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Student Handbook 2025 - 2026

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Welcome

A Message from: Dr. Michael Russo, *Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*



On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Central Connecticut State University and to the beginning of what I believe will be one of the most transformative chapters of your life. Today marks the start of an exciting journey—one filled with opportunities for academic, personal, and social growth.

As Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, my role—and the role of the Student Affairs division—is to provide our students with resources, connections, and programs to help support your success at Central. Whether you're living on campus or commuting from home, this is your community. So, I encourage you to lean in. Take positive risks. Say “yes” to new experiences. Be bold, be curious, be courageous, and be willing to embrace opportunities that will come your way: join clubs and organizations, engage in experiential learning, participate in or cheer in the stands at Division I athletic events, and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Take advantage of all of these opportunities; they will enrich your college experience, contribute to your success, and ultimately shape who you become.

While very exciting, starting college can also be a time of uneasiness or uncertainty. So, remember that we are here for you, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need support or guidance. You are not alone on this journey; there is an entire community ready to walk alongside you.

In addition to providing excellent support services such as counseling and wellness, recreation, food pantry, Veterans Affairs office, and a drop-in childcare center, to name a few, we also have 140 different clubs and organizations that you can join to fully engage in our campus community.

Your college journey will both challenge and inspire you, please know that we are honored to walk alongside you every step of the way. Welcome to this extraordinary chapter in your life. We're so glad you are part of the Central family!

If I may assist you in any way, please contact me at michael.russo@ccsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael Russo, Psy.D.
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

STUDENT AFFAIRS MISSION STATEMENT:

The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to supporting a student-centered learning environment that encourages student development and inspires student success.

About the University

History of the University

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849 as the New Britain Normal School, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university.

The New Britain Normal School became the Teachers College of Connecticut in 1933. In 1959, after a period of extensive institutional growth, the Teachers College became Central Connecticut State College. In recognition of the institution's continual development in mission and aspiration, the present name and educational charter were conferred in 1983.

The University is now comprised of five academic schools — the School of Business, the School of Engineering, Science, & Technology, the School of Education, the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, in addition to Graduate Studies. Central offers more than 130 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

The University welcomed its 13th president, Dr. Zulma R. Toro, in January of 2017. She is the university's first female president and its first Hispanic chief executive. In its most recent strategic plan, the University renewed its commitment to enhancing innovative practices to increase access, improve retention, engage students in campus life, incorporate high-impact practices, and promote educational achievement and career readiness.

University Mission Statement

Mission

Central Connecticut State University is a community of learners dedicated to teaching and scholarship that emphasizes development and application of knowledge and ideas through research and outreach activities, and prepares students to be thoughtful, responsible, and successful citizens. As a comprehensive public university, we provide broad access to quality



degree programs at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels.

Elements of Distinction

Central identifies the following as distinctive elements within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system:

- International education
- Workforce and state economic development
- Community engagement
- Interdisciplinary Studies and cross-cultural initiatives
- Prepares students for the evolving world of intelligent systems and **machine learning** technologies (Artificial Intelligence)
- Experiential Learning

Vision

A modern public regional university in ambitious pursuit of knowledge, bold ideas, and innovative partnerships that advance social mobility and drive economic, cultural, and intellectual vitality in the communities we serve.

Central Administration

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| Zulma Toro | President |
| Kimberly Kostelis | Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| Michael Russo | Interim Vice President for Student Affairs |
| Michael Russo | Interim Vice President of Equity and Well-being |
| Sal Cintorino | Vice President of Operations |
| George Claffey | Chief Information Officer |
| Lisa Bucher | Chief Budget & Compliance Officer |
| Christopher Wethje | Chief Human Resources Officer |
| Stacy Votto | University Counsel |
| John Tully | Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, School of Graduate Studies |
| Carmen Veloria | Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| Yvonne Kirby | Associate Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Institutional Research and Assessment |
| Christina Robinson | Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management |
| Beth Merenstein | Associate Vice President for Community Engagement and Social Research, Interim Director of Inclusion |
| Jennifer Destefani | Interim Executive Director, Central Connecticut State University Foundation, Inc., Vice President for Institutional Advancement |
| Lisa Frank | Dean, School of Business |
| Xudong, Jia | Dean, School of Engineering, Science & Technology |
| John Barile | Dean, School of Education |
| Jayanthi Kandiah | Dean, College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences |
| Gilbert Gigliotti | Interim Dean, Carol A. Ammon, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences |

University Calendar 2025-2026

Fall Semester 2025

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| August 25 | 100% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester | October 7 – October 20 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) First Half Session |
| August 26 | First Day of Classes Full Semester First Half Session | October 20 | Midterm Full Semester |
| September 1 | Labor Day Holiday – No Classes Full Semester First Half Session | | INC grades from Spring & Summer lapse to 'F' (undergraduates) Full Semester |
| September 2 | Last Day to Add a Course Full Semester First Half Session | | Last Day of Classes First Half Session |
| | 90% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester | October 20 – October 31 | Spring 2026 Academic Advising period Full Semester |
| | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | October 21 | First Day of Classes Second Half Session |
| | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" First Half Session | October 22 | Winter Intercession 2025-2026 registration begins Full Semester |
| September 3 – October 6 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) First Half Session | October 27 | Last Day to Add a Course Second Half Session |
| September 8 | 60% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester | | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| | 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Second Half Session |
| | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail First Half Session | | Midterm Late Start Session |
| September 9 | First Day of Classes Late Start Session | October 28 – December 1 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Second Half Session |
| September 15 | Last Day to Add a Course Late Start Session | October 31 | Spring 2026 registration begins for matriculated students Full Semester |
| | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session | November 3 | 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Full Semester | | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Second Half Session |
| | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Full Semester | November 17 | 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| | Full-time to part time status change deadline Full Semester | | Midterm Second Half Session |
| September 16 – November 17 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Full Semester | November 18 – December 14 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Full Semester |
| September 16 | Enrollment census (5 p.m.) Full Semester | November 25 – December 14 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Late Start Session |
| September 22 | 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session | November 26 – November 30 | Thanksgiving Recess – No Classes Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| | 40% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester | December 1 | Spring 2026 registration begins for non-matriculated students Full Semester |
| | 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | December 2 – December 14 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Second Half Session |
| | Midterm First Half Session | December 7 | Last Day of Classes Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| September 29 | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Late Start Session | December 8 – December 14 | Final Exam Period Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Late Start Session | December 13 | Winter Commencement Full Semester |
| September 30 – November 24 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Late Start Session | December 14 | Winter Commencement (inclement weather date) Full Semester |
| October 6 | 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session | | |

Winter Semester 2025

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| October 22 | Registration begins | January 1 | 60% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" |
| December 29 | First Day of Classes Last Day to Add a Course | January 2 – January 13 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) |
| December 30 | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline | January 14 – January 16 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) |
| December 31 – January 1 | New Year Day Holiday - No Classes | January 16 | Last Day of Classes |



Spring Semester 2026

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| January 19 | Martin Luther King Holiday – No Classes Full Semester | March 4 – March 24 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) First Half Session |
| January 20 | 100% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester | March 16 – March 22 | Spring Break – No Classes Full Semester First Half Session Late Start Session |
| January 21 | First Day of Classes Full Semester First Half Session | March 23 – April 2 | Fall 2026 Academic Advising period Full Semester |
| January 27 | Last Day to Add a Course Full Semester First Half Session Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" First Half Session 90% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | March 24 | Midterm Full Semester INC grades from Spring & Summer lapse to 'F' (undergraduates) Full Semester Last Day of Classes First Half Session |
| January 28 – March 3 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) First Half Session | March 25 | First Day of Classes Second Half Session Summer 2026 registration begins Full Semester |
| February 3 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail First Half Session 60% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | March 31 | Last Day to Add a Course Second Half Session Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Second Half Session Midterm Late Start Session 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| February 4 | First Day of Classes Late Start Session | April 1 – May 5 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Second Half Session |
| February 10 | Last Day to Add a Course Late Start Session Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Full Semester Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Full Semester Full-time to part time status change deadline Full Semester 100% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session | April 2 | Fall 2026 registration begins for matriculated students Full Semester |
| February 11 – April 21 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Full Semester | April 3 – April 5 | Day of Reflection Recess – No Classes Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| February 11 | Enrollment census (5 p.m.) Full Semester | April 7 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Second Half Session 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| February 13 – February 16 | Presidents' Holiday Recess - No Classes Full Semester First Half Session Late Start Session | April 21 | Midterm Second Half Session 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Second Half Session |
| February 17 | Midterm First Half Session 40% tuition refund withdrawal deadline (full-time students) Full Semester 60% tuition refund course drop deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Full Semester First Half Session | April 22 – May 17 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Full Semester |
| February 24 | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Late Start Session Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Late Start Session | April 29 – May 17 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Late Start Session |
| February 25 – April 28 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Late Start Session | May 6 – May 17 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Second Half Session |
| March 3 | 40% tuition refund course withdrawal deadline (part-time students) Late Start Session | May 10 | Last Day of Classes Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| | | May 11 – May 17 | Final Exam Period Full Semester Late Start Session Second Half Session |
| | | May 16 | Spring Commencement Full Semester |
| | | May 17 | Spring Commencement (inclement weather date) Full Semester |
| | | June 1 | Non-matriculated graduate level student registration for Fall 2026 begins Full Semester |
| | | July 13 | Non-matriculated undergraduate level student registration for Fall 2026 begins Full Semester |

Summer Session 2026

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| March 26 | Registration begins | July 3 | Independence Day Holiday Observed - No Classes 8 Week Session Second 5 Week Session |
| May 26 | First Day of Classes First 5 Week Session 8 Week Session | July 4 | 60% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline Second 5 Week Session |
| | Last Day to Add a Course First 5 Week Session 8 Week Session | July 6 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Second 5 Week Session |
| May 28 | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline First 5 Week Session | | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Second 5 Week Session |
| May 31 | 60% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline First 5 Week Session | July 7 – July 26 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Second 5 Week Session |
| June 1 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail First 5 Week Session | July 7 – July 20 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) 8 Week Session |
| | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" First 5 Week Session | July 7 | 40% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline Second 5 Week Session |
| | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline 8 Week Session | July 15 | Midterm Second 5 Week Session |
| June 2 – June 21 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) First 5 Week Session | July 20 | Last Day of Classes 8 Week Session |
| June 3 | 40% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline First 5 Week Session | July 27 – August 2 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Second 5 Week Session |
| June 8 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail 8 Week Session | August 2 | Last Day of Classes Second 5 Week Session |
| | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" 8 Week Session | August 3 | First Day of Classes Post Session |
| | 60% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline 8 Week Session | | Last Day to Add a Course Post Session |
| June 9 – July 6 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) 8 Week Session | August 5 | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline Post Session |
| June 10 | Midterm First 5 Week Session | August 6 | Last Day to Declare Audit or Pass/Fail Post Session |
| June 19 | June 19th National Independence Day Holiday - No Classes First 5 Week Session 8 Week Session | | Last Day to Drop a Course without "W" Post Session |
| June 22 | Midterm 8 Week Session | August 7 – August 16 | Withdrawal Period (no permission required) Post Session |
| | 40% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline 8 Week Session | August 8 | 60% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline Post Session |
| June 22 – June 28 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) First 5 Week Session | August 11 | 40% tuition refund course drop/withdrawal deadline Post Session |
| June 28 | Last Day of Classes First 5 Week Session | August 12 | Midterm Post Session |
| June 29 | First Day of Classes Second 5 Week Session | August 17 – August 23 | Late Course Withdrawal Period (permission required) Post Session |
| | Last Day to Add a Course Second 5 Week Session | August 23 | Last Day of Classes Post Session |
| July 1 | 100% tuition refund course drop deadline Second 5 Week Session | | |

Please note: This calendar was correct at the time of publication. Dates are subject to change. For additional details and the most accurate current calendar, please consult www.ccsu.edu/calendar.
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Frequently Called Numbers

| OFFICE | PHONE | LOCATION |
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| Academic Affairs (Provost) | 860-832-2228 | Davidson Hall 111 |
| Accessibility Services, Office of (OAS) | 860-832-1952 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W201 |
| Admissions/Recruitment (Undergraduate) | 860-832-CCSU (2278) | Central Welcome Center |
| Alumni Relations | 860-832-1740 | Central Welcome Center |
| Athletics | 860-832-3040 | Kaiser |
| Bookstore | 860-832-BOOK (2665) | Student Center 1020000 |
| Business, School of | | Vance Academic Center 216 |
| Main Number: | 860-832-3205 | |
| Dean: Lisa Frank | 860-832-3187 | |
| Bursar | 860-832-2010 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W212 |
| Campus Recreation | 860-832-3734 | Huang Recreation Center |
| Card Office | 860-832-2140 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D125 |
| Career Development, Office of (CDO) | 860-832-1615 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D101 |
| Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences | | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D303 |
| Main Number: | 860-832-2600 | |
| Interim Dean: Gilbert Gigliotti | 860-832-2600 | Dean's Office |
| Center for International Education (George R. Muirhead) | 860-832-2040 | Henry Barnard Room 406 |
| CENTIX (Student Center Box Office) | 860-832-1989 | Student Center |
| Central Access Success and Academics (CASA) | 860-832-1907 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W313 |
| Central Community Health Education Clinic | 860-832-0235 | Nicolaus Copernicus Hall |
| Central Recorder (Newspaper) | 860-832-3744 | Student Center 107 |
| Central Reservations Office | 860-832-1964 | Student Center 115 |
| Child Care, Drop-In Center | 860-832-2125 | Carroll Hall Building #4 |
| Community Engagement | 860-832-0260 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W313 |
| Professional Education, Office of | 860-832-2277 | Carroll Hall 037 |
| Counseling and Student Development (Student Wellness Center) | 860-832-1925 or 1926 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall 101 |
| Dining Services | 860-832-3797 | Memorial Hall |
| Catering: | 860-832-3767 | Memorial Hall |
| Menu Hotline: | 860-832-FOOD (3663) | Memorial Hall |
| Success Matters Program | 860-832-1601 | Davidson Hall 103 |

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| Education, School of | | |
| Main Number: | 860-832-2101 | Barnard Hall 327 |
| Dean: John Barile | | |
| Educational Leadership | 860-832-2130 | Barnard Hall 201 |
| EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, and Medical | 911 | New Britain Police Dispatch |
| Engineering, Science & Technology, School of | | |
| Main Number: | 860-832-1800 | |
| Dean: Xudong Jia | 860-832-1800 | |
| Equity and Inclusion, Office for | 860-832-1652 | Davidson Hall 119 |
| Explore Central (Advising) | 860-832-1614 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D102 |
| Financial Aid Office | 860-832-2200 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W208 |
| Food Pantry, Maria’s Place | 860-832-3662 | R.C. Vance Academic (lower level) |
| Graduate Admissions | 860-832-2350 | Davidson Hall 116 |
| Health and Rehabilitation Services, College of | | |
| Main Number: | 860-832-3810 | Nicolaus Copernicus 212 09 |
| Dean: Jayanthi Kandiah | 860-832-3810 | |
| Health Services (Student Wellness Center) | 860-832-1925 or 1926 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall 101 |
| Information Technology (IT) | 860-832-1700 | Marcus White Annex |
| Technology Support Center | 860-832-1720 | Library 3 rd Floor |
| Institutional Advancement | 860-832-1794 | Central Welcome Center |
| Learning Center | 860-832-1900 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D316 |
| Library Main Line | 860-832-2055 | Elihu Burritt Library |
| Service Desk | 860-832-3410 | |
| Research Assistance | 860-832-2060 | |
| Lost and Found: | | |
| Card Office | 860-832-2140 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall, D125 |
| Central Police Department | 860-832-2375 | East Street |
| Student Affairs Office | 860-832-1601 | Davidson Hall 103 |
| Student Center Information Desk | 860-832-1970 | Student Center |
| Mail Services (Campus) | 860-832-2528 | Student Center |
| Mailroom/Post Office (Students) | 860-832-1937 | Student Center |
| Marketing and Communications (University Relations) | 860-832-1177 | Davidson 126 |
| Media Center | 860-832-2035 | Elihu Burritt Library, 2 nd floor |
| Observatory and Planetarium | 860-832-2950 | Copernicus 211 |

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| Ombudsperson | 860-832-2216 | Davidson Hall 113 |
| Police Department, Central | 860-832-2375 | 1500 East Street |
| Registrar | 860-832-2236 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D202 |
| Residence Life | 860-832-1660 | Mid Campus Residence Hall 118 |
| Storm Phone | 860-832-3333 | Main Switchboard |
| Student Activities/Leadership Development (SA/LD) | 860-832-1990 | Student Center 201 |
| Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President | 860-832-1601 | Davidson Hall 103 |
| Student Center Information Desk | 860-832-1970 | Student Center 115 |
| Student Government Association (SGA) | 860-832-3740 | Student Center 211 |
| Student Rights & Responsibilities, Office for | 860-832-1667 | Mid Campus Residence Hall 118 |
| Student Wellness Center (SWC)- Health or Counseling Appointment Line | 860-832-1925 or 1926 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall 101 |
| TRIO Program | 860-832-2272 | Carroll Hall 245 |
| Veterans Affairs (VA) | 860-832-AVET (2838) | Willard-DiLoreto Hall D201 |
| Wellness Education (Student Wellness Center) | 860-832-1948 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W101 |
| WFCS (Radio Station) | 860-832-1883 | Student Center |
| Women's Center | 860-832-1655 | Student Center 215 |
| Writing Center | 860-832-2765 | Willard-DiLoreto Hall W314 |
| Central MAIN NUMBER | 860-832-3200 | |

Please note: If you are calling from an on-campus phone, please dial the last five digits of the phone number for the campus extension.



