Academic & Career Development Center. Detailed information regarding consideration for reasonable accommodations at Fairfield University can be obtained at fairfield.edu/accessibility or by contacting the Academic & Career Development Center at 203-254-4081 or acdc@fairfield.edu.

  **How to complete:** Access the Student Intake form via fairfield.edu/accessibility/prospective-students-and-parents/. The form along with supporting documentation, must be e-mailed to acdc@fairfield.edu or sent to the:  
  Academic & Career Development Center  
  Fairfield University (Kelley Center West)  
  1073 North Benson Road  
  Fairfield, CT 06824-5195

- **HONOR CODE SIGNING  DUE JANUARY 6**
  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:** Via the New Student Checklist

- **LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM  DUE JANUARY 6**
  The Language Placement Exam is only for students who have previously studied, or have otherwise acquired some fluency in, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, or Spanish.

  **How to complete:** Fairfield University uses an online Language Placement exam to assess students’ skills in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish. Students who have previously studied, or have otherwise acquired some fluency in, one or more of those languages are required to take the exam for each of the languages they are familiar with, even if they do not intend to take college courses in any of them. The placement exam must be completed by January 6 so faculty can review the results before Orientation. Because students may take the exam in a particular language only once, they are encouraged to review prior to testing and to test at a time when they will be able to do their best.

Access the New Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation.
**ACTION ITEMS**

**Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish**
- Go to the website `webcape.byuhtrsc.org`
- Select ‘Fairfield University’ from the drop-down menu
- Enter the password ‘stags20’ (no quotation marks) and click on the ‘login’ button
- Select the placement test language from the drop-down menu
- Enter last name, first name, and 8-digit Fairfield ID number at the top of the profile screen that appears
- Answer the preliminary questions about language experience. For the question ‘How have you learned [name of language] other than in school,’ students can select up to two choices. The choice ‘Exchange Student’ means the student was studying abroad as an exchange student living in a country speaking the language in which he or she is being tested.
- Click ‘Continue’ at the bottom of the screen
- The BYU test is an untimed, adaptive test
- Students should expect to complete the test in 20 to 45 minutes
- The test will indicate to students when the exam is complete

**Italian Test**
- Go to the website `fairfield.edu/blackboard`
- Log in with your Fairfield University NetID user name and password.
- Click ‘2016 Language Placement - Italian’ link located in ‘My Organizations & Communities’ on the Blackboard homepage
- Answer the preliminary questions and language questions (50) and submit the test
- The time limit is 45 minutes

**Questions**
- If students experience difficulty getting into any of the language tests, or have any questions about language placement, they can e-mail `languageplacement@fairfield.edu`. 
IMMUNIZATION/STUDENT MEDICAL REPORT FORM  DUE JANUARY 6
Students are required to submit a confidential health history and to document proof of immunizations which 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 January 6. Students may mail in their physical exam documentation at a later date if necessary.

How to complete:
1. Go to the website fairfield.edu/immunization.
2. Carefully review the list of required immunizations (Connecticut requirements may be different than requirements in your home state).
3. Download and print the “Undergraduate Medical Report Form.”
4. Students should complete the health history part and the tuberculosis screening questions (Part I).
5. Present this form to your physician. Ask your physician to document your immunization history on this form. Additionally, your physician needs to review your TB screening questions. Students at high risk for tuberculosis will need to be tested (as outlined in the form).
6. Upload, mail or fax your completed form to the Student Health Center by January 6 (Go to fairfield.edu/immunization for more information on returning your form).

AWARDING OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT, IB, OR COLLEGE CREDIT  DUE JANUARY 6
Students entering Fairfield University may be eligible to receive college credits for work previously completed in several ways: through Advanced Placement exams, through High-Level International Baccalaureate courses, or through college courses completed while in high school. New students should make sure that official results or transcripts are sent to the Academic & Career Development Center 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 course work will be evaluated by the appropriate dean/director in consultation with the appropriate curriculum area, provided the following criteria are met:

• 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
ACTION ITEMS

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 Advisement 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
• High school profile outlining all high school graduation requirements

All documents should be sent to the Academic & Career Development Center. It is the discretion of college/school officials to determine if AP, IB, or transfer credit may be used to determine if such credits may be used to exempt students from specific University courses or requirements.

☐ STUDENT HANDBOOK ACCEPTANCE DUE JANUARY 13
The Student Handbook must be read, understood, and fully agreed to by incoming students before arriving on campus.

How to complete: Via the New Student Checklist

☐ CODE OF CONDUCT QUIZ DUE JANUARY 13
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: Via the New Student Checklist

☐ REGISTER YOUR COMPUTER JANUARY 17
Network Registration is required for full access to the University network. To successfully register a computer to the student network, Fairfield requires that all Apple and Windows-based computers have the latest operating system/security updates and an antivirus application installed. Machines will fail the registration test if the computer is not properly protected and updated. Detailed instructions can be found at fairfield.edu/wireless.

