

Pre-Arrival Booklet

International Students



International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

The Center for International Education

Central Connecticut State University

406 Henry Barnard Hall

860-832-2040

<https://www.ccsu.edu/iss>

WELCOME TO CCSU!

This handbook will ensure that you are well prepared for your arrival to campus

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

All international students must attend the **mandatory** immigration orientation provided by ISSS. Details will be emailed to you before your arrival. The orientation will provide you with information on how to maintain legal status in the U.S. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and meet fellow international students.

Documents that you **MUST** bring to Orientation:

- Passport
- Current Form I-20 (for F-1 students)
- Current Form DS-2019 (exchange students, J-1)
- Any previous Form I-20
- I-94 card (Available to print at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov> after your entry to the U.S.)
- Any other relevant immigration documents (transfer forms, approval notices, etc.)



THESE DOCUMENTS ARE YOUR GOLD. Make sure to keep them in your hand luggage on your travel here. You will also need to show these documents at the point of entry to the United States.

For immigration questions:

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HEALTH CARE AND STUDENT INSURANCE

The medical health form must be completed, and all pages signed by a doctor and returned in-person or by mail to:

Director of Student Wellness Services
Central Connecticut State University
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06050
Tel: +1 860-832-1925
www.ccsu.edu/health



- You will be prevented from registering for classes or living in campus housing without a completed Health Form on record with Student Wellness. You may also be prevented from living in the residence halls without proof of adequate vaccination against meningitis.

Student health insurance is required for all students. Bring a copy of your insurance card to orientation.

ARRIVING IN THE U.S.

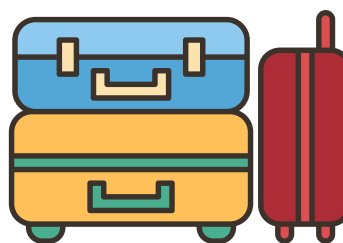


DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. ON A B-1/B-2 VISITOR VISA

Special note for Canadian students: Non-immigrant travelers on a Canadian passport are not required to have a visa and may enter the U.S. with only a valid Form I-20 and passport.

If your luggage is lost or delayed, give the airline the following address:

**Central Connecticut State University
Center for International Education
Barnard Hall Room 406
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06050
Tel: +1 860 832 2040**



Students are responsible for making their own travel plans to CCSU. If you have signed up for on-campus housing and arrive to the States earlier than the designated Move-In dates, you will have to **make alternate over-night accommodation**.

ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

Depending on which airport you are arriving to, there are different ways to get to CCSU.

[Uber](#) is a taxi service that is available to and from all airports in the U.S. It is a great choice for shorter distances but may be too pricy for longer travels. Download the app ahead of your arrival to the U.S. for your own convenience.

[Lyft](#) is another service just like Uber.



For longer distances, you will want to arrange your trip ahead. Connecticut has a developed train system that takes you across the State.

CCSU's closest train station is Hartford Union Station. From there, you can take a bus or an Uber to CCSU.



Transportation tips!

Bradley International Airport (BDL)

Windsor Locks, CT

www.bradleyairport.com

BDL is the closest airport to CCSU campus
Duration of Trip: 45 min by car

John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

New York, NY

www.jfkairport.com

Get to Grand Central Station, NY, by preferable means. From there, access train or bus to Hartford Union Station.

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

Newark, NJ

www.newarkairport.com

Newark Airport's AirTrain service takes you to the nearest Amtrak Station where you can take the train to Hartford Union Station.

Duration of trip: 3.5+ hrs

Laguardia International Airport (LGA)

New York, NY

www.laguardiaairport.com

Get to Grand Central Station, NY, by preferable means. From there, access train or bus to Hartford Union Station.

Logan International Airport (BOS)

Boston, MA

www.massport.com/logan-airport

Logan Airport offers free shuttle to South Station. Go from South Station to Hartford Union by, Amtrak Train, Peter Pan Bus, or Greyhound Bus

Duration of trip: 3.5+ hrs

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

Philadelphia, PA

www.phl.org

Airport Regional Rail takes you to Philadelphia Amtrak station where you can take the train to Hartford Union Station.

Duration of trip: 4+ hrs


HOUSING

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

F-1 students must apply for on-campus housing with Residence Life. Find all information you need including, deadlines, deposits, and application process at www.ccsu.edu/reslife

J-1 students (exchange students), please submit your housing application along with your CCSU Exchange Student application.