Keys to Academic Success

MEET YOUR ADVISOR

- Maintain contact with your advisor to:
 - Review your education program and career goals.
 - Identify the department chairperson and other key academic officials.
 - Discuss your adjustment to campus life and share any concerns or challenges.
 - Review your academic progress, using a degree evaluation.
 - Discuss and identify any possible campus resources needed.
 - Explore enrichment activities, internships, and research experiences.
 - Discuss graduate or professional school opportunities.

KNOW YOUR DEAN

Arrange to meet your Dean; know the location of his/her office and key assistant or associate deans. If you encounter difficulties, the Dean's office should be one of the first places where you should ask your questions.

WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

- Do not hesitate to ask for help:
 - Ask for assistance early in the semester, no question is unimportant.
 - Remember every student may need some assistance during his/her college years.
 - It is your responsibility to ask for assistance.
 - Inform a faculty member, advisor, administrator, or staff person of your concerns and provide them with all relevant information.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A CLASS

- Speak with your instructor as soon as you have a concern.
- Schedule an appointment to meet with your instructor during office hours.
- Inform your advisor of any difficulties so they may be able to assist in the resolution of your challenges.
- Inform your department chairperson who may also be able to offer assistance.
- Utilize study groups and available tutoring as needed.

USE ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT CENTERS

- If you encounter academic difficulties in your courses, do not wait. Inform your instructor or advisor and seek appropriate levels of assistance to help resolve your academic challenge.
- Utilize campus resources such as: Student Wellness Services (health and counseling services), The Learning Center, Mathematics Tutoring Center, Writing Center, Office of Accessibility Services, or the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

READ ALL CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS CAREFULLY

You are responsible for reading and adhering to all academic and institutional policies including, but not limited to, all of those presented in the Central Connecticut State University Undergraduate Catalog and the Student Handbook (both online). These resources contain information about: the history of Central Connecticut State University; the various educational programs of study; the official University calendar; academic requirements; faculty, advisors, and administrative officers; campus resources; and all other University policies, regulations and procedures.

PLAN AND MANAGE YOUR TIME EFFICIENTLY

Plan your activities. Use a calendar or other resource to help you keep track of important tasks, course assignments, examination dates, registration periods, and deadline dates as well as your campus activities.

BECOME INVOLVED IN CAMPUS LIFE

One of the most exciting things about attending college is campus life.

- Take time to explore the diversity of learning and cultural opportunities that are available to you through campus activities: lectures, art exhibits, theatrical productions, musical performances, athletic events, and other activities.
- We encourage participation in events and other special programs sponsored by the University.
- Stay connected to the Student Affairs Office as well as the Student Government Office.
- Take advantage of the opportunities to meet and interact with individuals from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAMILY

Keep your family informed about your progress; they want to know that you are doing well. Family support increases your chances for success as well as helps you to make the transition to campus life.

LIMIT YOUR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES

- Take time to adjust to campus life.
- Remember, your academics are your primary responsibility.
- Plan your activities accordingly.
- Do not allow excessive outside activities and employment to compromise your ability to excel academically.

Support Services

For various reasons, students may have difficulty in a course or may have concerns that distract them from being successful. The first step in seeking assistance is to connect with one of the individuals below:

Accessibility Services, Office of
Surbhi Patel, Director
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D201, 860-832-1952, spatel@ccsu.edu

Career Development, Office of
Paul Rossitto, Director
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D101, 860-832-1617, rossitto@ccsu.edu

Carol A. Ammon, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
Dr. Gilbert Gigliotti, Interim Dean, Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D 30302, 860-832-2625, gigliotti@ccsu.edu

Enrollment Management
Dr. Christina Robinson
Associate VP for Enrollment
Davidson Hall 116, 860-832-2364, christinarobinson@ccsu.edu

Learning Center
Elizabeth Spear, Director
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D316, 860-832-1900, spear@ccsu.edu

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Michael Russo, Interim Vice President
Davidson Hall 103, 860-832-1601, michael.russo@ccsu.edu

Registrar's Office
Patrick Tucker, Registrar
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D202, 860-832-2236, ptucker@ccsu.edu

School of Business
Dr. Lisa Frank, Dean
Vance Academic Center 210, 860-832-3209, franklic@ccsu.edu

School of Education
Dr. John Barile, Dean
Henry Barnard Hall 327, 860-832-2101, jbarile@ccsu.edu

School of Engineering, Science, & Technology
Dr. Xudong Jia, Dean
Applied Innovation Hub, Room 203, 860-832-1800, xjia@ccsu.edu

**College of Health and Rehabilitation
Sciences**

Dr. Jayanthi Kandiah, Dean
Nicolaus Copernicus Hall Room 212 09,
jkandiah@ccsu.edu

Veterans Affairs

Christian Gutierrez, Veterans Affairs
Coordinator
Willard-DiLoreto Hall D201, 860-832-2838,
gutierrezc@ccsu.edu

Student Wellness Services - Health

Dr. Amber Cheema, Director
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W 101, 860-
832-1926, acheema@ccsu.edu

Student Wellness Services - Counseling

Kristen Dignazio-Drost, Interim Director
Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W 101, 860-
832-1926, dignazio-drost@ccsu.edu

Write to us at:

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Davidson Hall, Room 103
Central Connecticut State University
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06050-4010

OR contact us at:

Phone: 860-832-1601; Fax: 860-832-1610
Email: student_affairs@mail.ccsu.edu

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Information Technology @Central

How do I access the Central homepage?

- From any computer with internet access, visit www.ccsu.edu. The Central homepage will give you access to necessary online systems via CentralPipeline, our web portal page, as well as to all Central has to offer.

What is a BlueNet Account and Office 365 Account?

- Your Central BlueNet Account is used to access computing resources both on and off campus. It consists of your:
 - Central Microsoft 365 account - your Central email address (@my.ccsu.edu), used to access your Central Microsoft 365 account (Microsoft Outlook, OneDrive online file storage, Teams and Office applications). It is also used to log into campus computers and CentralPipeline to access online systems such as:
 - WebCentral-Banner Web will allow you to pay your admissions and housing deposits, pay your bill, register for classes, view your grades, view your financial aid, and more.
 - Blackboard will allow you, depending on the course, to engage in online discussions, take quizzes and tests online, and access course materials and grades.
 - Your BlueNet username - a unique username used to access some specialty systems and manage your account using Accounts Management.
- You may also download full versions of Microsoft Office onto your computer and mobile devices for free via your Central Office 365 account.
- Your BlueNet Account password is synchronized with your Central Microsoft 365 account.

- To keep your account secure, your Central BlueNet account password must be a secure passphrase. A passphrase is a type of password that is generally longer than a traditional password.
- Your passphrase/password must have at least 16 characters, may contain spaces, numbers or symbols (not required), must not contain identifiable information such as your name or date of birth.
- Your passphrase/password does not expire or need to be reset at set intervals (except in the event your account is compromised, then you will be forced to change your passphrase/password).
- As an additional security measure, you are required to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA, also known as 2-factor authentication) on your Central Microsoft 365 account.
- You retain access to the University-issued Microsoft Office 365 account for a period of 4 years after graduation or last course completed at the University. After such period, the Central Microsoft Office 365 account will be deactivated.

How do I obtain a Central BlueNet and Office 365 account username and password so that I can use online systems via CentralPipeline?

- New full-time undergraduate and graduate students - upon your acceptance to Central, you will receive an email from Central Accounts Management with instructions for activating your new Central BlueNet account.
- New part-time students - you will activate your account using the Central Accounts Management System (<https://accounts.ccsu.edu>) using the 8-digit Central ID number you received during your registration process.

How do I learn more about CentralPipeline and Central’s online systems?

- To get things started, go to www.ccsu.edu and select CentralPipeline (located at the top of the page, on the right and navigate around the page).
- In order to use the online systems via CentralPipeline, you must have a Central BlueNet and Microsoft 365 account. (See question #3 for how to set your username and password).

How do student emails work at Central?

- Your “@my.ccsu.edu” email is your official University email address provided through Microsoft 365. You retain access to the University-issued Microsoft 365 email account for a period of 4 years after graduation or last course completed at the University. After such period, the account will be deactivated.
- Your “@my.ccsu.edu” email address is provided when you activate your BlueNet Account. (See information above on how to activate your BlueNet Account).
- Follow these steps to access your “@my.ccsu.edu” email account:
 - Go to www.ccsu.edu from your web browser. Choose CentralPipeline, then Central Email.
 - Enter your “@my.ccsu.edu” email address.
 - Enter your password, which is the same as your BlueNet account password.
 - Click on Sign-in, and then follow the steps to set up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) as an additional security measure on your Central Microsoft 365 email account.

What is multi-factor authentication (MFA)?

MFA is an extra security measure to protect your Central Microsoft 365 account. It requires something you know – your password – and something you have – your mobile device or phone. The first time you access your official University Microsoft 365 account, you will be forced to enroll in MFA. You can configure MFA to call or send a text code to your cell phone. You should also install the Microsoft Authenticator app on cell phone. The app is easy to use and prompts with an approval or deny access button – no need to enter a code or receive a call. MFA is required when using your Microsoft 365 account and WebCentral-Banner Web on any device connected to ANY wireless network. On devices you use regularly, you will be prompted to authenticate weekly. MFA is NOT required when using email on a Central campus wired computer. For more information, go to www.ccsu.edu/it/office365/mfa.html.

How do I access my official University email?

- From a web browser go to CentralPipeline and choose the Central Email button.
- Enter your "@my.ccsu.edu" email address and the password you selected, then click on Sign-in.
- Along with your email account, you have free access to Microsoft 365 that can be installed on up to five computers mobile devices. For more information, go to www.ccsu.edu/office365.

Why is it important to check My.CCSU email regularly?

- The University depends on email to communicate with students. Professors and the Office of Career Development use Central email to communicate with students about assignments and job postings. Also, students will receive important emails regarding tuition due dates, ebills, registration dates, etc. If you do not read your Central email often, you could miss out on important information that will not be sent in paper form.

Where can I go to use a computer on campus?

- TechCentral (now located in the Elihu Burritt Library on the third floor) is the main general purpose computer lab on-campus for students, faculty, and staff. This lab has a mix of Dell and Apple computers, laser printers, and scanners. All computers are connected to the internet and offer a variety of popular software applications. For your convenience, the lab is open and offers extended hours, including weekends. For the most current schedule go to www.ccsu.edu/tc.
- The library has over 40 computers located throughout the building, including public terminals with direct access to the internet and electronic resources such as databases.

Are walk-up email and access stations available on campus?

- In the Student Center there are over 20 computers with direct access to the internet.
- All over campus there are wireless access points allowing you access to the internet from almost anywhere through your wireless devices.

Can I borrow a computer from the University?

- The University has a limited number of Windows laptops for students to borrow for the academic school year (through May). Visit https://www.ccsu.edu/it/itservices/student_laptop_info.html for

more information.

Where can I go for help with technology at Central?

- Access the Information Technology homepage at www.ccsu.edu/it. There you will find links to all IT resources, click on the Service Equipment Requests and Self-Help Knowledge link for self-help.
- Contact the Technology Support Center, the primary contact for technical assistance, at 860-832-1720 or email techsupport@ccsu.edu.
- Visit the Technology Support Center on the 3rd floor of the Library for in-person technology support for your portable computer and campus technology. No appointment needed. Please note, limited support is available to support the use of Central technology. Hardware troubleshooting and repair is not provided.

Are phones provided in the residence hall rooms?

- Central Connecticut State University no longer provides telephone service or voicemail service in student residence hall rooms except in those student rooms designated to conform to ADA requirements.
- House phones are located on each residence hall floor, which may be used for incoming calls and to place 911, campus, local, and toll-free access calls.
- Students may use their own cellular phone service or internet phone providers for their devices.

Whom do I contact for absences?

- You are responsible for regular classroom attendance. The following attendance policies are in effect:
 - The Student Wellness Center (SWC)/Health will send a medical excuse note by email to a student's professors only in those cases in which a student was seen in the SWS Office and the medical recovery or contagiousness of the patient/student warrants an absence from classes.
 - Absence notices are sent to a student's professors to assist students who have or will miss classes due to extenuating circumstances, such as a medical reason or death in the family. Absence notices are not an official excuse. They are provided on the student's behalf to verify the circumstance surrounding the absences and to request that the instructor work with the student to complete missed coursework when appropriate. To request a notice of absence, please email student_affairs@ccsu.edu and include documentation verifying the dates of your absence.

Study Stuff

Where do I buy textbooks and school supplies?

- Visit the campus bookstore, which is in the Student Center to buy your textbooks. The bookstore carries most of the school supplies that you will need. You will also find

computer supplies, a selection of gifts, Central gear, candy, health and beauty aids, and a great selection of snacks, etc.

What are my other options if I do not want to purchase brand new textbooks?

- You can rent both new and used textbook for a lower price and then return the book to the bookstore at the end of the semester. The bookstore also sells used books and eTextbooks. Please see all of the options at the bookstore website: www.central-ct.bncollege.com.

Where can I resell my books?

- The bookstore buys books back all year. However, the best time to sell your books is during finals.
- Instant cash is yours if your books are in demand.
- The buyback pricing is based on two criteria: you can get paid 50% of the selling price if the book is needed for the following term. If this is not the case, you will receive the latest national pricing.

Where do I get advice for course selection and program planning?

- Academic advisors are the main source of support and information about your academic plans and programs.
- If you are registered as an Exploratory major, you will meet with an advisor from Explore Central.
- Freshmen are assigned to one of five School-Based Centers (College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, School of Engineering, Science and Technology or College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences) depending on their major. Those without a declared major will be assigned to Explore Central for academic advising until they declare a major.

When should I see an advisor?

- You must meet with an advisor each semester to discuss your course planning and registration instructions. The Registrar sends a reminder message to all students prior to the scheduled advising and registration period. Students are encouraged to meet often with their advisors to discuss courses, academic work, career plans, internships, and other matters.

I am not doing well in my classes. Where can I go for help?

- Your classroom instructors are great resources, so seek their help first.
- Our Learning Center, located in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D316, offers tutoring in math, statistics, chemistry, and physics. It also provides Academic Success Coaching to help you realize your academic goals.
- Academic advisors are a source of support and information about your academic plans and programs.
- Make connections with your classmates. Form a study group or work with a classmate

who understands the material.

Does Central offer career services?

- Yes, the Office of Career Development (CDO), which is in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D101, provides a comprehensive program of career services to all students and alumni. Career specialists assist all students and alumni with career-related decisions and preparation to lead job seekers to various employment opportunities, internships, or cooperative education positions and graduate school. The Office of Career Development also assists students in finding on-campus jobs.
- Through the database, Handshake, the CDO maintains listings of full-time jobs, part-time jobs, internships, and co-ops that can be accessed through their website, www.ccsu.edu/cdo, by clicking on the Handshake icon or by going to ccsu.joinhandshake.com/stu. Additional resources are available on the website.
- The CDO also hosts many in-person career or job fairs as well as various other career development events throughout the year.

What are “Course Abroad” programs? How can I register?

- Course Abroad programs are an important component of Central’s commitment to international education. They are short-term, credit-bearing University classes that include an overseas component. Course Abroad programs are during the breaks: winter, spring, and summer. The length of the course varies from three to sixteen weeks; the length of the travel component varies from one week to one month. The subject matter and the international locations are determined by the professor conducting the program. Course abroad programs are a great way for students unable to spend a semester or year abroad to have a study abroad experience before graduating from Central.
- Enrollment in a Course Abroad program begins in the Center for International Education (CIE), Barnard Hall Room 406, www.ccsu.edu/studyAbroad/coursesAbroad.html

Students with Disabilities

I am a student with a diagnosed disability. Where can I go to learn the procedures for receiving reasonable accommodations?