All commercially available antivirus applications (e.g. McAfree, Norton) are acceptable. Fairfield ITS4U Help Desk suggests using free antivirus applications like Microsoft Security Essential (Win7)/Windows Defender (Win 8 & 10) and Avast Antivirus for Apple computers at avast.com. Antivirus software should be up-to-date and have the most current virus definitions. This will be checked during the student network registration process. Visit the Information Technology Services Help Desk knowledge base at wiki.fairfield.edu for all solutions to many common technical issues/questions you may have once on campus.
EVERFI WELLNESS PROGRAM: ALCOHOLEDU & HAVEN  

**PART 1 BEFORE JANUARY 15**

Fairfield University requires all incoming students to complete AlcoholEdu for College, an online, non-opinionated alcohol prevention program as well as Haven, an online learning platform that addresses the critical issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. All responses are strictly confidential; the school will only receive information about the student body as a whole and will never see individual students’ answers. The course has two sections, both of which must be completed to fulfill this requirement:

- Part 1 of the course takes approximately two hours to complete. Students should take it in multiple sittings. (Part 1 ends after Survey 2 and the Exam). Students must earn a grade of 75 or higher to pass and receive credit. Students must complete Part 1 before January 15.

About 45 days after completing Part 1, students will receive an e-mail to complete Part 2. Detailed instructions about completing Parts 1 and 2 will be e-mailed to Fairfield Gmail accounts. Students will receive more information about logging into the program at Orientation. Completing the AlcoholEdu & Haven course is required for all transfer students.

**How to complete:** An e-mail from orientation@fairfield.edu will be sent to each student’s Fairfield University Gmail account with specific instructions, including login information.

LOGIN & EXPLORE ORGSYNC  

**DUE JANUARY 15**

Access OrgSync via my.fairfield.edu, set up your profile, and explore. OrgSync is a web-hosted, online community that provides a ‘one-stop-shopping’ portal for students to manage their activities and involvement.

### MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER NOW

**Why you need OrgSync**

- **KNOW** what’s happening on campus
  
  - events, athletics, arts and more

- **EXPLORE** your interests
  
  - 80 clubs and student orgs

- **MANAGE** your involvement
  
  - filter your preferences

**DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP**


Full site access available through my.fairfield.edu
ORIENTATION & MOVE-IN
Orientation allows new students to connect with each other and the Fairfield community before classes begin. New students move in on Sunday, January 15. Commuter students will begin attending Fall Welcome sessions starting later that afternoon. For more information about Orientation & Move-In visit fairfield.edu/januaryorientation.

For What to Bring to Campus, see the end of this Guide.

COMMUTER STUDENTS
The Office of Residence Life works closely with commuter students to help them take full advantage of the many opportunities that the University provides.

A dedicated commuter lounge equipped with a television, tables for studying, lockers, and comfortable couches 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. Commuter students are encouraged to participate in all programs such as clubs and organizations, sophomore residential colleges, service learning, and study abroad.

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.)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2016-2017: The calendar is on the University web site at fairfield.edu/academics/academiccalendar
STAGCARD

The StagCard is Fairfield University’s official identification card. Students can have their picture taken when they arrive on campus. Students are expected to carry the card at all times.

The StagCard is an all-in-one card. New 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: Fairfield uses WEPA (Wireless Everywhere, Print Anywhere) to manage its public-access printers. Users send print jobs to the Cloud, and then release them from one of 12 kiosks around campus, and from any WEPA kiosk nationwide. 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 Main Dining Room.
- 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, the University Bookstore (downtown), the mailroom, vending machines, Einstein Bros Bagels, the 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 five convenient ways to add money to the StagBucks account:

2. In person at the StagCard Office. Cash, check, Master Card, 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 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

ACADEMIC & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
The Academic & Career Development Center offers comprehensive programs, services, and resources to support student development, academic success, and career readiness. The Center provides services tailored to address the diverse developmental stages of a student’s academic career. The distinctiveness of this holistic approach is grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit mission and supports a transformative learning experience. The Academic & Career Development Center is located in the Kelley Center. For additional information, please contact the Academic & Career Development Center at 203-254-4081 or acdc@fairfield.edu.

Academic Support
Academic Support provides individual and group services aimed at facilitating student transition and increasing student engagement and success. The Center 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 Center helps students meet their academic, personal, and professional goals through comprehensive and integrated academic support services and resources.

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

Accessibility
Accessibility is a confidential service available for students with disabilities and temporary impairments, both undergraduate and graduate, attending Fairfield University. Accessibility works with students each semester to collaboratively create academic and/or campus life accessibility plans. 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 call 203-254-4081, or visit fairfield.edu/accessibility.

Project Excel
Project Excel is a TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program funded by the US Department of Education. The programs’ 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 203-254-4064.

Career, Leadership & 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 transfer students to identify interests, skills, abilities, and personality traits. The Center provides 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/acdc.

Library
As students begin their academic journey, they are encouraged to visit the DiMenna-Nyselius Library. The library offers many resources and services to support students:
• More than 200 outstanding electronic databases for research from anywhere 24/7
• Equipment including computers, laptops, iPads, printers, scanners, and device chargers
• Over 330,000 books, 750,000 ebooks, 12,300 videos and CDs, 120,000 streaming videos and audio files, 72,000 print and e-journals
• Numerous spaces to study, including 11 group study rooms, and 10 collaborative work areas
• 24/7 research assistance via instant messaging, e-mail, chat, telephone, or in person at the Reference Desk, or by personal appointment
• 24/7 computer lab and café
• ITS4U Help Desk for computer assistance
• The Writing Center for writing assistance

Visit www.fairfield.edu/library.
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

Once they arrive on campus, students who have a declared major are assigned a faculty advisor in that academic discipline. Undeclared students are also assigned a faculty advisor. When 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 and Advisement, 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.