NOTE: students remaining on campus during breaks must notify ResLife ahead and will be charged extra.



All students are guaranteed housing if they complete the online housing application on time!

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Students who wish to reside off-campus are responsible for finding their own housing.

Tips: Landlords as well as students who seek roommates for off-campus living often post in different CCSU Facebook groups. Try to join some! Housing alternatives are also available at www.apartmentsatccsu.com



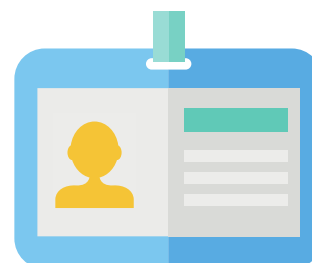
CODE OF CONDUCT AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Central Connecticut State University has a **no tolerance policy** regarding the consumption of alcohol or the use of drugs on campus. **It is forbidden to bring or consume alcohol in the residence halls, regardless of age;** the same restriction applies to drugs. The automatic suspension of privileges, including housing, will result from a violation of the no tolerance policy.

CCSU, like all universities, also has regulations that apply to academic misconduct, privacy, inter-personal behavior, and many other aspects of student life. For more information about students' rights and responsibilities, go to: www.ccsu.edu/studentrights/

CCSU ID CARD

Go to [CCSU Card Office](#) to collect your CCSU Blue Chip Card. This card will be your personal keycard to your dorm, bathroom, and residence hall. **DO NOT** lose it. You will use your card to enter the Rec Center (gym), the dining halls, to pay for your laundry, and to purchase meals and snacks in Devils Den and other dining services on Campus.



For more info on how to load Flex Dollars and deposit money to your Blue Chip Card, navigate CCSU Card Offices website. www.ccsu.edu/it/blueChipCard

All undergraduate students can pick up a U-PASS at the CCSU Card office which allows you to travel free on the train and bus in the State of Connecticut!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Driving in the U.S.

If you already have a foreign driver's license, you may be eligible to use it in the U.S. for one (1) year accompanied by an International Driver's Permit (IDP). If you want to obtain a CT driver's license, refer to our [driver's license checklist](#).



Applying for a Social Security Number

F-1 and J-1 visa holders, with an offer of on-campus employment, are eligible to apply for a Social Security Number. Refer to our [Social Security Number Checklist](#)

Working in the U.S.

F-1 and J-1 students are eligible for on-campus employment only. Maximum 20hr/week during semesters and 40hr/week during breaks. For more information about work, refer to www.ccsu.edu/isss/workAuthorization

Obtaining a bank account

F-1 and J-1 students are eligible to open a checking and savings account in the U.S. More information will be provided during orientation.

YOUR CENTRAL PIPELINE ACCOUNT

CentralPipeline gives you access to everything that regards your personal and academic information while at CCSU. Use your BlueNet account to access your Pipeline. For more information about setting up BlueNet account, go to: www.ccsu.edu/itservices/bluenet_account

StudentPipeline



- Billing/payments
- Housing/meal plans
- Registration/records
- Financial Aid
- Class Schedule
- Degree Evaluation



This is the online platform you will be working on and access course material, syllabus, and assignments during the academic year.



Your CCSU Email



Your BlueNet account

- Activate and manage
- Change password
- Retrieve username

OTHER RESOURCES

Contact following departments if you need help with:

Billing/payments

Bursar's Office

www.ccsu.edu/bursar/

Academic record, register for classes

Registrar's Office

www.ccsu.edu/registrar/

On-campus housing/meal plan

Residence Life

www.ccsu.edu/reslife/

Medical care, health, and counseling

Student Wellness Services

web.ccsu.edu/healthservices/

Studying/coursework/tutoring

Learning Center

web.ccsu.edu/tlc/

Safety

CCSU Police Department

www.ccsu.edu/police/

Questions regarding athletics

Intercollegiate Athletics

www.ccsubluedevils.com/landing/index

Career advising, resume, job searching

Career Services

www.ccsu.edu/csc/



We hope this guide answered some of your questions about coming to CCSU. For more information about being an international students at CCSU, we recommend you navigate to our website www.ccsu.edu/iss

We look forward to seeing you at CCSU!