- Meet with Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) staff, located in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W201. To meet with OAS Staff; contact by phone: 860-832-1952 or email: AccessibilityServices@ccsu.edu.
- All information for students with disabilities is available online at <https://www.ccsu.edu/accessibility>
- Reasonable academic and housing accommodations may be available to eligible students upon request. The primary goal of the Office of Accessibility Services is to ensure that students are provided equal access to educational programs, services and activities throughout their enrollment in accordance with applicable federal and state laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Facilities

Where can I send and receive a fax?

- The Student Center Information Desk has a fax machine for public use. Charges may apply. International faxes must be done through the Information Desk.

What fax number should I use?

- 860-832-1971

Where can I make copies or scan materials?

- Copy machine locations:
 - Student Center first floor
 - Library first, third, and fourth floors (color copier on 3rd floor)
- Scanner locations:
 - Library first and second floors
 - Office of Accessibility Services

Where do I sign up for a locker in the Student Center?

At the Student Center Information Desk/CENTix Box Office.

- Small (9" X 13 ¾") locker rental per semester is \$5 per semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer).
- Large (12" X 17 ¼") locker rental per semester charge is \$8 per semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer).
- A deposit of \$10.00 is required. The deposit will be refunded when the key is returned at the end of the semester.

What is the Blue Chip Card?

- The Blue Chip Card (also referred to as your Blue Chip ID Card) is your official University ID and debit card allowing you privileges and services at Central.
- As an ID, the card allows specific personalized access to buildings, rooms and garages.
- As a debit card it allows the cardholder to deposit money on your Blue Chip Account, to make purchases on or off campus at specified locations, deposit financial aid, and to make University payments.
- The card serves as the meal-plan card, a library card, access key, and as a debit card for purchases and payments only—funds cannot be withdrawn as cash. For detailed and most current information, visit the Card Office, located in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D125, call 860-832-2140, or go to the Card Office website at www.cardoffice.ccsu.edu
- To check card balances, get a transaction history, report a lost card, or see what meal plan you have, go to the online Card Office at <https://get.cbord.com/ccsu>

Where can I make deposits to my Blue Chip Card account?

- Deposits can be made in different ways and at several locations:

- **Card Value Centers** accept cash only. They are easy to use machines found in two convenient locations:
 - Library first floor
 - Student Center Devil's Den
- Bursar's Office (Willard-DiLoreto Hall): accepts cash and eChecks
- Online (CentralPipeline to WebCentral-Banner link): accepts credit cards and eChecks. Checks received in the office will make funds available by the next business day; mailed checks will be processed within 24 regular business hours from day received.
 - **2.95% fee or \$3.00 whichever is larger, is charged for credit/debit card deposit**
- Any questions, visit the Card Office, located in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D125, call 860-832- 2140, or go to the Card Office website at www.cardoffice.ccsu.edu.

Where can I use my Blue Chip Card?

- You can use your card all over campus for copies, printing services, vending machines, meals at campus restaurants, bookstore purchases, laundry, payments to Bursar's Office and other Central departments; access to parking garages, residence halls, and more. It even gets you into Central home sporting events for free. The Blue Chip Card is also accepted at several off campus locations. For a list of locations please visit www.cardoffice.ccsu.edu.

What if my Blue Chip Card is lost, stolen, or damaged?

- Report a lost or stolen card immediately by calling or visiting the Card Office (during business hours) at 860-832-2140
- Campus Police (after business hours) at 860-832- 2375, or online at <https://get.cbord.com/ccsu>
- Whether your card is lost, stolen or damaged, go into the Card Office, Willard-DiLoreto, Room D125, for a replacement, and you will have a new card within 5 to 10 minutes.
- If your card is damaged, bring it with you to the Card Office when you go for a new one.

Is there any charge to replace my Blue Chip Card?

- The first lost replacement card is \$10; additional lost replacement cards are \$25 each.
- Cost of a card replacement will be billed to your Student Account (eBill).
- Staff will be issued a new card free of charge if you have had a name change or a change in your status.

Can I loan my Blue Chip ID Card to another person or borrow someone else's Blue Chip ID Card?

- No. Your Blue Chip ID Card is assigned to you and is for your use only.
- Using someone else's Blue Chip ID Card exposes you to penalties and/or prosecution.

Where can I relax and study?

- Lounges are located throughout the Student Center for relaxation and study needs. They include quiet, bright areas, with couches and study tables in all combinations to fit your needs.
- Memorial Hall Southwest Study Lounge (supported by the Student Center) provides lounge space, individual study pods and group pods.
- The library has been ranked consistently as one of the best places to study by our students, especially with both quiet and group study spaces in our newly air-conditioned stacks at the back of the library!

Where can I send and receive mail?

- You can pick up mail in the Student Center mailbox area, across from the Breakers Game Room and adjacent to the bookstore.
- Mailroom Substation is open Monday – Friday; 9 am - 3:30 pm.
- Mailboxes are available when the Student Center is open; check with the Student Center Information Desk for hours.
- Mail is not delivered on holidays and weekends.
- You may purchase postage at the Student Center mailroom substation with Blue Chip card money.
- Send mail, ship packages worldwide, and receive packages in the mailbox area.
- Mailboxes are free for RESIDENT STUDENTS ONLY.

How should delivery mail/packages be addressed?

- To ensure proper delivery of mail, please include the following on all correspondence:
YOUR NAME
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
1615 STANLEY STREET
NEW BRITAIN, CT 06050-4010
- **Please follow this format exactly as shown. This will make the difference in quick delivery of your mail.**

What amusement and entertainment are on campus?

- The Breakers Game Room offers tournament billiard tables, foosball, electronic amusements, board games, Nintendo Switch, XBOX and PS5 game consoles, table tennis and sports television... ALL FREE.
- The state-of-the-art Esports Center is in Memorial Hall and is a gamer's paradise, as well as a hub for research in the fields of interactive media design and game development. Established in 2019, it is furnished with Respawn gaming chairs, Dell Alienware Computers, Xbox, Nintendo, and PlayStation consoles. It also boasts ADA-compliant tables and controllers. For more information, visit <https://www.ccsu.edu/esports>
- CENTix, the campus box office in the Student Center, sells tickets for most campus events, including CAN activities, Theatre Department productions, athletic events, and

some off-campus sponsored events. Contact them at 860-832-1989.

- Major shows will have tickets available on the Internet from www.tickets.ccsu.edu
- Check out TODAY @ Central at today.ccsu.edu or subscribe via email to your calendar of interest for automatic event updates.
- Follow @CCSUToday on Twitter for the most up-to-date event information.

Where can I charge my electronic device?

- TechCentral has charging stations, as do most academic buildings.
- You can charge your smart devices in the Student Center for free. Stations are in the Wells Street lounge, TCC Lounge and Devil's Den. In addition, Central now has secured electronic charging stations in the Student Center Devil's Den, Elihu Burritt Library, Memorial Hall, and Hilltop Café. Note the campus is 100% wireless, including the residence halls.
- Charging cables are available to borrow from the main Help Desk in the library.
- You can sanitize your electronic device in the Devil's Den charging station.

Financial Resources

Where can I get change on campus?

- At the following locations:
 - Bookstore (cashier)
 - CENTix Box Office

Is there an ATM on campus?

- Yes.
 - The Student Center north entrance near the bookstore, available 24/7, and
 - Willard-DiLoreto Parking Lot.

I have questions about my financial aid. How can I contact the office?

- The Financial Aid Office is located in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W208.
- You may contact the Office in several ways:
 - Phone: 860-832-2200
 - Fax: 860-832-3330
 - Email: finaid@ccsu.edu
 - Webpage: www.ccsu.edu/finaid
 - Mail: 1615 Stanley Street, P.O. Box 4010, New Britain, CT 06050
 - Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm

Where do I go if I have questions concerning my billing statement?

- Student billing information is available through CentralPipeline. Log onto WebCentral-Banner Web using your Central email address and password, on the Home tab > EBill/Make Payment > View Student Account > View Activity.
- General billing information is available online at www.ccsu.edu/bursar. The Bursar's Office is in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W212. You may contact the office at billing-

bursar@ccsu.edu.

Where can I find a job?

- Many offices and departments on campus hire student employees for a variety of positions. You may want to give your resume to some of the Departments who hire the most students: the Student Center, Campus Dining, Bookstore, Central Police Department, Housing, Events Management, IT, and Athletics. The library hires students on work study via the Handshake website. Check the Handshake website at www.ccsu.joinhandshake.com/stu or individual departments. Contact the Office of Career Development Office at 860-832-1615 for more information. All available on-campus jobs sent to this office are listed in the Handshake database system.
- Students who have been awarded work-study may contact the Office of Career Development for information about how to access the on-campus job postings.
- The Student Center S.T.A.R. program hires as many as 70 students per semester in the Accounting Reconciliation, Box Office, Breakers Game Room, Esports Center, Information Desk, Office Support, Student Publications, Technical Services, Web/Graphics Design, and other areas.
- Student Activities Office, Card Office, the Mail Room, and the Office of Career Development are also areas where students can work on a part-time and semester-to-semester basis.

Medical, Mental Health, and Personal Resources

What is the Student Wellness Center (SWC)?

- The Student Wellness Center provides medical, mental health counseling, and substance misuse services, as well as general wellness outreach, education, and support services to the Central community through three departments: Health Services, Counseling and Student Development Services, and Wellness Education Services. We are staffed by licensed medical providers and licensed mental health professionals. We also train graduate level student interns who provide services under the supervision of licensed professionals.

Where is the Student Wellness Center (SWC) located?

- The SWC is in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101.

How do I access services offered through the SWC?

- The SWC is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, with evening appointments available for some services upon request.
- You can either walk in to set up an appointment or call one of the numbers listed below:
 - Health and Counseling Appointments: 860-832-1926
 - Counseling General Questions 860-832-1927
 - Health Services General Questions 860-832-1925

Where can I get help if I start to struggle with my emotions, thoughts, or behavior?

- Counseling offers a comprehensive array of services to address a range of mental health challenges.
- We offer individual therapy, group therapy, and family/couples therapy, psychiatry services, and crisis intervention services, as well as assistance with referrals to community providers as indicated.
- Central students who are experiencing a mental health crisis and need to talk with a counselor after-hours, on weekends and on holidays, can call the National Suicide and Lifeline by dialing or texting 9-8-8, call Emergency Mobile Crisis Services by dialing 2-1-1 or by calling 9-1-1 to reach emergency responders for more imminent concerns.
- All services are confidential and provided at no cost to all active students.

What health/medical services do you offer?

- Medical care is offered to all enrolled students through Health Services including evaluation and treatment of illnesses and injuries for a wide variety of problems, from upper respiratory infections and sexually transmitted infections to injuries and concussions.
- We work with your primary care provider to manage chronic problems and work with local specialists and hospitals to handle other medical concerns.
- Examples of some of our services include contraceptive counseling and management, PPD screening, STI tests, rapid testing for Covid and Strep.

What about confidentiality?

- All visits made for mental health counseling and health services are kept strictly confidential according to our privacy policy.
- Records or other information will not be released without the student's signed consent, unless required by law or in emergency situations. This policy also applies to parents and faculty.

Do you charge for services?

- There is no charge to be seen by one of the University's medical or mental health professionals on campus.
- Some in-house tests, treatments, and prescription medications are available for small fees, which are billed to your Banner account.
- We do not bill insurance companies or other third-party payers.

What happens if I need to visit other health providers?

- Student Wellness Center staff can assist in referring students to specialists and other healthcare providers or facilities. Appointments with one of our providers may be needed.
- Students are responsible for all charges and addressing insurance issues involved with any such care.

- Similarly, students are responsible for any charges for private laboratory testing ordered through our department and for prescriptions filled at local pharmacies.
- Students are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with their own insurance coverage especially co-pays, deductibles, health reimbursement accounts, and procedures for submitting charges for reimbursement.

Are immunizations required?

- Connecticut State Law requires immunization or proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox). See our website: www.ccsu.edu/health for full details.
- All students living in Residence Halls must also have proof of immunization against meningitis. New students only have a time constraint on this requirement and must have been given this immunization within five years of entering Central.
- All students are required to submit a complete and signed Connecticut State University Student Health Services Form prior to attending class.

When are the Connecticut State University Student Health Services Forms due?

- Fall Semester - July 15.
- Spring Semester – December 15.
- If records are not submitted on time, you may find that you are unable to register or change classes because of a Health “Hold” on your account. Specific details about any missing health information can be found on the registration status page of your BlueNet account. Please login to CentralPipeline to access this information.

Who can I contact with other questions?

- Additional information is available on the Student Wellness Center Central webpage. Questions can be answered by emailing sws@ccsu.edu or by calling 860-832-1925.

Residential Students

Applying for On-Campus Housing

For information on how to apply to university housing, please see the details on the Residence Life [website](#).

How Can I Get Involved on Campus?

Join Hall Councils

Each Residence Hall is governed by a Hall Council. By becoming a Hall Council member, you can help organize programs and manage a budget for all hall activities. Hall Council positions may include a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations, and Committee Representatives. The Executive Board works with the Residence Hall Director/ Area Coordinator

to run effective meetings and to enhance your residence life experience. Participating in Hall Council can help you develop leadership skills and make new friends.

Join Inter Residence Council

The Inter Residence Council (IRC) is the governing body for all resident students. Its purpose is to give resident students a voice in their halls and on campus. A group of student executive board members and a student general council make up the IRC. The IRC Executive Board meets weekly with advisors to discuss upcoming programs and issues that arise on campus. The Executive Board attends conferences to enhance and support the development of the organization, allowing it to develop and branch out across the northeast and the nation. IRC plans and facilitates programs for the residents on campus. It is the goal of Residence Life to facilitate a wide variety of programs. The University food service committee is a subcommittee of IRC.

Join Dean's Cup

In 1986, Dr. Rob Ariostos started a competitive tradition between all the Residence Halls during the academic year, called the “Dean’s Cup.” Today’s residents still look forward to these types of competitions each semester in anticipation of winning the Dean’s Cup Trophy. Dr. Ariostos said, “The goal was to build as much pride and spirit for residents as possible and get as many people involved in these activities.” The Dean’s Cup is a much-anticipated tradition each semester.

Living-Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) at Central Connecticut State University are on-campus communities designed for students with a common interest or academic focus. These communities will have a detailed program each semester to enhance academic, social, psychological, and personal success. Each community will connect students who share similar scholarly interests, mentoring needs, or resource requirements. Students will participate in similar classes while creating a platform to collaborate with classmates, faculty, and advisors. The benefits of becoming part of an LLC will enrich your overall college experience. For more information visit our website at www.ccsu.edu/reslife/llc.html.

Recycling & Energy Conservation

The Office of Residence Life encourages students to reduce, reuse and recycle any of their personal items. Each Residence Hall has different bins for students to use for their recyclables. The gray top and brown bins are used for waste such as food waste and non-recyclables. The blue top bin is for recycling any type of paper, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, or posters. The green top bin is used for recycling any type of bottle, including glass or plastic, aluminum cans, and gallon jugs. The blue tray is used to recycle any size or type of batteries. The green tray is used to recycle any type of electronics including items operated by battery. The yellow tray is used for chemical waste such as flammables, corrosives, aerosol cans, nail polish, and cleaners. Water hydration stations are available in each of the Residence Halls. Conserving energy is an effortless way to protect the environment and keep energy costs under control. Below are a few tips on how to go about it:

- Turn off your electrical devices when no longer needed.

- Turn off your lights when the room is unoccupied.
- Utilize the recycling bins within your Residence Hall to dispose of batteries, electronics, and chemical waste.
- Separate paper, glass, aluminum, and plastic from your waste bins.
- Only print what you need.
- Use a reusable bottle instead of disposable water bottles.
- Grab only the food you can eat.
- Trade in books you no longer use & donate unused clothing to an organization.
- Purchase items made from recycled materials. To learn more about Central “green” initiatives visit: **Global Environmental Sustainability Action Coalition**

Attend residence hall/floor programs and socials: Your RA will hold programs and social events throughout the academic year. By attending one or more of these programs, you will meet new people, learn more about campus resources and become part of your residence hall community.

Central has many clubs and organizations, as well as community service and employment opportunities. Look for information around your residence hall and throughout campus during the first few weeks of the semester about how to get involved or ask your RA for some suggestions. You can also check out Central’s Student Activities & Leadership Development for information about additional clubs and organizations.

Who can access my room?

Only students assigned to the room are permitted access to the room. Residence Life staff are not able to provide access to your room to parents, friends, guests, etc. for any reason. Residence Life, emergency, and maintenance staff enter your room only for monthly unannounced health and safety checks, to confirm occupancy, for requested or emergency maintenance, and to respond to situations in which an individual’s safety may be in danger.

Where do I get my mail?