THE CORE CURRICULUM

Fairfield University's 20 liberal arts Core courses give students the knowledge and skills to better understand the world and their place in it. Core courses are offered in a variety of disciplines, but together they have two goals: enabling students to become thinking and caring global citizens, and providing a general educational background that serves to put into perspective the more in-depth intellectual or technical mastery students gain in their major program.

The Core Curriculum includes five general areas of study:

1. Mathematics and Natural Sciences
2. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
3. Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Applied Ethics
4. English and Visual and Performing Arts
5. Modern and Classical Languages

Additionally, the Core includes a diversity requirement (both Diversity and World Diversity) that will help students develop a critical consciousness of themselves and society.

Learn more about these areas of Core study and requirements at fairfield.edu/the-core.

To learn more about the diversity requirement and to see a selection of courses to choose from, visit fairfield.edu/the-core/usworld-diversity.

PLANNING STUDY IN THE CORE

Most Core courses are taken within the first two years at Fairfield University. However, precisely when students should take various Core courses depends, in part, upon their major. Faculty advisors will assist students in selecting a schedule that meets Core requirements.

Core courses are organized, in general, into two groups:

• 10 courses that form a common experience for most students
• 10 courses, required from particular disciplinary areas, that give each student the opportunity to choose a unique experience, by exploring his or her own interests and passions and becoming exposed to new ideas and ways of thinking

Students are encouraged to make the Core personally meaningful by following six paths to self-discovery —
six ways of making connections among various areas of study. To learn more about what these Core Pathways are and how they can assist students in exploring the Core, visit fairfield.edu/the-core.

Interdisciplinary courses and majors, courses that involve service learning, and those that have students conduct their own research are especially conducive to helping students find connections among the many academic offerings at Fairfield. Finally, 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. For a list of all interdisciplinary minors, as well as all majors, visit fairfield.edu/majorsminors.

COURSE SELECTION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Class Registration
Academic planning sessions will be run by faculty and academic administrators with an interest and special training in working with incoming students. With that advice, students will register for their spring semester classes with Academic Support and Advisement before arriving in the fall.

Typical Course Loads and Schedules
Students normally enroll in five 3- or 4-credit hour courses each semester at Fairfield University. 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 facility with at least one language other than English. Hence, most students are required to complete the study of a modern language or a classical language at the intermediate level.

If a student elects to study a language not studied in high school, typically four (4) semesters of a Modern Language or three (3) semesters of Greek or Latin are required to complete the intermediate level.

Because of specialized programs of study, students in the School of Engineering do not have to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement; students in the Dolan School of Business must complete two semesters of a modern language or classical language at any level; and students in the Egan School of Nursing & Health Studies have to meet either the Foreign Language requirement or the Visual and Performing Arts requirement.
Students whose placement score allows them to place out of the language requirement may choose to continue with the study of their chosen language in order to work toward a minor or major.

**Deciding which Language to Study**

As the section below describes, Fairfield uses a Language Placement Exam to assess students’ skills in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish. All incoming students who have previously studied, or have otherwise acquired some fluency in, one or more of those languages are required to take the Exam for each of the languages they are familiar with. The assessment results will enable students, along with their faculty advisors, to make informed decisions about language courses at Fairfield.

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.

For these students, Arabic, Chinese, Brazilian Portuguese, or Russian — languages that the U.S. Government has designated as critical in this age of globalization and in which the demand for specialists is growing — could be choices to consider. 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.

Many students include a foreign language course in their first semester of college, especially if they are building on skills learned in high school. Students who are planning to begin a new language at Fairfield, however, may decide to wait until their sophomore year to take language courses.

**Assessment of Students’ Language Skills**

We require all students to take the Language Placement Exam in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and/or Spanish if they have learned one or more of those languages — whether through study in high school, at home, or through living abroad — even if they do not intend to continue 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 those languages, the score on the placement exam will determine the beginning level of study at Fairfield. Students who place into the intermediate level will need to complete two semesters of language study, while those who place at the elementary level will need four semesters. To continue the study begun in high school of Arabic, Japanese, Hebrew, Portuguese, Greek, or Latin, students should indicate that preference on the Academic Interests Questionnaire found online on the New 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. 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.

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 become physicians MUST take CH111 in their first semester if they wish to begin medical school immediately after graduation.
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 liberal arts Core courses, those that ensure that every student is well educated in the Jesuit tradition. 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 an entrepreneur, an accountant, an international business executive, a marketing professional, an information systems manager, or an expert 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 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.

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.
Academic Planning

Honors Program
The Honors Program at Fairfield University invites talented, intellectually curious students from all undergraduate schools to apply for admission and, upon acceptance, to diversify their education through interdisciplinary courses and small seminars reserved solely for Honors students. Invitation to apply to the Honors Program is offered to some incoming students who have received the Magis Scholarship. Honors students are granted exemptions in the Core Curriculum that enable them to complete their major requirements and to pursue minor or elective courses.

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 or conducting health interventions with communities in Nicaragua. Courses designated as “SerL” or “SerL Option” in the course listing all have a service 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 response 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 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.

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

Academic excursions to the United Nations and Washington D.C.
Location, location, location! Fairfield’s prime geographic location affords students many opportunities to visit places critical to our nation and our world. Each year, the CFPL sponsors a fall day-trip to the United Nations in New York City where students learn about global governance and international policy and a spring break trip to Washington D.C. where students have the opportunity to engage with alumni in public service and visit with legislators and NGOs. Additionally, we sponsor students to attend the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In, joining thousands of students from Jesuit schools across the United States in Washington, D.C. for a weekend of social justice learning, service, and advocacy. Learn more at fairfield.edu/cfpl.

To help guide you over the next four years, use the Center for Faith & Public Life’s Global Citizenship Bucket List:

☐ Take at least one service-learning and one JUHAN course before you graduate
☐ Spend a day at the United Nations
☐ Travel to Washington, D.C. to learn more about public service, social justice and advocacy
☐ Participate in a service/immersion experience domestically or internationally
☐ Take on a leadership role in service learning or JUHAN
☐ Get to know someone with a faith background that differs from your own
☐ Visit a 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 your horizons regularly (you’ll never have this many free opportunities again!)

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.
You can 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, short-term, or summer program from a selection of more than 100 programs in 40 countries. In addition, short-term and summer programs are open to all levels (from first-year students to seniors).
Students can study in a Fairfield-administered program to earn credit and grades in Brisbane, Australia; Aix-en-Provence, France; Galway, Ireland; Florence, Italy and Managua, Nicaragua.
Programs are also offered all over the world with affiliated programs earning transfer credit. Students need to submit the Study Abroad application online no later than February 1 of sophomore year and have an overall GPA of 2.8 to study abroad.
Students are encouraged to drop by our Study Abroad office for walk-in hours from 1-4 p.m. No appointment is necessary. You may also visit our Study Abroad website to learn more at fairfield.edu/studyabroad.

Textbooks
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.
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 Eucharist 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 giveaway at Late Night at Barone

7. Go to bingo night!
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 The Presidential Ball
12. Take a trip to a Broadway show
13. Make a donation in support of your Senior Class Gift senior year

14. Welcome in spring at the Dogwood Dance
15. Get dressed up with the rest of your class for the Sophomore “Halfway There” Cruise
16. Dance to Mariah Carey’s “All I Want for Christmas is You” at Midnight Breakfast
17. Go sledding on the library hill
18. Visit South Side Cafe for great entertainment and a late night menu

19. Sing karaoke at The Levee
20. Play trivia at The Levee
21. Cheer your head off at a Stags basketball game
22. Pull an all-nighter in Club DiMenna
23. Grab a pre-class coffee at Einstein’s or get a Starbucks at the library or town bookstore
24. Run down the hill to Dolan School of Business because you are late to class

25. Get lost looking for any office in Dolan Commons and Dolan House
26. Attend an Open VISIONS forum at the Quick Center
27. Take your picture with the University President at The Presidential Ball
28. Play on an intramural or club team
29. Attend the Activities Fair — as a new student looking for clubs and as an upper class student recruiting new members
30. Go on a Kairos retreat — or any retreat
31. Do homework in the McGrath Commons in Campus Ministry
32. Have your super nice RA let you into your room when you get locked out
33. Write an article for The Mirror — or at least read one
34. Vote for the president, vice president, and class senators at the FUSA election — or better yet, run for a position
35. Visit the Zen garden to relax during a stressful time
36. Stay for multiple meals in Barone
37. Check out Fairfield Flicks- Watch a weekend late night movie
38. Get arrested — but only to support the Special Olympics at Jail n’ Bail
39. Convince your professor that there is a good reason to have class outside on the first nice day of spring
40. Play an impromptu game of Frisbee, wiffle ball, or soccer on the quad
41. Take the Stag bus to Pinkberry
42. Attend the fall concert
43. Laugh your head off at a “Your Mom Does Improv” show
44. Go to Colony Grill and eat your entire pizza
45. Take the Stag bus to the mall and shop ’til you drop!
46. March in the NYC St. Patrick’s Day parade with Fairfield University
47. Visit a professor during office hours
48. Get to know a Jesuit
49. Participate in Relay for Life
50. Participate in Inter Residential Housing Association’s Lighting of the Halls
51. Take a free shuttle to the Arena for a basketball game
52. Wear red every Fairfield Friday!
53. Go on a service trip
54. Study abroad
55. Visit the Academic & Career Development Center to maximize your time
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 primary responsibility of the Office of the Dean of Students is to enhance the quality of student life outside of the classroom. The Office collaborates with many departments within Student Affairs and the Academic Division to help students integrate their student life experiences with their academic learning. We encourage every student to take advantage of the leadership development opportunities, co-curricular programming, diversity initiatives, and volunteer services that Student Affairs has to offer.

The Office of the Dean of Students is also concerned about the moral and ethical development of students. We expect students to play an active and respectful role in community life at Fairfield University and adhere to Student Code of Conduct. We help students make responsible decisions through peer mentor programs, one-on-one meetings with agents of the Dean's office, and creative, educational programs. You 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 sponsors over 90 clubs and organizations, providing students with an array of cultural, educational, social, spiritual, and recreational programs and activities. Ranging from honor societies to academic interests to extracurricular engagement, these activities provide first-hand experience in leadership, organizational development and management, decision-making, diversity, and planning.