Students should stop by the mailroom in the Student Center at the beginning of the semester to sign up for a mailbox.

To send packages to a Central please address it as follows:

YOUR NAME
 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
 1615 STANLEY STREET
 NEW BRITAIN, CT 06050-4010

Can I bring my pet?

Pets are not permitted in university residence halls, rooms and suites unless specified below. Certified assistance animals are permitted with prior notice provided to the Office of Residence Life by the Office of Accessibility Services. Students are permitted to have an aquarium under the following conditions:

- Pets, other than fish in a maximum of 10-gallon aquarium, are not permitted in the residence halls.
 - Water is not to be left on the surface where the aquarium is resting or on the floor surrounding the aquarium. To minimize the threat of infection, proper hand washing is recommended before and after any kind of aquarium maintenance or animal contact. Any areas (such as sinks, counters, and floors) which have come into contact with aquarium water are to be cleaned with an antibacterial agent (such as antibacterial soap, bleach, or other cleaning solution).
 - Aquarium gravel, filters, or other items must be disposed of in sealed plastic bags and placed in trash receptacles outside of the building.
 - A maximum of 1 aquarium per bedroom.
- Other animals may be allowed on campus if approved as an accommodation by a Accessibility Specialist within the Office of Accessibility Services.

Commuter Students

Where can I get information about transportation to and from campus?

- Please visit the Central Transportation Options webpage at www.ccsu.edu/transportation/ for information about CT Fastrack, CT Transit, U-Pass CT, parking, and rideshare.
- U-Passes are available for eligible undergraduate students year-round.

I am a commuter student; how can I get involved in activities on campus?

- We strongly encourage you to join a club and attend scheduled activities such as: homecoming, family day, sports events, lectures, and art exhibits, as well as other programs sponsored by the University. Visit Club Central for more information: www.ccsu.campuslabs.com/engage/.

Public Safety

How can I get an escort?

- Virtual escorts are available through LiveSafe app and Central Police are available anytime to provide a safety escort to anywhere on campus 860- 832-2375.
- Call 911 for emergencies.
- The blue lights around campus indicate an Emergency Alert Pole for direct assistance to Central Police.
- Download the LiveSafe App

Where can I get a parking decal?

- The Card Office in Willard-DiLoreto Hall provides parking decals.
- The Central Police Department provides parking passes/stickers and is located at 1500 East Street.
- You will need a Blue Chip Card and license plate number to obtain a decal.
- There is no charge for parking decals.

Where can I park?

- Resident Student (green decal) parking is available in:
 - Copernicus Parking Garage (except levels “F”, “O” and “Roof”)
 - F. Don James Lot (spaces marked with green lines only)
 - Vance Hall Reserved Lot
 - Student Center Garage (upper level, double row)
- Commuter Student (red decal) parking is available in:
 - Bichum Lot
 - Kaiser Lot- Student Center Lot
 - Student Center Parking Garage
 - Welte Parking Garage
 - Copernicus Parking Garage (levels “F”, “O” only)
 - Willard-DiLoreto Garage (1st, 3rd, & Roof levels)

What should I do if I get a parking ticket from Central Police?

- All tickets must be paid within (10) days of receipt of a fine or the amount due will double automatically.
- Fines must be paid in person or by mail to the Bursar’s Office in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W212.
- Fines must be paid before an appeal will be considered. To appeal, go to the following web page for the form and instructions: www.ccsu.edu/police/parkingTicketAppeals.html

How will I be notified in the event of a campus emergency?

- To receive notification via your personal electronic devices you must register at the following website: www.webapps.ccsu.edu/ENS
- Alerts and brief instructions will also be broadcasted via the Whelen outdoor loudspeakers and through the Everbridge notification system.
- Register and download the LiveSafe app for additional notifications and assistance.

Food

What is the resident dining schedule?

(Schedule subject to change for hours and location)

Students who live in the residence hall must have a meal plan. For more information on meal plans, please visit www.ccsudining.sodexomyway.com

Menu for the day? Download the EVERYDAY app for Central. Want to know about specials or changes? Text “DEVIL” to 82257 for coupons, information and more!

Would you like your order ready when you arrive at Devil’s Den or Starbucks? Download the Grub hub app for Devil’s Den and the Starbucks mobile ordering app for Starbucks on campus.

| | Memorial Hall | Hilltop Cafe |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Monday - Thursday | Breakfast: 7:30 am - 11 am Lunch: 11:30 am - 2 pm Lite Lunch: 2 pm - 4 pm Dinner: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Monday through Thursday from 4 pm - 10 pm. |
| Friday | Breakfast: 7:30 am - 11 am Lunch: 11:30 am - 2 pm Lite Lunch: 2 pm - 4 pm Dinner: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Closed |
| Saturday | Closed | Continental Breakfast: 9 am - 10 am Brunch: 10 am - 3:30 pm Dinner: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm |
| Sunday | Closed | Continental Breakfast: 9 am - 10 am Brunch: 10 am - 3:30 pm Dinner: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm |

Where can I get a snack, sandwich, entrée, or quick cup of coffee between classes?

Devil's Den Food Court: Located in the Student Center

- **Hours of Operation:**
Monday-Thursday **10:30 am - 10 pm**
Friday **10:30 am - 3 pm**

We now have food ordering kiosks to help speed you through the lunch line!

Starbucks Café: Located in the Elihu Burritt Library

- **Hours of Operation:**
Monday-Thursday **7:30 am – 4:30 pm**
Friday **7:30 am – 2 pm**
Saturday **9 am – 12 pm**
Sunday **Closed**

Where can I buy a snack?

Vending machines are in the Student Center, all residence halls, and most academic buildings.

Miscellaneous

Where are courtesy phones located?

- Courtesy phones are located throughout each building on campus. One is located immediately to the right of the Student Center Information Desk. The last five digits of an on-campus phone number may be dialed directly.
- Courtesy phones in the Student Center are set for local calling. Dial 9 to get an outside line.

Can I get the phone number or room number for a resident hall student from the Information Desk?

- No, the Student Center is not authorized to give out this information.

How will I know if classes are cancelled or delayed due to weather conditions?

- In case of inclement weather, please call the Central storm phone at (860) 832-3333 or visit ccsu.edu/cancel to learn details about delays/cancellations.

Who would I contact to start a new club?

- Visit the Student Activities/Leadership Development Office in the Student Center or call 860-832-1990.

Where can I go for spiritual guidance?

- Campus Ministry welcomes all faiths and spiritualities.
- Visit www.ccsu.edu/campusministry to gather more information on our Campus Ministry.

Where should I go if I lost something?

- Go to the Central Police on East Street 860-832-2375, or
- The Student Affairs Office in Davidson Hall, Room 103, 860-832-1601, or
- The Info Desk at the Student Center, 860-832-1970.

What happens if I violate University policy?

Refer to the “Student Code of Conduct” section in the Student Handbook.

If you have questions about any of the services or policies provided, please call the appropriate office for clarification, **OR** contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and we will gladly help you.

Contact us:

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Davidson Hall, Room 103

Central Connecticut State University

1615 Stanley Street

New Britain, CT 06050

Phone: 860-832-1601

Fax: 860-832-1610

Email: student_affairs@mail.ccsu.edu

Resources

Accessibility Services, Office of (OAS)

Surbhi Patel, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W201

Phone: 860-832-1952, Fax: 860-832-1865; Website: www.ccsu.edu/sds/

The mission of the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) at Central Connecticut State University is to ensure that qualified students with disabilities receive the necessary academic adjustments, accommodations, and modifications to access university programs, services, and activities equally. These accommodations cover general campus access, academic needs, and housing.

In addition to providing these accommodations, OAS helps students develop strategies to navigate campus life independently, enhance advocacy skills, and become familiar with adaptive technology and other available resources on and off-campus.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a person with a disability as someone with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Students must self-disclose their disability to benefit from ADA protections, and they are encouraged to do so by contacting the AS office to engage in the office's interactive process. If a student is uncertain whether their condition qualifies as a disability, but it has impacted their academic success or access to campus programs or activities, they are encouraged to schedule a confidential meeting with an accessibility specialist within the AS office.

OAS maintains the confidentiality of student disability records and assists in coordinating reasonable accommodations with faculty and campus staff. OAS also supports university faculty and staff in meeting their federal obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. For more information, visit <https://www.ccsu.edu/accessibility>.

Alumni Relations

Kristen Gordon, Director of Alumni Relations; Central Welcome Center

Kgordon1@ccsu.edu Office Phone: 860-832-2587; Website: www.ccsu.edu/alumni

Stay Connected for Life: Alumni Relations Office

Graduation is the beginning of a lifelong connection to Central! As a graduate, you're automatically welcomed into the CCSU Alumni Association, joining a vibrant community of over 100,000 proud Blue Devil alumni around the world.

The Alumni Relations Office is here to help you stay involved and connected. From Homecoming celebrations and social events to professional development opportunities and educational programs, there's always something happening — and always a place for you.

Be sure to keep your contact information up to date so you don't miss out on exciting events, alumni news, and chances to give back or get involved. Wherever life takes you, Central is always home.

Blue Chip Card Office (Central Identification Cards)

Thomas King, Intelligent Infrastructure & Auxiliary Services, Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D125 Semester Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 am -5 pm, Phone: 860- 832-2140;

Website: www.cardoffice.ccsu.edu Online Card Office: <https://get.cbord.com/ccsu>

The Blue Chip Card Office is responsible for producing ID cards for students, faculty and staff at Central. This office also manages the Blue Chip debit card system that enables a cardholder to purchase services or merchandise both on- and off-campus. These services include vending machines, public copiers, food services on campus, bookstore, printing at the Library and in residence hall computer labs, and various vendors off-campus. The Blue Chip Card can be used to pay parking and library fines.

The Card Office is also responsible for issuing the U-Pass to undergraduate students. The U-Pass allows students to take the buses and some trains, within Connecticut, for free. Students must present their Blue Chip card when they use the U-Pass. The U-Pass is available at the Card Office year-round. Please visit webpage, <https://ctrides.com/upass> for more information.

The Card Office oversees the issuing of parking decals. Parking decals are issued online at <https://parkingdecal.ccsu.edu> . You login into the site using your Microsoft 365 credentials. After requesting the decal, you have the opportunity to print a temporary pass to use while your permanent decal arrives in the mail.

The Blue Chip card is also used for access in all residence halls and Welte garage. Access in the halls and garage is done by holding the Blue Chip card near the card reader.

The Blue Chip card is a sophisticated device. Please do not bend it, punch holes in it, scratch the magnetic stripe on the back, or use it as an all-purpose tool.

All students are required to have a Blue Chip Card. The Blue Chip card must be presented in order to use the library or printing services. The Blue Chip Card does not expire. Do not throw your card away upon graduating or withdrawing from Central. Should you return, it will be valid. Please visit our website at www.cardoffice.ccsu.edu for current Card Office information.

Bookstore

Your Central Bookstore Team, bkscentralct@bncollege.com,

Student Center Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9 am - 7 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 6 pm, Friday 9 am - 4 pm, and Saturday 11 am -3 pm

Phone: 860-832-BOOK (2665); Website: www.CCSUBookstore.com

The Bookstore is responsible for carrying all required textbook materials. Please remember to purchase textbooks prior to the middle of each term, since textbooks will be returned to

publishers after midterms in order to prepare for the next semester. Students have the option of renting or purchasing new, used and/or digital copies of their textbooks (does not apply to all textbooks). The Bookstore accepts Blue Chip Cards, cash, and credit cards, but does not accept checks. During the semester the Bookstore is normally open Monday–Thursday from 9 am–7 pm and Friday from 9 am–4 pm, and Saturday from 11 am -3 pm. with extended hours during the first week of classes. Please feel free to call or email the Bookstore with questions.

One of the best ways to save on textbooks at the Central Bookstore is by renting! Compared to buying new books, students can save over 50% when they rent a textbook. Students have the option of using their financial aid award money to pay for these, as well as all other kinds of textbooks. While not all textbooks are currently available in rental form, there are a variety of inexpensive ways to purchase your books through the Central Bookstore!

The Bookstore also sells the following items: A great selection of Central gear and gifts, school supplies, reference materials, study aids, N.Y. Times bestsellers, soda, candy, snacks, computer and electronic supplies, greeting cards, gift cards, posters, and health and beauty aids.

Bursar's Office

Keri Lupachino-Maynard, Director, Student Financial Services; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W212

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Phone: 860-832-2010; Fax: 860-832-2173

Website: www.ccsu.edu/bursar

The Bursar's Office is the administrative office responsible for student billing and revenue collection. Registered students are billed for tuition and fees, as well as room and board, in June for the fall term, due July 15th, in November for the spring term, due December 15th. For the summer and winter terms, all charges are due upon registration. The Bursar's Office is also responsible for applying charges and credits/payments to a student's bill that may accrue during the term. Credit is applied to the student's bill each term for awarded financial aid, documented scholarships, and outside sponsorship. The funds received from financial aid sources pay each affected student's term charges. Excess financial aid (money in excess of all student charges) is then distributed directly to the student, either by check or by pre-arranged Direct Deposit to the student's bank account.

The Bursar offers the option to allow registered students on financial aid to have up to \$800 of qualifying excess financial aid deposited into their Blue Chip debit card account so that books can be purchased from the Central Barnes & Noble Bookstore beginning ten days prior to the start of classes. The required Blue Chip Advance form is available online through the Bursar's website or in the Bursars Office. Blue Chip funds cannot be withdrawn in the form of cash.

E-Billing

Central offers the convenience of online billing and payment. No paper bills are sent.

When bills are ready for viewing, students receive email notifications to their Central email account. A link in the email takes students to CentralPipeline. Students may also access the eBill

by logging directly into WebCentral-Banner Web using their Central email address and password. Once logged in, students can view their eBills, make credit card or e-Check payments, and set-up third-party users who can view the eBill and make payments on their behalf.

All Students can:

- View and pay their bills 24/7 from any computer with internet access.
- Authorize another party, such as a parent or employer, to pay bills and to view billing information.
- Pay housing and admissions deposits online.
- Make electronic payments from checking or savings accounts (U.S. banks only) or with a credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express).

Instructions for viewing your bill via the Web:

- Navigate to Central's CentralPipeline page at www.ccsu.edu/pipeline
- From the CentralPipeline home page, click on the WebCentral-Banner Web link and log in with your **Central email address and password**.
- From the Home tab, click on the eBill/Make Payment link.
- Under **Student Account**, click on the **View Activity** button for most current information.
- To view a printable copy of your bill, click on **My Account**, then **Statements**. Select the statement needed from the drop-down menu and click on the **View** button.
- You will also have the option of setting up one or more authorized payers within the eBill system who will also receive email notification of the bills.
- Bills are due July 15 for the Fall term and December 15 for the Spring term. Summer and Winter term charges are due upon registration.

Instructions for web payments via electronic check:

1. Navigate to Central's CentralPipeline page at www.ccsu.edu/pipeline
2. From the CentralPipeline home page, click on the **WebCentral-Banner Web** link and log in with your **Central email address and password**.
3. From the Home tab, click on the **eBill/Make Payment** link.
4. Under **Student Account**, click on the **Make Payment** button.
5. Under **Account Payment**, click on the **Make Payment** button.
6. Select the **payment type** radio button and enter the Payment Amount for your selection and then click on the **Continue** button.
7. Select **Electronic Check** (checking/savings) from the **Payment Method** drop-down menu and click on the **Select** button.
8. Enter your **Account Information**, if desired, check **Refund Option** and **Option to Save** then click on the **Continue** button.
9. Verify your payment information and click check box for **I agree** to the above terms and conditions, click on **Submit Payment** button.

Instructions for web payments via credit card (will be charged a 2.95%/\$3 minimum service fee):

1. Navigate to Central's CentralPipeline page at www.ccsu.edu/pipeline
2. From the CentralPipeline home page, click on the **WebCentral-Banner Web** link and

- log in with your **Central email address and password**.
3. From the Home tab, click on the **eBill/Make Payment** link.
 4. Under Student Account, click on the **Make Payment** button.
 5. Under Account Payment, click on the **Make Payment** button.
 6. Select the payment type radio button and enter the **Payment Amount** for your selection and then click on the **Continue** button.
 7. Select **Credit Card via PayPath** from the Payment Method drop-down menu and click on the Select button.
 8. Review Details and click on **Continue to PayPath** button. A new window will open up.
 9. In the new window, click on the **Continue** button.
 10. Review the service fee information and click on the **Continue** button.
 11. Enter your **Account Information** and click on the **Continue** button.
 12. Verify your payment information, click check box for **I agree** to the terms and conditions, and click on **Submit Payment** button.

The Bursar's Office can be contacted as follows:

Email: billing-bursar@ccsu.edu

Phone: 860-832-2010

Fax: 860-832-2173

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Mail: Willard 212, 1615 Stanley Street, P.O. Box 4010, New Britain, CT 06050-4010

Central Payment Plan

All enrolled students may take advantage of the Central Payment Plan (CPP). The CPP enables the participant to pay Central's term charges in installments.

Terms and Conditions

1. Enrollment in the CPP.
 - A. Each term, complete the online enrollment through TouchNet Payment Portal as follows:
 1. Navigate to Central's CentralPipeline page at www.ccsu.edu/pipeline
 2. From the CentralPipeline home page, click on the WebCentral-Banner Web link and log in with your Central email address and password.
 3. From the Home tab, click on the eBill/Make Payment link.
 4. Under Student Account, click on the Enroll in Payment Plan button.
 5. Select the term from the drop-down menu and click on the Select button.
 6. Review the details of the plan and click on the Continue button.
 7. Amount of Down Payment shown is the minimum amount. Adjust to higher amount if desired and click on the Display Schedule button.
 8. Answer Yes or No to the Set up Automatic Payments request and click on the Continue button.
 - Select Payment Method drop-down menu and click on the Select button.
For eChecks: Select Electronic Check (checking/savings) from the Payment Method drop-down menu and click on the Select button. Enter your Account Information, if

desired, check Refund Option and Option to Save then click on the Continue button. Verify your payment information and click check box for I agree to the above terms and conditions, click on Submit Payment button.

- For credit cards (will be charged a 2.95%/\$3 minimum service fee): Select Credit Card via PayPath from the Payment Method drop-down menu and click on the Select button. Review Details and click on Continue to PayPath button. A new window will open up in the new window, click on the Continue button. Review the service fee information and click on the Continue button. Enter your Account Information and click on the Continue button. Verify your payment information and click check box for I agree to the terms and conditions, click on Submit Payment button.
 - The first installment will be required as a down payment upon enrollment along with the \$35 Enrollment Fee.
 - It is important, especially for students who have been notified of on-campus housing assignments, to enroll in a payment plan and/or submit proper payment prior to the due date of the University's bill to avoid housing cancellation, University late fee of \$50, and courses being dropped.
2. Budget Amount/Payments.
- The total budgeted amount is payable in up to seven (7) equal installments.
 - All payments made through the CPP will be credited to the student's university bill.
 - Refunds to student participants for any reason will be handled through normal University refund procedures.
 - Due dates of installments vary by term:

| <u>Fall Term</u> | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Sign Up Month | # Payments | Due Dates |
| April | 7 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, 9/15, 10/15 |
| May | 6 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, 9/15, 10/15 |
| June | 5 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 7/15, 8/15, 9/15, 10/15 |
| July | 4 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 8/15, 9/15, 10/15 |
| August | 3 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 9/15, 10/15 |
| September | 2 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 10/15 |

| <u>Winter Term</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Sign Up Month | # Payments | Due Dates |
| October | 4 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 11/15, 12/15, 1/15 |
| November | 3 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 12/15, 1/15 |
| December | 2 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 1/15 |

| <u>Spring Term</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Sign Up Month | # Payments | Due Dates |
| November | 5 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 12/15, 1/15, 2/15, 3/15 |
| December | 4 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 1/15, 2/15, 3/15 |
| January | 3 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 2/15, 3/15 |
| February | 2 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 3/15 |

| <u>Summer Term</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Sign Up Month | # Payments | Due Dates |
| April | 5 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15 |
| May | 4 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 6/15, 7/15, 8/15 |
| June | 3 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 7/15, 8/15 |
| July | 2 | 1st payment due with enrollment, then 8/15 |

3. Enrollment Fee

- The enrollment fee for this service is \$35/term.
- A new enrollment must be completed for EACH TERM.
- The enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- There are NO interest charges.

4. Failure to Pay and Uncollectible Check Charge.

- A \$30.00 late fee will be assessed for each installment payment that is not received by the due date.
- The University will assess a \$20.00 service charge for any check payment returned for insufficient funds or which is not collectible for any other reason. Fee assessed to the CPP account will be added to the student's university eBill.

UNPAID OBLIGATIONS

Students who do not pay their bills by the due date may be subject to penalties and loss of University privileges/services including:

- Withholding of University services, course registration, transcripts of grades or other official papers;
- Prevention of re-admission until unpaid financial obligation is paid in full;
- Cancellation of all classes in which you were previously enrolled;
- Re-registration into those classes is not guaranteed. It will be on a course availability basis only, and subject to a \$100 non-refundable Re-registration Fee;
- Denial of future course registration;
- \$50.00 Late Fee;
- Revocation of student status; and

- Referral of the unpaid financial obligation to the University's contracted collection agency. The student would be responsible for any related collection costs in addition to the amount due.

Tuition & Fee Refund Policy

(Board of Regents for Higher Education Pages 6-12 Minutes – December 18, 2014 Regular Meeting, Effective beginning Academic Year 2014-15)

In accordance with the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Public Law 105-244), the Federal Government mandates that students receiving Title IV assistance who withdraw from all classes may only keep the financial aid they have "earned" up to the time of withdrawal. Title IV funds that were disbursed more than the earned amount must be returned by the University and/or the student to the Federal government. This could result in the student owing funds to the University, the government, or both. The amount of unearned aid to be returned is based on the percentage of enrollment period completed.

The refund policy below excludes the effect of the return of Title IV funds. Students receiving Federal aid should consult with their University Bursar or Financial Aid office prior to withdrawal to determine the financial impact that the return of Title IV funds will have upon the student.

| TUITION/FEE | TIME DUE | CSU Refund |
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| Application Fee | Upon Submission of Application | • Non-refundable |
| Confirmation Deposit (UG/G) \$200 (applied to Tuition/Fees) | May 1 or within 15 days of invoicing thereafter | • Non-refundable |
| Re-registration Fee | Upon re-registration | • Non-refundable |
| Full-time Tuition and Fees | Fall Semester not later than August 1 Spring Semester not later than January 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon withdrawal from the University up to, but not including, the first day of the term, as defined by the published university calendar, 100% of the term charges will be cancelled. • 90% of the term charges will be cancelled during the first week of the term. • 60% of the term charges will be cancelled during the second week of the term. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of the term charges will be cancelled during the third and the fourth weeks of the term. • No cancellation of charges after the fourth week of the term |
| Housing Deposit \$250 | On or before April 1 for returning students and on or before May 1 for new students, with specific date to be established annually. Dates will be no less than 30 days prior to the dates shown above (April 1 and May 1). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable |
| Housing Fee (applies to students who withdraw from University) | <p>Academic year contract to be paid in two installments:</p> <p>Fall Semester: not later than August 1</p> <p>Spring Semester: not later than January 2</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upon withdrawal from the University, the housing refund will mirror the University refund policy for tuition and fees. 100% of the term charges will be cancelled upon withdrawal from the University up to, but not including, the first day of the term as defined by the published university calendar, 90% of the term charges, will be cancelled during the first week of the term, 60% of the term charges, will be cancelled during the second week of the term, 40% of the term charges, will be cancelled during the third and fourth weeks of the term, No cancellation of charges after the fourth week of the term. |
| Housing Fee (applies to students who remain enrolled but withdraw from University housing) | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upon withdrawal from University housing up to and including June 30, 100% of the housing charges will be |

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| | | <p>removed from the student's account.</p> <p>h. No cancellation of charges for students who withdraw from housing on or after July 1 (academic year) or December 1 (spring term – for those students who plan to enter housing for the first time in spring), unless otherwise approved through a review process to be established by each university.</p> |
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Housing Contract Cancellation

1. Students who wish to cancel their Housing Contract/Assignment must do so in writing by adhering to the Housing Withdrawal process for their respective University.
2. Students who request to cancel their Housing Contract/Assignment will be released for the following reasons:
 - a. The student is participating in an internship, co-op, study abroad, student teaching, or other academic obligation that reduces or eliminates their need for on-campus housing.
 - b. The student has medical reasons for cancellation that are verified by the appropriate university department.
 - c. The student has graduated from the University before the end of the contract period.
 - d. The student is academically suspended before the end of the contract period.
 - e. The student has officially withdrawn from the University.
3. Students who request a Housing Contract Cancellation for reasons other than those noted in section B will have their Housing Cancellation request reviewed through a process to be established by each University.
4. Students who are approved to have their Housing Contract cancelled for reasons other than those noted in section B, will forfeit the Housing Deposit that they have paid if their cancellation is before or during their initial contracted term of occupancy.
5. Students who are not approved to have their Housing Contract cancelled shall remain responsible for the fees associated with the duration of their Housing Contract and retain the right to occupy their assigned room.
6. Students who have their Housing Contract cancelled for the convenience of the university will not be required to pay any housing fee associated with the contract period. Students who have their Housing Contract cancelled for judicial/disciplinary reasons will be responsible for paying for the duration of the semester in which their contract was cancelled and are not entitled to a refund.

Housing Contract Cancellation Review Process:

1. The Vice President for Student Affairs (or Vice President to whom Residence Life reports) at each university will establish a process to review and decide upon student requests to cancel their housing contract when the student does not meet any of the conditions identified in B above and the student requests relief from their obligation to pay the full academic-year housing fee.
2. Under the process, each university may define conditions under which it will waive or refund any portion of the housing fee, with the exception of the housing deposit. In cases where the Committee agrees to cancel the housing contract during the fall term (or first term of occupancy), the student forfeits their housing deposit.

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| Food Service Fee | <p>Fall Semester: not later than August 1</p> <p>Spring Semester: not later than January 2</p> | Meal portion of fee refundable, on a prorated basis, upon withdrawal from the University; or upon withdrawal from University housing at the request of the student and contingent upon the concurrence of the University. The discretionary cash component of the food service fee, if any, will be refunded according to procedures established at each University. |
| Part time Registration Fee | All terms | Non-refundable |
| Part time Tuition and General University Fee and Course Fees | All Terms, Courses eight weeks or greater in length | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the term charges will be cancelled during the first week of the term, • 60% of the term charges will be cancelled during the second week of the term, • 40% of the term charges will be cancelled during the third and the fourth weeks of the term, • No refund after the fourth week of the term. |

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| | Courses three weeks to seven weeks in length | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the term charges will be cancelled during the first 3 calendar days of the term, • 60% of the term charges will be cancelled during the fourth, fifth, and sixth calendar day of the term, • 40% of the term charges will be cancelled during the seventh, eighth, and ninth calendar day of the term, • No cancellation of charges after the ninth calendar day of the term. |
| | Courses less than three weeks in length | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the term charges will be cancelled during the first 2 calendar days of the term, • 60% of the term charges will be cancelled during the third and fourth calendar day of the term, • No cancellation of charges after the fourth calendar day of the term. |
| Ed.D. Professional Seminar | Summer-four full days, not meeting consecutively | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of the term charges will be canceled within the first 2 calendar days of the term, • No cancellation of charges thereafter |
| E-Learning On-Line Fee | Upon Registration | Non-refundable |
| E-Learning Course Fees | | Included within Full-time and Part-time refund schedules above |

Refund of Federal Funds

This refund policy excludes the effect of the return of Title IV funds. Students receiving Federal aid should consult with their University or College Financial Aid office prior to withdrawal to determine the financial impact that the return of Title IV funds will have upon the student.

In accordance with the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Public Law 105-244), the Federal government mandates that students receiving Title IV assistance who withdraw from all classes may only keep the financial aid they have "earned" up to the time of withdrawal. Title IV funds that were disbursed in excess of the earned amount must be returned by the University or College and/or the student to the Federal government. This could result in the student owing funds to the University or College, the government, or both. The amount of unearned aid to be returned is based on the percentage of enrollment period completed.

Federal regulations require that all refunds be restored to Federal programs in the following priority sequence:

- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
- Federal Direct PLUS Loans received on behalf of the student
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal SEOG Grants
- Other grants or loan assistance authorized by title IV of the HEA
- After obligations to the above are satisfied, funds will then be returned to:
 - Other State, Private, or Institutional Assistance
 - Student

Campus Faith Consultants

The Campus Faith Consultants seek to promote personal and communal growth and well-being at Central Connecticut State University. Toward this end, the campus faith consultants are available for personal counseling, participation in discussion as well as a variety of social, spiritual, and educational programs.

For more information on campus faith, please visit the website: ccsu.edu/ministry

Members of the Campus Faith Consultants of Central:

Father Michael Casey (Catholic) Email: Fr.casey@stfranciscatholic.org

St. Francis Catholic Center Phone: 860-225-6449 Website: www.Stfranciscatholic.org

Mr. Steven Bernstein (Jewish) Email: bernsteinstj@ccsu.edu

Elihu Burritt Library; Phone: 860-832-2079

Dr. Nidal Al-Masoud (Islam) Email: almasoudn@ccsu.edu

Copernicus Hall, Room 2350700; Phone: 860-832-1825 (On-campus connection for Imam Sharief)

Dr. Felton Best (Protestant) Email: BestF@ccsu.edu

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W30404; Phone 860-832-2190

(On-campus connections for Anglican/Episcopal, Baptist, Congregational (UCC), Lutheran and Methodist Churches)

Cancellation of Classes or Final Examinations Due to Inclement Weather

Call the storm phone at 860-832-3333, or visit the website at www.ccsu.edu/cancellation, to view the most current information.

At the discretion of the University, classes may be cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather. The most accurate cancellation and delay information for Central Connecticut State University will be made available via the storm phone: 860-832-3333 and on the web at www.ccsu.edu/cancellation. These services will be updated at 6 am for the day schedule and 2:30 pm for the evening schedule.

If the University is forced to close or to delay opening during the final examination period because of storm conditions, this information will also be made available on the storm phone and the web. These services also will carry information from the Registrar's Office once the affected exams are rescheduled.

The University will also notify the broadcast media of cancellations or delays affecting regular classes or exams. WTIC-AM 1080 is the principal radio outlet. WFSB, WTNH, and NBC CT, FOX CT are the principal television outlets. Since radio and television stations are geared heavily toward broadcasting delay and closing announcements for public elementary and secondary schools, we recommend using the storm phone and the web site for the most accurate information about Central's closings or delays.

Career Development, Office of

Paul J. Rossitto, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D101

Phone: 860-832-1615; Website: www.ccsu.edu/cdo

The Office of Career Development (CDO) assists students in developing and implementing academic and career plans and prepares students to join the professional working world. The CDO offers the following services:

1:1 Career Advising: This service is available to all students and alumni, either individually – or through workshops. Understanding the relationship between majors and careers, gathering career information, and developing a plan are important steps to job and career success, and the CDO provides support in these areas.

Career Development & Exploration: Student career exploration is also supported through online search tools and career marketing materials on our website at www.ccsu.edu/cdo. Here students can access sample resumes, cover letters, and references. Students will also find the blue icon for a self-assessment, Focus 2, that assists students in identifying their values, interests and skills and how they might connect to aligned career paths.

<https://www.ccsu.edu/careerdevelopment/assessments>.

Internship & Job Search: Students are highly encouraged to click and get active on both Handshake, <https://ccsu.joinhandshake.com/> a robust online database used for job searching, and on Big Interview, <https://ccsu.biginterview.com/> the online interview prep program. Experiential

learning opportunities are recommended for both undergraduate and graduate students. Through these programs, students work in positions that are related to their major fields of study and gain real world experience – making them more competitive when they begin their job search.

Visit the CDO to create winning resumes and cover letters, learn about full-time and part-time job opportunities, practice for interviews, network with local employers at the many career fairs (see list here: <https://www.ccsu.edu/careerdevelopment/career-fairs-events>) and at Career Conversations with alumni mentors, seek more information about the many ways to complete an experiential learning opportunity, or to review results of Focus 2.

Center for Africana Studies

Oluwatoyin Awoderu, MBA Director, Marcus White, Room 008

Phone: 860-832-2816; Website: web.ccsu.edu/cas/

The Center for Africana Studies develops programs and events to encourage study and teaching about Africa, African Americans, and people of African descent throughout the Diaspora. The Center:

- Promotes a clearer awareness of the experiences of African and African-American people in the Diaspora;
- Facilitates African/African Diasporic research, consultation, and community service among Central faculty, students, and scholars in the community and throughout the world;
- Supports and contributes to undergraduate/graduate instruction about the continent of Africa and African people worldwide;
- Engages with local, national, and international communities and individuals to further our mutual understanding of African peoples' experiences;
- Develops resources and international support systems for students and scholars of Africana Studies.

The Center for Africana Studies achieves these goals through its strong focus on student participation. In addition, the Center's extracurricular activities are critical to student and faculty development and to keeping the community involved and informed about Africa and Africans in the Diaspora. These activities include mentoring and leadership programs for students on campus and in the local schools, the Sojourner Truth Newsletter, lecture series, annual conference, and research collaboration with scholars from other institutions.