For a complete list of clubs visit fairfield.edu/clubs-and-organizations/.

FUSA

The Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) is the official governing body for full-time undergraduate students and is the largest student organization on campus. The association represents student issues and concerns to the faculty and administration and sponsors numerous student programs and activities. Visit the FUSA website at fairfield.edu/fusa.

IRHA

The Inter-Residential Housing Association (IRHA) is the residential student government, one of the largest student organizations on campus. IRHA works with FUSA, Student Programs, and Residence Life to improve all aspects of on-campus living by developing and improving the physical and social environment in the residence halls, townhouses, and apartments.

ACTIVITIES: CHECK OUT THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR!

Activities Fair
Convocation
Monthly Bowling Trips
Noche Caliente
Fairfield Fridays
Broadway Trips
Presidential Ball
Red Sea Madness
Gender Bender Ball
Alumni & Family Weekend
Stags Unleashed Week
Lighting of the Tree
Islam Awareness Week
Midnight Breakfast
Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance
Siblings Weekend
Flavors of Asia
Community Pride Week
Pride and Purpose
Spring Weekend
Student Leadership Awards
Dogwood Dance
Open VISIONS Forums
Levee Events
Karaoke Nights
Trivia Nights
Theology on Tap
Monday Night Football
Battle of the Fairfield U Student Bands
Senior and Junior Mug Nights
Halloween Dance
St. Patrick’s Day Party
Late Night Weekend Events
South Side Cafe Events
Monthly Bingo Series
Late Night Barone
Paint Nite
Fairfield Flicks
Amazing shows at the Quick Center for the Arts (fairfield.edu/quick)
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, The American Association of University Women; SALSA, the Spanish American Latino Student Association; SASA, the South Asian Student Association; MSA, the Muslim Student Association; UMOJA, the Black, African-American, Black Student Organization; RemiXX, the hip hop dance team; and Weeepa, the Latin American Dance group.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Athletics

The Department of Athletics sponsors and supports the intercollegiate athletics program, including 20 varsity sports.

Varsity Sports

The University sponsors 20 varsity sports, all of which compete at the NCAA Division I level. 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). Fairfield University students are granted free admission to all athletic events on campus with their StagCard.

For more information, visit fairfield.edu/athletics, fairfieldstags.com, facebook.com/FairfieldUAthletics and twitter.com/fairfieldstags.

Recreation

The Department of Recreation coordinates 25 intramural programs, 22 sport clubs, fitness classes and general exercise. Our new facility includes an indoor elevated track, 4 exercise rooms, a spinning
room and racquetball court. This space will increase other recreational activities and special events.

**Intramural Sports**
Intramural sports are an integral part of student life at Fairfield University. There are more than 25 different intramural activities, including full seasons or day/weekend tournaments. Separate divisions for men, women, and co-ed participation are offered. Intramurals are overseen by student supervisors and officiated by student employees.

**Sport Clubs**
The sport clubs program strives to provide leadership and competitive athletic opportunities for students. These programs provide an excellent avenue for students to enhance their knowledge and skills in a specific sport through social, cognitive, and physical experiences.

Currently, Fairfield University sponsors 22 sport clubs, including over 500 students.

**ARTS AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Fairfield University is home to numerous performing and creative arts, which are open to all 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, which are open to all students. Unlike most universities, students do not need to major or minor in the arts to participate in these organizations. Come join Theatre Fairfield; University Symphony Orchestra; Gospel Choir; The Sounds A Cappella Group; Stags TV; Jazz Rock and Blues Ensemble; Your Mom Does Improv, a student-run improv troupe; Glee Club; and Pep Band! All students are welcome to sign up for private instrumental and voice lessons and encouraged to utilize music practice rooms. For information about auditions, private lessons, rehearsal times, introductory meetings, or anything related to the arts on campus, contact Caitlin Hughes, department coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts, at chughes1@fairfield.edu.

**Regina A. Quick Center**
Want to experience live performances from the best musicians, dancers, and actors in the world for less than the price of a movie ticket? Fairfield University students can purchase tickets to Quick Center performances for just $5 with their Stag ID. Visit quickcenter.com for more details.

The Quick Center is also home to the Open VISIONS Forum where distinguished politicians, artists, and journalists, among many others, offer insightful lectures and opportunities for community discussion. In addition, many student ensembles perform at the Quick Center, including Theatre Fairfield, the Glee Club, and the Dance Ensemble.

Let the Quick be your home for meaningful and enriching experiences at Fairfield!

**Bellarmine Museum of Art**
Publicly inaugurated in the fall of 2010, the Bellarmine Museum of Art (BMA) is housed in the University’s signature building on campus, Bellarmine Hall. The award-winning BMA stewards a rich and varied collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative art objects and works on paper, including a number of paintings from the Italian Renaissance and Baroque periods; a large selection of historic plaster casts after canonical works from ancient Greece and Rome; a range of non-Western art objects, including pre-Columbian figures, Chinese funerary objects from the Han and Tang Dynasties, and South East Asian sculptures; and 20 objects from the Celtic, late Antique, Medieval, and Renaissance periods on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art/The Cloisters Museum. The BMA mounts up to four temporary exhibitions each year. These shows, which embrace a wide range of themes and academic disciplines, are intended to supplement the museum’s permanent collection by examining subjects through an array of interpretive perspectives.

**Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery**
The Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts seeks to establish direct and meaningful connections with students, faculty, and the Fairfield community. As a practical “laboratory” for presenting art, and host to a wide range of diverse and multicultural exhibitions, lectures and educational programming, the gallery plays an extremely significant and visible role at Fairfield University — offering a spacious venue for exhibitions on myriad subjects, and enhancing the academic programs of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts as well as the cultural programs at the Quick Center.

For further information on Fairfield’s cultural offerings visit fairfield.edu/arts.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
Leadership development programs are designed to explore how different leadership theories and models can be applied to students’ current roles, civic life, and future careers. Students who enroll in these programs have an immediate, hands-on opportunity to put into practice the leadership concepts they have learned. Leadership opportunities are available to students throughout their time at Fairfield University.

Visit fairfield.edu/leadership for more information.

RESIDENCE LIFE
The Office of Residence Life strives to create safe living and learning communities throughout campus. 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY
Campus Ministry is home to a wide variety of clubs, programs, and activities and strives to be a welcoming community for all students, respecting each student’s personal and spiritual journey. Located on the first floor of the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Arrupe Campus Ministry Center is home to many service, retreat, and social justice programs, and 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. On staff are several full-time Catholic campus ministers and part-time Protestant and Muslim ministers. In addition to directing and coordinating programs, all campus ministers are available for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and informal conversations about life issues and challenges.

Home to the McGrath Commons, the Arrupe Center itself is a gathering place for students who come on a drop-in basis for conversation, to share ideas, to study and to meet friends, to have scheduled meetings on Campus Ministry activities and programs, and sometimes to just grab a cup of coffee! All are welcome. To learn more, visit fairfield.edu/campusministry.

Service Immersion Experiences
The Service Immersion Program offers both domestic and international opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to explore what it means to live a faith that does justice and to deepen their relationships with God through sharing in the lives of those living in poverty through short-term service projects and living experiences and reflecting critically on issues of faith and justice. 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 or email Fiona Shovlin at fshovlin@fairfield.edu.

LITURGY
Fairfield offers a wide variety of liturgical experiences and opportunities. The three major weekend Masses are Sundays at 11 a.m., 6 p.m., and 9 p.m. A group of Jesuit priests rotate through the various Masses (in the chapel and in residence halls) as celebrants, offering a variety of preaching and celebration styles.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS
Student Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) and Lectors are integral to Catholic worship and participate in all weekend, Holy Day, and special Masses throughout the academic year. Each ministry conducts their own five-week training, which culminates in a retreat and commissioning weekend. EMs and Lectors form communities that provide opportunities for fellowship and ongoing formation.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Campus Ministry has a rich liturgical music program with three great options. The first option is to sing with or play instruments with the 11 a.m. Mass choir, which consists mostly of alumni. The second and third options are to play an instrument or sing with the 6 p.m. choir, Praise Project or the 9 p.m. choir, the Lord’s Chords. New members are always welcome. Students can check in with either group after any mass to join.
Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice
The Ignatian Family Teach-In is a weekend-long program held in Washington, D.C. each November promoting awareness, education, dynamic social action, and political advocacy around issues of peace and justice throughout the world. Each year a delegation from Fairfield University consisting of students, faculty, and staff join other Jesuit high schools, universities, parishes, and Apostolates. Visit fairfield.edu/campusministry for updated information.

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

Community Service Opportunities
We are men and women for others! Come be a part of some of the amazing service happening in the greater Bridgeport area working with animals, kids, the elderly, housing, food and more! Weekly and one time opportunities available. For more information, contact Katie Byrnes kbyrnes@fairfield.edu.

Retreat Programs
The Kairos Retreat is a student-led weekend retreat that occurs during the academic year. Grounded in Fairfield’s Ignatian and Catholic traditions, Kairos is open to students of all faiths. Students who have already participated in Kairos, whether in college or in high school, are invited to apply to be retreat leaders. Campus Ministry works with students, other departments on campus, as well as organizations off campus, to coordinate retreats. If students have an idea for a retreat, Campus Ministry would love to help make it a reality!

PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER FAIRFIELD

First Year
- Visit the Academic & Career Development Center to meet with staff, talk about goals, aspirations, and how to utilize the Center over the next four years
- Look for a job on campus or volunteer to gain work experience
- Participate in Redefining Leadership Class

Sophomore Year
- Make an appointment with a Career Planning 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. Students can search for jobs, internships, information on career fairs, and submit resumes to jobs and internships of interest
- Apply for a Stags in the Field opportunity
- Participate in Sophomore Success

Junior Year
- Continue developing resume with a Career Planning Counselor
- Upload and update resume to Stags4Hire to explore summer internships
- Practice interviewing techniques with Career Planning Counselors and take advantage of mock interviews with real employers
- Attend career planning workshops
- Attend the fall and spring Career 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 fall and spring Career 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
- Continue to take advantage of the Academic & Career Development Center’s resources after graduation
ACCESSIBILITY (ACADEMIC & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER)
Accessibility is a confidential service available for students with disabilities and temporary impairments, both undergraduate and graduate, attending Fairfield University. Accessibility works with students each semester to collaboratively create academic and/ or campus life accessibility plans while attending Fairfield University. Services include one-on-one sessions with a member of the staff focused on time management, organization and planning, study skills, effective note taking and communications skills. To request accommodations or to learn more about the comprehensive services offered by Accessibility, please call 203-254-4081, or visit fairfield.edu/accessibility.

COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
Counseling & Psychological Services (C&PS) is a confidential service for full-time undergraduate students. Graduate students may utilize this service for a single session to coordinate a referral. 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 offered by C&PS, 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 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 a large multi-function room, the Oak Room, is 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 Dining Services 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 Stag 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 (and Town Bookstore)
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 BCC offers a range of dining options including the Main Dining Room located on the fourth floor, and Einstein Bros Bagels and the Stag Snack Bar on the third floor.

- The Main Dining Room 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.

Information Desk
The Information Desk, located on the second 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 & Multicultural Affairs provides support to all Fairfield University students and many University offices. Through collaborative partnerships and enriching programming efforts, the office works to promote and foster inclusive practices that aid in establishing a rich campus culture that both explores and celebrates diversity. Additionally, the Office provides a comfortable space for students to study and relax.

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. The average request ranges from $500 to $5,000.

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)
Fairfield University supports Windows-based and Macintosh computers. Most devices such as smartphones, tablets, gaming devices, and smart televisions can also be registered on the student network. Go to fairfield.edu/wireless for more information. ITS offers computer, networking, and wireless resources and assistance to the entire Fairfield University community. 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 Fairfield University students have access to free, on-demand, 24-7/365 technical training through Lynda.com which can be accessed by visiting the QuickLinks section of my.Fairfield. The site provides training videos covering a variety of both technical and non-technical subjects!

Students are welcome to visit the ITS4U Help Desk Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Sunday 4:00 p.m.–8:00 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
Facebook: facebook.com/StudentComputing
Twitter: twitter.com/Fairfield_ITS4U
Instagram: Instagram.com/fairfield_its4u

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.
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.

1) who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, 2) a record of such impairment; or 3) is regarded as having such impairment.
2. In the case of a personal or family emergency that goes beyond mere inconvenience, for which use of a vehicle is absolutely necessary. Exceptions for family or personal emergencies or issues may be granted by the Department of Public Safety on a temporary basis (1 week at a time). Students are encouraged to utilize the University shuttle, public transportation, or taxi.

PARKING
Due to the limited amount of parking spaces on our campus, Fairfield University has established guidelines and policies pertaining to parking. Within our policy, first-year and sophomore resident students are not authorized to have automobiles on campus (including weekends). There are two exceptions to this:

1. A student has a documented and registered disability with Disability Support services. The federal definition of a disability is an individual

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

STUDENT LIFE & RESOURCES
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 service runs to the Trumbull Shopping Mall and movie theatres. The shuttles are accessible. Schedules are posted in the Campus Center and at fairfield.edu/shuttle.

Bus Locator Shuttle Locator
Track where the shuttle is at any time! visit: fairfield.transloc.com.

Shuttle Locator Mobile Access
There are several ways to get access to the real-time information while on the go! visit: fairfield.transloc.com/info/mobile.

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, career development programming, and a Job Shadow program. These events enable students to connect with alumni in various fields and make career connections before graduation. Stop by today or visit facebook.com/fairfieldsaa to find out 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 bringing alumni back to campus for networking events like their “Stags Speaker Series,” as well as alumni panels. 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 Teddy Bears with Love Drive (which has donated nearly 18,000 teddy bears to charities across the country), hosting a “Holiday Mail for Heroes” event with the American Red Cross, and participating in campus service initiatives like Relay for Life as well as local service events such as the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

SAA also works to educate their peers of the importance that philanthropy plays on our campus, in their daily lives, and the critical role that alumni have in shaping the student experience by developing fun and innovative ways to market the important message of giving back and working with the Senior Class Gift Committee, one of the biggest ways they raise awareness is through the annual campus-wide “Stag Pride Day” each spring. The easiest way students can give back is by having pride in their institution and this day is a huge celebration of why every day is a great day when you’re a Stag! Members also have the unique opportunity to work with other Student Advancement Groups across the Northeast and the country through our work with the national CASE ASAP organization. SAAers also attend special staff alumni events such as Reunion Weekend and local chapter networking events. SAA is a great way to make new friends, network with alumni, and make a positive impact on a student’s life. To find out more, e-mail SAA at FairfieldSAA@gmail.com or follow and add us on social media - Facebook.com/fairfieldsaa, or @FairfieldSAA on Instagram, Twitter, and SnapChat.

MEAL PLANS

Fairfield University students living in one of the University’s residence halls - Faber Hall, 70 McCormick Road, Campion, Claver, Gonzaga, Jogues, Kostka, Loyola, or Regis — are required to participate in a meal plan. The 14 + 100 Meal Plan is the standard meal plan into which all students are enrolled. This meal plan provides 14 meals per week in the Main Dining Room of the John A. Barone Campus Center, along with 100 Dining Dollars for the semester for discretionary use in the Stag Snack Bar, Einstein Bros Bagels, or to purchase a guest meal in the Main Dining Room.

For information about other meal plan options, visit fairfielddiningservices.com.

CREDIT UNION

Personal Care America Federal 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
- Visa branded debit/ATM card
- ATMs located in The Levee and Gonzaga Hall
- 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 pcafcu.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.