The Center for Africana Studies also houses the Archaeology Laboratory for African and African Diaspora Studies (ALAADS), directed by Dr. Elizabeth Clay (clay@ccsu.edu) with the assistance of archaeologist Ms. Janet Woodruff. ALAADS is one of the few archaeological facilities in the United States dedicated to interpreting the lives of African peoples through the material culture of their homes and workplaces, with emphasis on free and captive Africans in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states. Students are welcomed to participate in field schools and artifact analysis in the laboratory. If interested, contact Ms. Janet Woodruff (woodruffj@ccsu.edu).

Center for International Education

Dr. John Tully, Director; Barnard Hall, Room 406

Phone: 860-832-2040; Website: www.ccsu.edu/CIE

Established by the Board of Governors for Higher Education in 1987 as a statewide Center for Excellence in International Education, the Center for International Education (CIE) is the cornerstone of the University's commitment to international education. The Center contributes to the University's mission by developing and supporting internationally focused programs, both academic and extracurricular. It provides a forum for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to pursue common interests through on-campus international activities, as well as programs of study around the globe. Working in collaboration with the University's academic departments and programs, the CIE also promotes curricular integration of international education and the preparation of globally competent students.

Through its network of over 20 University partnerships around the world and a growing list of affiliated study abroad programs, the Center offers study abroad programs at both graduate and undergraduate levels. In any given year, the CIE offers a variety of programs in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America to hundreds of students. Central students are strongly encouraged to pursue overseas study as part of their academic programs, either via long-term study at partner universities, or through affiliate programs, or via faculty-led courses abroad. By living and learning in another culture, Central students prepare for an increasingly integrated and interdependent world.

The Center also welcomes, advises, and supports a growing number of international students each semester, including the students who are enrolled in credit-bearing courses and those who come to Central to engage in intensive English language instruction. Through programming that brings students of many different heritages together, the Center fosters a spirit of cross-cultural understanding and provides opportunities for students to appreciate the customs and values of others, learning more about themselves in the process.

International Student and Scholar Services (CIE)

All international students must contact the International Student and Scholar Services Coordinator at the Center for International Education as soon as they arrive on Central's campus. The Center provides a wide range of orientation and advising services for international students, including orientation to campus and the community; personal and cross-cultural counseling; advising on all immigration matters, including issuing I-20 and DS-2019 forms, granting extensions and travel authorization, transfers, work, internship and practical training; and serving as the liaison with other campus offices and the Department of Homeland Security. Additional information is available on the Center's website at www.ccsu.edu/iss.

Intensive English Language Program (CIE)

The Intensive English Language Program (IELP) offers dynamic English language instruction to international students, faculty, foreign professionals, and other non-native English speakers. The

Intensive English Language Program includes highly participatory instruction in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, and pronunciation. Students are placed in the appropriate level based on their TOEFL or IELTS test scores.

Registration for these courses is done directly through the IELP office. Please contact the office at 860-832-3376 or by email to ielp@ccsu.edu for an application, course schedule or other information.

Study Abroad Programs (CIE)

Students at Central Connecticut State University can enhance their education and improve their career options by studying abroad! Central-sponsored international programs include short term Courses Abroad programs and semester and year-long study at one of Central's Partner Universities overseas or affiliated study abroad programs. Study Abroad on an approved Central program counts toward fulfillment of the international requirement for general education.

Short term programs, which are led by Central professors, offer students a variety of credit-bearing courses in many locations around the world. These courses abroad are offered three times a year, during winter session, spring semester, and summer session. Detailed information, including registration deadlines, program dates, cost, and course offerings, is available at the beginning of each academic year on the CIE website:

www.ccsu.edu/studyAbroad/coursesAbroad.html

Students wishing to study abroad for a semester or longer may choose from among a wide array of programs located in, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. In general, students participating in one of these exchange programs pay tuition and fees to Central. Although variations in payment procedures depend upon the partner university, Central financial aid applies to most programs. Applications are due twice a year: April 1 for Fall and/or Spring of the following academic year. Courses taken at a partner university are considered in residence; credits and grades tally into the GPA and apply toward Central's graduation requirements.

To plan either type of study abroad program, contact the International Education Coordinator in the Center for International Education (CIE), Barnard Hall, Room 406, or call 860-832-2040. Specific program information for all international programs and dates of regularly scheduled information sessions can be found on the CIE website at:

www.ccsu.edu/studyAbroad/coursesAbroad.html

Central Access Success and Academics

Jessica Hernandez, Director for College Success and Community Engagement; Phone: 860-832-1907; Website: www.ccsu.edu/casa; Willard-DiLoreto Hall W313

Central Access Success & Academics (CASA) houses the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Central's Academic Readiness & Engagement Program (CARE Scholars), Central's TRiO - Student Support Services (SSS) Program, Student Support Services Teacher Prep (SSS Teacher Prep) Program, and Educational Talent Search Program (ETS).

Mission Statement

The Department's mission is to provide a diverse population of first generation and low-income students access into higher education by preparing them to meet academic, personal, and social goals.

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), in its fifty-fifth year, is a university-funded program that promotes the academic achievement and success of first generation, low-income, college-bound students. Each year, EOP assists Connecticut students in their transition to college via an intensive five-week summer program. Mentoring and Academic support is offered throughout students' academic years at Central.

Central's Academic Readiness & Engagement Program (CARE Scholars) is dedicated to providing students coming from foster care & adoption with resources to support them throughout their academic endeavors.

The TRiO-SSS and SSS Teacher Prep Programs serve students who are first generation and/or who may have financial need or a documented disability. Students in the program receive academic and social support, tutoring, career, graduate school advising, and grant aid, among many services. Students pursuing a teacher education field also receive additional assistance and preparation through the SSS Teacher Prep Program. Interested students can apply via the TRiO website.

Central Community Health Education Clinic

College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Nicolaus Copernicus Hall, 860-832-0235
Email: clinic@ccsu.edu; Website: <https://www.ccsu.edu/central-community-health-education-clinic>

The Central Community Health Education Clinic is part of our plan to meet the changing needs of our students and the healthcare workforce, while addressing the local disparities and inequities in healthcare that exist for residents in the greater New Britain area. The goal of the clinic is to provide our students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on experience in their field by embedding new and enhanced experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum. Additionally, the clinic facilitates and strengthens interprofessional collaboration and education amongst health and human service programs with other programs across the campus to deepen our connections to the community and address social inequalities along with health disparities. The clinic offers preventative health screenings, such as blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings, fitness assessments, body mass analysis, and much more!

The Central Community Health Education Clinic is dedicated to providing free, accessible health services to diverse community members while supporting the academic needs of our students by providing interprofessional learning opportunities on campus.

We meet our mission by:

- Providing health and fitness screenings to local community members such as, but not

limited to, glucose, cholesterol, vision, thinking and memory, and body composition.

- Providing health and fitness resources and educational programs for the local community.
- Providing health services and screenings through the clinic and at local community sites.
- Providing experiential learning and opportunities for interprofessional collaboration for our students.
- Providing culturally competent services across the lifespan.

Our vision is to improve healthcare accessibility and navigation for residents of all ages in the local community while simultaneously training students in interprofessional collaboration to become culturally competent healthcare professionals and advocates.

Central Majors Associated with the Clinic

- Athletic Training
- Master of Science in Counselor Education with Specialization in Clinical Professional Counseling
- Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Program (DNAP)
- Exercise Science
- Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy
- Nursing
- Social Work Services

In the case of a medical emergency, dial 911 for immediate assistance.

NOTE: Central students requiring non-emergency medical attention are kindly asked to refrain from seeking treatment at the Clinic and are encouraged to contact Student Wellness Services in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101.

Clinic services are available to members of the community free of charge, and medical insurance is not required for these services.

Diagnostic and lab testing services are not offered at this time, however, patients may be provided guidance on where to receive additional medical care in New Britain and the surrounding communities.

Child Care, Drop-In Center

Kelly McCarthy, School of Education, Carroll Hall 141, 860-832-2125

Email: kellymccarthy@ccsu.edu; Website: www.ccsu.edu/childcare

Our mission is to provide high-quality, developmentally appropriate educational experiences for children ages 3-12-years-old, in an environment that is accessible and supportive to the needs of our Central students, faculty, and staff.

Our vision supports all learners through social and emotional learning, differentiated instruction, and culturally responsive teaching. We provide high-quality education and enrichment programs to support the needs of our students, faculty, and staff. We strive to promote equity in education, while increasing educational advancement opportunities to strengthen our community.

Community Engagement

Dr. Beth Frankel Merenstein, Associate Vice President for Community Engagement and Experiential Learning, Davidson Hall, 212.0201, 860-832-3174

Email: CommunityEngagement@ccsu.edu

Website: www.ccsu.edu/communityEngagement

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) seeks to support the Central campus community in building and developing sustainable and collaborative partnerships with agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other entities in our communities. Community engagement is an integral component of the University's vision and one of its four elements of distinction. OCE connects faculty and community partners to support the development of service-learning projects and community-based research and works with students and student organizations to create volunteer and internship opportunities that enhance student learning outcomes, help students develop professional skills, and provides hands on exposure to various disciplines and areas of study. These opportunities also work towards developing civic and democratic engagement which aligns directly with Central's mission to prepare students to be thoughtful, responsible, and successful citizens. Contact us to learn how you can get involved today!

Commuter Student Services

Dr. Scott Hazan, Associate Dean of Student Life, Student Center, Room 116 Phone: 860-832-1981 Website: www.stdctr.ccsu.edu

Several offices of the Student Affairs division strive to provide services and programs to assist commuting students to have full participation in campus life at Central.

The Student Center provides space for all students but especially commuter students in between classes. Services available to commuter students include auto emergency equipment, including a "jump-start" box and tire inflator stored at the Student Center Information Desk; Breakers Game Room (FREE); use of recreational facilities; and access to all academic and personal support services. The Student Center makes every effort to be open during inclement weather to support students. Please call 860-832-1970 with any questions about services for commuting students.

www.ccsu.edu/studentcenter/commuters.html

Involved students are twice more likely to succeed in college than those who just go to class and head home again. The department of Student Activities/Leadership Development assists students interested in getting involved in student leadership positions and activities. Commuter students have representation in various organizations, including the Student Government Association and the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG). Visit: www.ccsu.campuslabs.com/engage/

SUBOG provides funding for programs for commuting students, such as the Commuter Coffees, which are held periodically throughout the year.

Counseling Services

Kristen Dignazio-Drost, Interim Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101

Phone: 860-832-1925; Website: www.ccsu.edu/sws

General Inquiries: 860-832-1925; Appointments: 860-832-1926

Refer to [Student Wellness Center \(SWC\)](#)

Equity and Inclusion, Office for

Dr. Michael Russo, Interim Vice President of Equity and Well-being

Davidson Hall, Room 119 Phone: 860-832-1652

Website: www.ccsu.edu/diversity

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (“CSCU”) is committed to providing an educational and employment environment that is free from discrimination and/or harassment based on protected characteristics, and/or retaliation, including retaliation under applicable federal and state laws for engaging in protected activity. To ensure compliance with federal, state, and local civil rights laws and regulations, and to affirm its commitment to promoting the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of its education program or activity, CSCU has developed this Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy (the “Policy”) that provides for a prompt, fair, and impartial resolution of allegations of protected characteristic discrimination, harassment, and/or allegations of retaliation. CSCU values and upholds the equal dignity of all members of its community and strives to balance the rights of all individuals when resolving allegations during what is often a difficult time for all involved. <https://www.ct.edu/files/pdfs/4.13-Interim-Connecticut-State-Colleges-and-Universities-Discriminatory-Harassment-Nondiscrimination-Title-IX-Policy.pdf>

The Office for Equity and Inclusion

CSCU complies with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, including retaliation for engaging in protected activity, in public post-secondary education institutions. CSCU does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission on the basis of actual or perceived age, ancestry, color, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information and/or family medical history, intellectual disability, learning disability, parental, family or marital status, past or present history of mental disability, physical disability, pregnancy or related conditions, race or national origin, religion or creed, sex, sexual orientation, veteran or military status, arrest and/or criminal conviction status, lawful source of income, citizenship or immigration status, or any other protected characteristic under applicable local, state, or federal law, including protections for those opposing discrimination or participating in any grievance process within the institution. <https://www.ccsu.edu/OEI>

For support and advocacy contact:

Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention

<https://www.ccsu.edu/victimadvocacy> (860.832.1652)

YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services Hotline at (860.223.1787; confidential—off campus)

Prudence Crandall Center at (888.774.2900; 24-hour hotline/confidential—off campus)

Financial Aid Office

Keri Lupachino-Maynard, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W208

Phone: 860-832-2200; Website: www.ccsu.edu/finaid

All students interested in receiving financial aid at Central must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at **studentaid.gov**. To assure the FAFSA will be received by Central, include our Federal School Code: 001378. To electronically sign the FAFSA, the student and parent need to visit **studentaid.gov** to create a unique individual FSA ID - username and password. The FSA ID will serve as an electronic signature when completing the FAFSA at **studentaid.gov**, making FAFSA corrections, FAFSA renewals for subsequent academic years, and signing other federal student aid documents such as loan counseling and loan promissory notes.

The Financial Aid Office has a priority application deadline of March 1. Submitting a completed FAFSA application to Central by the priority deadline, allows for full consideration of all financial aid funds awarded by the Financial Aid Office. After a careful review, funds will be awarded to eligible students. Financial aid at Central includes federally funded aid, such as PELL and SEOG grants, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loans, and Federal Work Study. In addition, the State of Connecticut and Central provides limited grants funds. Students may submit a FAFSA after the priority deadline; however, funding is limited to federal financial aid funds – typically Direct Loans and Pell Grants, if you qualify.

Additional financial aid information regarding student eligibility is available online at www.ccsu.edu/finaid.

Food Pantry, Maria's Place

Mathew Roper, Student Affairs; Davidson Hall, Room 103;

Phone: 860-832-1601; Email: foodpantry@ccsu.edu; Website: www.ccsu.edu/mariasplace

The Food Pantry is an initiative of the Newman House at Central in collaboration with the Office of Community Engagement, Campus of Compassion and the Food Pantry Committee.

Maria's Place provides the Central community with donated, non-perishable items to ensure that Central students, faculty, and staff can acquire the necessary items to fulfill basic needs. Access to food and necessary supplies is a human right and everyone ought to be treated with respect and dignity. Thanks to the ongoing support of our generous Central community members and the University's Circle of Care Team, Maria's Place can continue to serve the Central community.

This is a free service for all current Central students, faculty, and staff who are in need of food and other necessary items. Those using the pantry may take one bag of items per visit. During the first visit, the individual's Central Blue Chip ID Card must be shown. All visits to the pantry are confidential and volunteers maintain the privacy of visitors.

We welcome you to utilize the Central Campus Pantry located in the lower level of the R.C. Vance Academic Center!

Health Services

Dr. Amber Cheema, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101

Phone: 860-832-1925; Website: www.ccsu.edu/health

General Inquiries: 860-832-1925; Appointments: 860-832-1926

Refer to [Student Wellness Center \(SWC\)](#)

Housing/Department of Residential Life

Marvin Wilson, Director of Residence Life; Mid-Campus Hall, Room 118

Phone: 860-832-1660; Website: www.ccsu.edu/reslife

Please refer to the [Student Guide to On-Campus Living](#) section for additional information.

Information Technology Department

Information Technology @ www.ccsu.edu/it (links to all IT resources, including the Self-Help Knowledgebase)

Technology Support Center: 860-832-1720, techsupport@ccsu.edu

Walk-In Support: Technology Support Center, Library 3rd Floor

Link www.ccsu.edu/tc for hours

The Information Technology Department provides state-of-the-art computing and technology services to the entire University community. IT serves as the resource for technological-related functions on campus and provides full support in various ways. The Client Support area of IT, which includes Technology Support Center, plays an integral part in serving Central students. Information and assistance are available through the Technology Support Center and the IT web site. In addition, Walk-In Support provides one-on-one technology assistance for campus Wi-Fi, computer software, and campus technology.

Lactation Rooms

In order to better support our new mothers who, wish to breast-feed/pump, Central is pleased to provide private and comfortable lactation rooms. For locations, please visit www.ccsu.edu/ccw/lactation.

Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Center

Dr. Mary Ann Mahony, Director; Melody Lozano, University Assistant, lozano@ccsu.edu, Elihu Burritt Library, Suite 408, Phone: 860-832-0056; Website: www.ccsu.edu/lalcc/

The Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Center (LALCC) is an academic cultural center that promotes the understanding of and appreciation for the historical, social, and cultural life of

Latin American and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean societies, and of Latinos in the United States. To fulfill our mission, we have developed a welcoming and inclusive space reflective of the complexity of Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean cultures on the fourth floor of the Central library where students have computer access, access to printing and scanning, as well as study and meeting space. At the LALCC, students may request assistance with research related to Latin American, Spanish-Speaking Caribbean, and U.S. Latino/a/e/x Studies. In addition, we host several student-focused programs including Mentoring Mondays in which students meet campus administrators and leaders and Talking Tuesdays in which students meet and talk with successful Connecticut Latinas and Latinos.

Student participation is central to the Center's mission. Through our Student Development Program, we employ undergraduate work-study students with strong academic skills interested in working with other students and faculty in a stimulating and supportive environment, while also learning about Latino, Caribbean, and Latin American affairs and cultures. Volunteers are also welcomed to join us. We encourage you to drop by the Center and become involved. Depending upon the availability of funding, the Center offers a limited number of scholarships to Central students for study abroad and study away courses related to the programs it supports.

Learning Center

Elizabeth Spear, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D316

Phone: 860-832-1900; Website: www.ccsu.edu/tlc

The Learning Center (TLC) provides a full range of academic support services. Academic Coaches work one- on-one to support students in reaching their academic goals by enhancing collegiate learning skills. Students may be referred to The Learning Center for academic coaching by faculty members through the Success Matters program. The Tutor Lab provides tutoring (See below).

For the most up-to-date information regarding Math placement testing, please visit www.ccsu.edu/tlc/otherServices/placementTesting.asp

Need a quiet spot to attend an online class? If you are a commuter with an online course to attend in the middle of your day on campus, we got you! Contact us and we will help!

TUTORING - Individual appointments in person or by video chat. Drop-in hours between 11-2. Please see the website for the most up-to-date information on available courses and modes of accessing support www.ccsu.edu/tlc/tutoring/default.asp Tutors are available to try to clarify specific course concepts and guide students needing remediation to other resources such as prerequisite texts or other courses. Hours vary by semester and are posted in the center and online by the end of the first week of classes. If you are a strong math, statistics, engineering, physics, biology, or chemistry student, there are opportunities for student employment as a peer tutor.

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC COACHING

Students who wish to establish a strong grade point average are encouraged to visit The Learning Center early in their college experience for assistance with exam preparation, collegiate learning strategies, and time management.

Students meet with an Academic Coach to establish a plan for the semester that includes regular meetings to help them stay on track and develop effective learning strategies that meet their individual needs. Students are responsible for making the appointments and attending the sessions prepared to work through the established plan. Students may stop by The Learning Center in Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D316 or call (860) 832-1900 to set up an appointment and complete the Intake Survey.

The Learning Center also provides graduate assistantships and undergraduate work-study positions for students with strong academic skills who are seeking opportunities to work with other students in a stimulating and supportive environment.

LGBTQ Center

Dr. Donique McIntosh, LGBTQ Center Coordinator, Barrows Hall, First Floor, Suite 120
Phone: 860-832-2090 Website: www.ccsu.edu/lgbt Email: LGBTQ@ccsu.edu
Hours: M-F, 9am-5pm

The LGBTQ Center provides a welcoming, creatively inspiring, and safe space for students, faculty, and staff who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, intersex, or asexual, as well as any other non-cisgender or non-heterosexual identified folks, and allies. Our goal is to empower our LGBTQ+ campus family by building cultural awareness, community connections, and learning opportunities. We offer resources, support services, programming, field trips, and referrals, as well as trainings and workshops for the entire campus community. You can visit us online at www.ccsu.edu/lgbt ; follow us on Instagram @ccsulgbtqcenter, or contact us at LGBTQ@ccsu.edu for more information.

The LGBTQ Center is located on the first floor of Barrows Hall. We are inside the first door and immediately to the left—you can't miss us. At the Center you can find a safe space lounge where students are welcome to study and hang out, a library with LGBTQIA+ related books and magazines, and the "Queer for You" Closet (Q4U), a maintained space full of donated clothing of every style, size, and purpose, available for free for anyone. Please drop by and say hello!

Library, Elihu Burritt

Dr. Carl Antonucci, Director; Elihu Burritt Library
Phone: 860-832-2097; Website: www.library.ccsu.edu

The academic focal point of every University community is its library. The faculty and staff members at the Elihu Burritt Library provide students with the most current information and resources needed to complete assigned classwork and academic and personal research. Research

librarians are always available to help students understand and apply all facets of the research process to assigned projects. This assistance includes guidance in refining the scope of a research topic, finding the various types of information available such as articles, books and statistics from both the library's website and the open Internet, evaluating information provided by generative artificial intelligence, open Internet resources, and academic/library resources, and citing resources across multiple writing and formatting styles. Additionally, librarians create guides on conducting research for many academic subjects and CCSU courses, as well as general information and resources that are publicly accessible on the following page of the library's website: <https://libguides.ccsu.edu/>.

The library website (www.library.ccsu.edu) is a gateway to over 100,000 academic e-journals and magazines, over 213,000 eBooks and over 130 research databases in a variety of disciplines. The library has a collection of over 473,000 print books, videos, music CDs, and vinyl records and provides a DVD player, CD player, and record player to view or listen to audiovisual materials.

The Elihu Burritt Library offers a comfortable and productive space that allows students to work on assignments and research in group or individual settings while having research assistance and reliable research sources at their fingertips. Whether you prefer to sit on a sofa or at a traditional library table, you can find your study space in the library. And, we also have hydration stations! Fill your refillable water bottle and save the environment from one more plastic bottle. They are located on the first, second, and third floors of the library.

Additional library resources and services:

- Digitization Hub— historic artifacts such as photos, documents, and oral history interviews can be scanned and preserved as part of the library's digital archives. The hub also provides consultation on digital projects such as websites, data visualizations, and games.
- Research Consultations — all CCSU students are eligible to schedule half-hour consultations with our research librarians for assistance with research assignments of any length, using the link available on the library's website
- Research Courses — librarians teach three credit-bearing courses, LSC-150, CCSU 102, and LSC-160. Please ask an instructional librarian or see the course catalog or your academic advisor for more information.
- Curriculum Laboratory — textbooks and materials for student teachers and education majors.
- Course reserves – materials and textbooks for specific classes. Present a valid form of ID to borrow.
- Special Collections and Archives — Polish archives, LGBTQ archives, rare books, and university archives.
- Resource Sharing — all current students, faculty, and staff members are eligible to use our resource sharing service to request materials from other libraries by using CentralSearch.
- Makerspace — two 3D printers, sewing machine, Cricut machine, letter press, LEGO Table, please see the Makerspace Guide for more information:
<https://libguides.ccsu.edu/makerspace>.

- 4th Floor quiet study space
- Two group study rooms
- Technology Support Center, 3rd Floor

Library Hours during the Semester

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am - 10:45 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - 4:45 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:45 pm

Sunday: 2:00 pm - 9:45 pm

During school breaks: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:45 pm.

For updated hours, call: 860-832-2055 or visit the website www.library.ccsu.edu

Students must have a current form of government-issued identification or the Central Blue Chip Card to borrow library materials, and students are responsible for every item they check out. For any questions about library services or borrowing policies, please call 860-832-2055 or 860-832-3410.

The library also provides various programs, exhibits, and events throughout the year that might be of interest to students. These events are promoted regularly on the library's website.

Media Services

Spencer Raccio, Media Technician; Elihu Burritt Library 207

Phone: 860-832-3371; Website: www.ccsu.edu/media

The Media Center coordinates all instructional media services on campus. Located in Willard Hall, the Center offers facilities for consulting and developing instructional materials during scheduled times. The Center also manages the University television services (BLUE TV), channel (Central TV) and campus video production services, for faculty and students. In addition, with the approval of a faculty member, students may request media equipment for class use.

Mediation Services

Dr. Joseph Paige, Ombudsperson; Davidson Hall, Room 113, 860-832-2129

Dr. Michael Russo, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Interim Vice President for Equity and Well-being. Davidson Hall, 860-832-1608

Dr. Beth Frankel Merenstein, Interim Director of Inclusion and Associate Vice President, Center for Community Engagement and Social Research, 860-832-3174

Dr. Jill Bassett-Cameron, Senior Equity and Inclusion Officer/Title IX Coordinator, Davidson Hall, Room 119, 860-832-1653

Mr. Marvin Wilson, Director, Residential Life; Mid-campus Residence Hall, 860-832-1660

The University recognizes that conflicts are a part of every student's life. Campus Mediation Services helps students responsibly and constructively solve their own conflicts. Mediation is a voluntary, confidential, and structured process of resolving disputes and conflicts with the help of a neutral third party. A mediator helps disputing parties to generate and evaluate options for reaching a mutually acceptable agreement. Often, students in conflict do not have an opportunity to talk over their grievances in a neutral setting and work together to find their own solutions. As a result, anger and frustration grow. Mediation is a workable alternative. You may contact Campus Mediators listed above on an as-needed basis. For more information, contact **Student Affairs, Davidson Hall, Room 103, 860-832-1601**.

Office of Professional Education

Christa Sterling, Director, Elihu Burritt Library, 302-05; Phone: 860-832-2277; Email: csterling@ccsu.edu Website: www.ccsu.edu/ConEd

Olivia Sage, Office Assistant, Elihu Burritt Library, 302-05; Phone: 860-832-0710; Email: o.sage@ccsu.edu Website: www.ccsu.edu/ProfEd

The primary mission of the Office of Professional Education (OPE) at Central is to offer non-credit classes and programs for the success and support of the workforce in the surrounding area and beyond. We offer a wide variety of education and training in the areas of business, technology, education, healthcare, human resources, cultural competency, soft skills, and more. Our classes are in the traditional format or online or a combination of both and may be accelerated or condensed. Our classes can also be customized to meet the needs of our customers and may be offered onsite.

Central has a vast pool of diverse, experienced and skilled faculty from which we may choose to serve our customer's needs and build cutting-edge training programs. Our faculty are often called upon to consult, visit and educate leaders and businesses.

We also offer life & leisure programs for the community in a wide range of interesting and relevant topics. These programs are presented by faculty, alumni and visiting professors and are offered on campus and online. These events are for members of our community and are a place to meet new friends and socialize while engaging in the intellectual and academic culture of the campus.

For additional information on how you might participate in our professional education programs please contact the Office of Professional Education at 860-832-2277 or email csterling@ccsu.edu.

Ombudsperson

Dr. Joseph Paige, Ombudsperson; Davidson Hall, Room 210, Phone: 860-832-2216; Website: www.ccsu.edu/ombudsperson

An Ombudsperson (Ombuds) is a designated neutral or impartial conflict resolution practitioner

who provides confidential and informal assistance to visitors on a variety of issues and concerns. The Ombudsperson's office operates independently and has no formal decision-making authority or disciplinary responsibilities. The Ombudsperson does not act as an advocate for any one position in a dispute; rather he strives for fairness of process and healthy campus conflict resolution. An Ombudsperson is someone who helps people to informally resolve conflict by facilitating communication to help all parties reach mutually satisfactory solutions. The Ombudsperson may also provide coaching and education to help visitors effectively manage conflict over time.

What are some of the benefits of speaking with the University Ombudsperson?

- If you aren't sure where to take your concern, the Ombudsperson is a safe place to start
- His office provides visitors with the ability to speak and be heard by a neutral listener
- The University Ombudsperson helps visitors explore options; however, visitors choose the path of the overall process

What are some examples of issues which are brought to the University Ombudsperson?

- Miscommunication between supervisors, coworkers, employees, and/or students
- Interpersonal, intercultural, and group conflicts
- Confusion around policies and/or procedures
- Perceived ethical dilemmas
- Perceived unfair treatment or bullying
- Managerial effectiveness

Planetarium

Carol B. Ivers, Planetarium Director Copernicus Hall Room 211 (Office Room 214) Phone: 860-832-2950; www.ccsu.edu/astronomy/

The Copernican Planetarium and Observatory are both located in Copernicus Hall. The planetarium has 100 seats and hosts live astronomy programs for the campus community, private and public-school groups, civic groups, and the public. Astronomy shows are presented with the aid of a classic Spitz 512 planetarium projector. The observatory houses a 16-inch Cassegrain telescope. This instrument is utilized for Observational Astronomy classes and Astronomy labs as well as during observing sessions following free public planetarium shows. Occurrences of unique astronomical events provide further opportunities for using a variety of other telescopes and astronomical instruments housed in the Earth and Space Sciences Department.

Police Services, Central

Sean Grant, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety; Central Police Department, 1500 East Street; Routine Service Phone: 860-832-2375, Emergency 911; Website: www.ccsu.edu/Police

The Central Police Department (CentralPD) is the equivalent of our own municipal police agency with the statutory authority to fulfill all police functions. Its role is to support the mission

of the University by helping to maintain a high quality of life on campus. Operating “24/7” throughout the year, police officers patrol the University, investigate any criminal incidents, and enforce traffic rules and regulations. Other services of the CentralPD include:

- Response to medical emergencies. Officers are certified Emergency Medical Responders;
- Emergency Notification Systems;
- Education of students and staff about crime prevention measures;
- Coordination of emergency services with other municipal and State emergency responders;
- Providing escorts (using other students or police officers) and virtual escorts available through LiveSafe app;
- Utilization of a network of fire and personal safety systems, including strategically placed emergency telephones, computerized fire detection, and alarm systems; access control systems; and a number of closed-circuit security cameras (CCTV) across campus.

Central is committed to providing as safe a work and learning environment as possible. To learn more about the CentralPD, check out the Website at www.ccsu.edu/Police where you may also obtain a copy of campus crime statistics and other relevant information gathered in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 U.S.C. § 1092 (f)).

Registrar, Office of the

Patrick M. Tucker, Registrar; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D202

Phone: 860-832-2236; Website: www.ccsu.edu/registrar

The Office of the Registrar is another of your main resources for information about academic policies and assistance with your academic progress. The Registrar’s staff assesses your academic record and determines your eligibility for graduation and certification.

Please note, applications for graduation should be submitted one year prior to graduation. Those expecting to complete degree requirements in May should apply by May 1 of the previous year, those completing in August should apply by August 1 of the previous year, and those completing in December should apply by December 1 of the previous year.

Course registration, grade reporting, and maintenance of academic records are also handled by the Registrar’s staff. Official transcripts of your academic record will be issued upon written request at no charge. Unofficial Transcripts Grade Reports and Enrollment Verification Certificates are available at no charge on CentralPipeline by logging into BannerWeb – Web Central.

The Office of the Registrar will send important information to students regarding academic advising, course registration, and graduation through their Central email account. Students are responsible for checking their Central email account regularly to stay informed and not miss out on important deadlines.

For additional information about the Registrar's Office, please visit www.ccsu.edu/registrar .

Residence Life, Office of

Marvin Wilson, Director of Residence Life; Mid-Campus Hall, Room 118

Phone: 860-832-1660; Website: www.ccsu.edu/reslife

Please refer to the [Student Guide to On-Campus Living](#) section for additional information.

Sexual Misconduct and Assault Information

Equity and Inclusion, Office for

Dr. Michael Russo, Interim Vice President of Equity and Well-being

Davidson Hall, Room 119 Phone: 860-832-1652; Website: www.ccsu.edu/sexualassault

Please refer to the “Interim Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy” section under Rights & Responsibilities for additional information.

Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for

Dr. Michael Russo, Interim Vice President, Davidson Hall, Room 103

Phone: 860-832-1601; Website: www.ccsu.edu/studentaffairs

The Division of Student Affairs offers programs, services, and activities designed to establish strong connections with students and to foster a sense of belonging to the larger Central community. Our main goal is to encourage student success through a spirit of collegiality, respect, and collaboration. We assist students in their educational, personal, and social development and are committed to providing a campus environment that offers extensive learning opportunities outside the classroom that promotes safe and healthy behaviors.

Student Center

Dr. Scott Hazen, Associate Dean of Student Life

Phone: 860-832-1981; Website: www.stdctr.ccsu.edu

The Student Center is the gathering place of the campus community and provides services that support student life. The 84,000-square feet of space provides our University community with quality meeting and programming space. The Student Center is also the home of the Central Reservations Office, Student Activities/Leadership Development, and houses the offices of the Black Student Union, United Caribbean Club, the Mosaic Center, PRIDE, Central Activities Network (CAN), Latin American Students Organization (LASO), Central Organization Latin American Dance Awareness (COLADA), WFCS Radio, the Recorder, the HELIX and Student Government Association. It also serves as home for the offices of New Student Programs and the Women's Center, and the Central Bookstore.

There is a **student mailbox** area where all residents have mailboxes.

The **Information Desk** 860-832-1970, located in the main lobby of the Student Center, provides

a variety of services, including a schedule of campus events, lost and found, and general campus information. Emergency equipment and periodicals are available for loan with a valid Central student Blue Chip Card.

Remote Printing!