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

**Late May**  
Students selected for verification will be notified via University email. Also, all requested documents will be available to view in your my.fairfield account.

**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 receipt of enrollment or contract changes 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**  
The FAFSA and the CSS Profile is available for the upcoming school year. Make sure Fairfield is listed on your FAFSA and CSS Profile. The FAFSA can be completed at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) and the CSS Profile can be completed at [https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile](https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile). Fairfield’s School Codes for FAFSA is 001385 and 3390 for the CSS Profile.

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

**January 1**  
Payment is due in full for the spring semester.

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

**March 1**  
Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)  
- Make any corrections to your FAFSA with filed tax data. If available, please utilize the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval (DRT) Function.  
- Begin reviewing your my.fairfield account for possible document request(s) from the Office of Financial Aid.

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

**Late May**  
Students selected for verification will be notified via University email. Also, all requested documents will be available to view in your my.fairfield account.

**June 1**  
Continuing full-time undergraduate students will be notified of their financial aid awards for the upcoming school year.
PAYMENT PLAN
HigherOne® administers a monthly payment plan for Fairfield University. The tuition payment plan offers the opportunity to pay all or part of annual tuition and/or room and board, townhouse or apartment complex fees, interest-free,* in 10 payments beginning June 1 and requires 10 monthly payments each totaling 1/10th of the original amount owed under the plan.

No interest (0% APR) is charged under the tuition payment plan.

Please note: Students can only budget tuition and/or room and board, townhouse or apartment complex fees through this program; all other fees are due and payable directly to Fairfield University for the Fall semester on August 1 and for the Spring semester on January 1. The last possible date for plan enrollment is August 1, and no applications or budget increases can be made after that date. Payment plan accounts must be renewed yearly.

Higher One forwards payments to Fairfield University on a monthly basis, approximately 30 days after they have been paid.

For additional information, please call HigherOne toll-free at (800) 635-0120 or visit them online at tuitionpaymentplan.com.

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.edu.

It is expected that students will regularly check my.Fairfield.edu and University e-mail accounts for important financial aid correspondence and requests. For aid sources such as loans, work-study, grants and scholarships, students should refer to specific program requirements at 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 of a minimum of $50 per semester or a maximum of 1% per month on the outstanding balance 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 301
Telephone: 203-254-4000
Extensions: 2410, 4102, 4191, 2165
E-mail: bursar@fairfield.edu
Web: fairfield.edu/bursar

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 Marketplace event 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 22.
PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Parents/Guardians are asked to provide specific contact information so the University can send the Fairfield University Magazine, the Parents’ e-newsletter, and invitations to regional and campus events. The University does not e-mail parents/guardians very often; however, in times of emergency or when other important information needs to be communicated in a timely fashion, e-mail has proven very efficient and effective.

A Parent/Guardian Information Form should be completed by January 6. The form is located in the New Student Checklist at fairfield.edu/januaryorientation under Parent/Guardian Checklist. Call toll free at (877) 748-5123 or e-mail parentscom@fairfield.edu with any questions.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT
Parents can get involved, too! The Parents’ Committee is a group of current and former parents who work with the University to engage in a variety of projects, such as regional gatherings, welcome calls to parents, attendance at University events, and contacting parents in support of The Parents’ Fund. For more information on the Parents’ Committee, please e-mail parentscom@fairfield.edu.

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 son or daughter once the son or daughter attends college. This means that sons and daughters, as 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 his or her 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.

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.

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 disciplinary records are confidential and 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. Fairfield University officials will actively encourage students to be in communication with parents and guardians throughout the entire processing of any judicial matter.

Consistent with state and federal law, both the 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 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 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
Discuss expectations for academic performance. What is important in regards to performance? Concentrate the conversation on learning, and not solely on grades. Make this a 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 (through communication) 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 to 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 themselves? 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 the Fairfield University President, athletic events and clinics, Taste of Fairfield, a special University Mass, the popular Glee Club Concert, and more!

The 2017 Alumni & Family Weekend is October 20-22. Registration and event information will be available in September. Call Student Engagement at 203-254-4053 for more information or visit 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/hr/livingworkinginfairfield/fairfieldandneighboringtowns.
**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! On move-in day there will be many people to help students. To ensure this process runs smoothly, students must label everything with first and last name, building name, and room number, which will be sent to students later in the summer.

Note: Bring a minimal number of boxes/containers to reduce the amount of trash generated during move-in.

**Clothing**

In addition to everyday-wear, the 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
- 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 VCR/DVD player
- 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
- 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
- Dryer sheets and dishwashing detergent
- Small bucket for carrying shower items
- Cold or allergy medicine
- Health Insurance Card
- Laundry basket/bag and laundry detergent
- Facial tissues, bandages and digital thermometer
- Prescription medicines and Tylenol/Ibuprofen
- Lock box for controlled medications

**For School**

- Computer (laptop, with lock, recommended)
- Storage device (CD/RW or memory stick)
- Back Up Storage Solution (External Hard Drive and/or Online Storage)
- Dictionary, thesaurus
- 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)
- Pre-paid calling card
- Snacks

**What Not to Bring**

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
- 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
- Wi-Fi printers
- Streaming/Casting devices, go to https://wiki.fairfield.edu:8443/x/7ABH for more info/list

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