Printers are in the Library and Residence Hall computer labs. Students will need to have money on their Blue Chip card to print, balances may be checked at www.get.cbord.com/ccsu.

Central Reservations Office (CRO) 860-832-1964 at Central is the **one-stop-shop location** to coordinate your next meeting, conference or event. You are invited to call or stop by the CRO, located in the Student Center, Room 115, to discuss your next event with one of our event coordinators. On campus service providers will contact you directly about all of your needs. CRO can facilitate the use of specialized venues on campus through our network of facility managers. Schedule your next meeting by visiting www.today.ccsu.edu/virtualems. Log in with your Central username and password and select “Request Space in the Student Center.”

CENTix 860-832-1989 the campus box office is located at the Information Desk and sells tickets for most campus events, including Central Activities Network (CAN) activities, Theatre Department productions, athletic and some off-campus sponsored events. You can buy CT Transit or CT Fast track bus passes. Online tickets are available at: www.tickets.ccsu.edu.

An **Automated Teller Machine (ATM)** is located at the Student Center North Entrance near the bookstore and is available 24 hours a day.

The **Breakers Game Room** offers tournament billiard tables, air hockey, ping pong, foosball, electronic gaming, board games, and sports television. All play is FREE! Visit the web at www.stdctr.ccsu.edu.

Computers (5 macs and 5 chromebooks) are located on the second floor of the Student Center drum for use by students. Additionally, students may loan out a chrome book for a week for personal use, visit the Information Desk for more information.

The new **Esports Center** located in Memorial Hall provides virtual game tournaments. The state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to esports, academics, competition, and recreation.

House phones are in several locations at the Student Center; make free local calls or call any campus office.

Lounges are located throughout the Student Center for relaxation and study needs. They include quiet, bright lighting, low lighting, busy, TV Lounges, couches, and study tables in all combinations to fit your needs. The Student Center also supports lounge spaces in Memorial Hall - Southwest Study Quad, this room individual study pods, group study pods, conference room study space, and living room style study space.

Walkup email and web surfing stations are available in 8 locations in the Student Center, as well as access points to the campus network via wireless cards and Ethernet cards in the lounges.

Electronic devices charging stations - in the Student Center free stations located in the Wells Street Lounge, TCC and Devil's Den. Central now has secured electronic charging stations in the Student Center Devil's Den, Elihu Burritt Library, Memorial Hall and Hilltop Café. Note the campus is 100% wireless including the residence halls.

We have **hydration stations!** Fill your refillable water bottle and save the environment from one more plastic bottle. They are located by the bookstore entrance, and near the Devil's Den!

The Student Center is committed to student development and provides opportunities for student participation in its operations, services, event management, game room management, and programming through employment. Our **S. T. A. R. employees** manage and operate the Student Center facility and various service areas, such as: Accountability, Breakers Game Room, Electronic Gaming, Event Services, Graphic Design, Technical Services, Information Desk and CENTix Box Office. That's why our most important asset is our student staff! Students do not need to have work study to be employed. Recruitment is conducted each semester for employment the following semester. For student employment information, go to www.stdctr.ccsu.edu and click on the "Student Employment" option.

Student Center hours of operation, please visit: www.stdctr.ccsu.edu. For daily events schedule, please visit: www.today.ccsu.edu.

Student Parking

Central Police Department, 1500 East St., New Britain, CT

Phone: 860-832-2375; Website: www.ccsu.edu/Police ; Parking: www.ccsu.edu/parking

Every student (graduate, undergraduate, full time, and part time) is required to have a current Central parking decal, available from the Central Police Department and Card Office. Before a parking decal can be obtained, a student must first have a Central student ID (Blue Chip Card). These are free and may be obtained at the Card Office in Willard-DiLoreto D125. Students should also pick up a copy of the parking regulations brochure that includes a campus map and an explanation of parking areas and policies on the Central campus.

Any student who parks in a faculty/staff parking lot may be ticketed (fine of \$25 or more) and is subjected to being towed at the owner's expense (towing charges are controlled by the towing companies and are typically over \$75). These parking lots are clearly marked by color-coded flags and banners (Resident students—Green, Commuter students—Red) as you enter the lots. Always look for the flags and banners before entering; do not go on the word of someone else (student or faculty) that it is okay to park in the lot.

If you feel you were ticketed unjustly, parking tickets may be appealed, within 10 days of

issuance; to the University Parking Appeals Committee (appeal forms are available at the Central Police Department). All fines must be paid in full before an appeal will be considered. Fines will double if not paid within 10 days of the date that the ticket was issued. Students will be notified of their hearing date with the appeals committee in writing and may appear in person before the committee. Refunds for successful appeals shall be processed within six to eight weeks of the date the appeal was granted. For more information on the appeals process, call the Central Police Motor-pool at 860-832-2384.

From November 1 to April 15, students should avoid overnight parking in surface lots and on the tops of parking garages. Due to the potential for snow conditions and emergencies, all persons' parking in open lots overnight during this period do so at their own risk. A parking ban may be imposed and those vehicles in surface lots and on top of garages will be subject to parking fines and towing at the owner's expense.

A more complete text of parking regulations may be found online at the Central Parking website www.ccsu.edu/parking.

Student Rights & Responsibilities, Office of

Stephanie Reis, Director-Resident Student Services; Mid-Campus Hall, Room 118

Phone: 860-832-1667; Website: www.ccsu.edu/studentrights

Christopher Dukes, Director-Commuter Student Services, Dance Education Bldg (upper level)

Phone: 860-832-2666

The Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities administers the conduct system for all students, and is available to all students, faculty, and staff who may have questions or concerns regarding the University Student Conduct System.

The Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities is responsible for developing ways to effectively respond to incidents or issues which threaten to disrupt the learning environment. In addition, this office assists with the coordination of conduct referrals to counseling or alcohol and other drug education programs. The goals of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities include:

- Encourage learning and the development of life-skills such as healthy decision-making, civility, social responsibility, and accountability.
- Resolve discipline cases in a developmentally sound manner consistent with University policy and applicable state and federal laws.
- Maintain integrity regarding the health, safety, and security of all members within the Central community.

Student Wellness Center (SWC)

Kristen Dignazio-Drost, Interim Director of Counseling & Student Development

Dr. Amber Cheema, Director of Student Health Services

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101

Phone: 860-832-1925; Website: www.ccsu.edu/sws

The Student Wellness Center provides integrated mental health, physical health, and wellness education services to assist all undergraduate and graduate students in the pursuit of academic success, a fulfilling college experience, and a healthy lifestyle.

Counseling Services supports students' academic success by assisting them in resolving mental health concerns and other personal difficulties. We offer individual counseling, group counseling, and couples/family counseling, as well as psychiatric referral services to enrolled full- and part-time students. We also provide referrals for specialty, long term, or more intensive services. Our services are provided at no charge and are confidential.

Health Services supports students' academic success by providing routine medical care to enrolled full- and part-time students. There is NO charge for the office visit, although some lab tests, immunizations, treatments, and prescription medications may require a small fee. We also provide referral services for more complex or serious medical issues. All visits are confidential.

Wellness Education's mission is to equip the Central community with resources and information that foster healthy lifestyles. We provide informative events for students on alcohol, tobacco, and suicide prevention, and workshops on topics such as transitioning to the college experience and managing medical issues. All activities are provided at no charge.

Counseling & Student Development

Kristen Dignazio-Drost, Interim Director of Counseling & Student Development

Student Wellness Center for Counseling Services

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101; Phone: 860-832-1926

Website: www.ccsu.edu/counselingandwellnesscenter

The Student Wellness Center's counseling services provides a range of individual, family/couples, and group counseling services, as well as other preventive mental health related services to enrolled Central students (graduate, undergraduate, full-time, and part-time). Our services are provided at no cost and are confidential. We also offer referral services to off-campus resources for medication management and other specialized or intensive services. Students are encouraged to seek assistance before personal, emotional, inter-personal or behavioral concerns begin to interfere with their well-being or academic success. To make an appointment, please call 860 -832-1926 or drop by the Counseling Center (Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101).

Health Services

Dr. Amber Cheema, Director of Student Health Services;

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101

Phone: 860-832-1926; Website: www.ccsu.edu/healthservices

The Student Wellness Center/Health Services provides medical care by appointment and walk-in. All students (residential, commuter, full-time and part-time) can use our services regardless of

health insurance.

Most services are provided at no cost to students. We evaluate and treat acute illnesses and injuries, refer to appropriate specialty consultants as needed, provide some laboratory tests; e.g., urine pregnancy tests or strep screens, carry a small stock of commonly prescribed medications, and maintain a health education resource center for information on medical issues and concerns. We are not an emergency facility and do not act as an emergency medical service for the University.

Some services provided do have a small fee, which is billed directly to your Bursar's account.

These include:

- Some laboratory tests e.g., rapid strep testing or tests for sexually transmitted-infections;
- Pregnancy testing;
- Some prescriptions from our in-house pharmacy.

Please note that Student Wellness Center, Health does not bill any insurance or other third-party payers for services provided.

Health Services-SWC is also responsible for processing all Connecticut State University Student Health forms for incoming Central students.

HEALTH INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to submit a completed Connecticut State University Student Health Services form prior to beginning classes. For most students, proof of adequate immunization against measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and varicella (chicken pox) along with completion of the Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment are required prior to being able to register for classes. As of summer 2021, the Covid-19 Vaccine is also required for students. **Full instructions are attached to the form. The instructions include age related and other exemptions, so please read this carefully.** The form can be downloaded at www.ccsu.edu/health/forms. Please submit the completed health form as soon as possible to avoid any delay in registering for classes. Failure to submit the required medical information may result in a health hold being placed on your registration status. Information about any missing health information can be found on your registration status page in your Blue Net account. Please log in to Central Pipeline to access this information.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Because international students do not have a primary physician while attending the University, we can help provide and/or manage their medical care during their stay. For that reason, we require that all international students whether part time or full time, submit a completed health services form. In that way, we can better manage their medical care while they are attending the University and ensure the health and safety of the campus at large.

FOR RESIDENCE HALL STUDENTS

All residence hall students are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease prior to living on campus. In the United States, we require a specific type of meningitis vaccine for

protection of this disease (with all subtypes A, C, Y, and W 135 in the vaccine) that is not offered in most countries outside the United States. It is also highly recommended that students living on campus get the Meningitis B vaccine. *Students entering school as of the current academic year, must have received their meningitis vaccination within five years of entering Central.*

MEDICAL EXCUSE POLICY

Excuse notes are sent to instructors only after a student is seen in our office and his or her medical recovery, or risk of spread of an infection, warrants an absence from class. We will not see a student for the sole purpose of providing an excuse note.

Absence notices are sent to a student's professors to assist students who have or will miss classes due to extenuating circumstances, such as a medical reason or death in the family. Absence notices are not an official excuse. They are provided on the student's behalf to verify the circumstance surrounding the absences and to request that the instructor work with the student to complete missed coursework when appropriate. To request a notice of absence, please email student_affairs@ccsu.edu and include documentation verifying the dates of your absence.

Since instructors have the final word regarding absences, please make sure you understand each instructor's absence and illness policy. Most instructors will allow a certain number of absences. Please try to save these in case of illness.

Wellness Education, Office of

*Alison Burge, LPC, Coordinator of Wellness Education, Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101-06
Phone: 860-832-1948; Website: www.ccsu.edu/wellness-education*

The Office of Wellness Education is one of three departments within Student Wellness Services at Central Connecticut State University. Wellness Education offers interactive programs and educational activities that promote wellness for students, faculty, and staff. Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of students by providing inclusive wellness programs and resources that support academic success and personal development. Wellness topics evolve based on student needs and have included the following: stress management, alcohol use, the 8 dimensions of wellness, QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper training, healthy eating, grief and loss, substance misuse, sexual health, time management, bystander intervention, coping with COVID-19, and building healthy relationships. Wellness Education collaborates with individuals, student groups, and faculty both inside and outside the classroom to support the wellness education needs of the CCSU community.

Healthy Lifestyle Promotion

The Office of Wellness Education is committed to fostering a healthy, informed, and connected Central community. Through campus-wide health fairs, ongoing educational events, and collaborative programming, we promote safe and healthy behaviors and strengthen social norms that support student well-being.

Annual Wellness Fairs

Wellness Education coordinates large-scale health events each year that engage students, faculty, and staff through interactive experiences:

Fresh Check Day – Builds a sense of community and connects students with campus wellness resources.

Alcohol Awareness Fair – Provides practical information to help students make informed decisions about alcohol.

My Best Self – Highlights the 8 dimensions of wellness through engaging and informative activities.

Each fair includes stress-relieving activities such as therapy dogs, Zumba or other creative outlets.

Ongoing Programs & Outreach

In addition to annual fairs, Wellness Education offers wellness education through:

-Tabling events on topics like stress management, safe spring break, healthy relationships, and prescription drug misuse.

-Workshops such as QPR (Suicide Prevention), Certified Peer Educator and more.

-Targeted wellness presentations in residence halls and First Year Experience (FYE) classes.

Volunteer Opportunities

Students are encouraged to volunteer by sharing their ideas or participating in our events. Past volunteers have participated in health fairs by providing peer-to-peer education and support. Students have helped to create meaningful programs such as a candlelight display representing the 1,100 college students lost to suicide each year.

Support for Alcohol and Substance Concerns

Support is available for students in recovery from alcohol, substance use, or behavioral addictions:

Healthy Living through SMART Recovery – A weekly support meeting held in Willard 101

Community Peer Support – A daily Alcoholics Anonymous is held at various times throughout the week at 1 Hartford Square, New Britain, CT (Gate 1, Door 65, Room 254)

We Care Group- A weekly support group modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1755 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06053 on Wednesdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Additional resources and support group listings are available online or through the Wellness Education office

Alcohol and Drug Education

Wellness Education provides programming such as Choices, FYE class presentations, and campus tabling.

Topics include:

-Understanding Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)

- Recognizing a standard drink
- Signs of alcohol poisoning and how to respond
- Effects of alcohol and other drugs on the body and mind

Students can meet one-on-one with staff to explore these topics further and receive support.

Open Wellness Area

Students are welcome to use our open Wellness Area to relax, study quietly, socialize, or explore creativity through arts and crafts. Therapy dogs visit the space throughout the semester to help students unwind and connect.

Success Matters

Dr. Kate Ayotte, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; Davidson Hall, Room 103

Elizabeth Spear, Director, The Learning Center; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D316

Phone: 860-832-1601; Website: www.ccsu.edu/tlc/otherServices/earlyAlert.asp

The Success Matters program identifies students who are struggling during the semester and allows us to intervene early. Success Matters connects students with assistance and resources that increase their network of support and chances of success- improving the likelihood that students will persist at Central and improving student effort and academic performance.

Technology Support Center

Learning Commons, Elihu Burritt Library 3rd Floor, Website: www.ccsu.edu/tc

The Technology Support Center provides walk-in support for access to Central software systems and resources, for devices with updated versions of Windows or macOS, and updated versions of the Edge (for Windows), Safari (for Mac), Chrome (for Windows or Mac) or Firefox (for Windows or Mac) web browsers. Operating systems must be licensed versions to access the online systems and campus wired/wireless network. Limited (best effort) support is provided to devices with older operating systems or other Internet browsers. Operating systems must be licensed versions. Due to liability, we cannot repair personal computer and device hardware (i.e. hardware crashes, memory installation, blue screen).

Undergraduate Advising

Dr. Adina Elfant, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D102

Phone: 860-832-1614; Email: ccsuadvising@ccsu.edu

Academic advising is a collaborative endeavor that helps students develop their educational plans and clarify their career and life goals. Advising should be an active experience and one in which students are expected to be an engaged participant.

There are six distinct Student Services Centers to serve the advising needs of our students. Five of them are located within the Schools and College that comprise the University and Explore Central is for students who are not yet ready to declare a major. All undergraduate students new to the University are first advised by their appropriate center. Students will continue to be advised in the school-based centers throughout their freshman year or until they are ready to be

assigned to a faculty advisor within their declared major. Students are required to meet with their assigned advisor each semester to review course planning.

Veterans Affairs

Chris G. Gutierrez, Coordinator of Veterans Affairs

Melina Lopez, Veteran Retention Specialist

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room D201

Phone: 860-832-AVET (2838); Website: www.ccsu.edu/vets

Eligible veterans may receive veteran's educational benefits depending upon the number of days on active duty and, in some cases, whether monthly contributions were made to an educational assistance program. Veterans with a service-connected disability may be eligible for educational assistance, as well as children, wives, and widows of veterans whose death or permanent and total disability is service-connected. An educational entitlement program is also available for eligible members of the Selected Reserve and the Connecticut National Guard. Any veteran, who has served honorably on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during certain time periods and is domiciled in the State of Connecticut at the time of acceptance to Central, as well as any members of the Connecticut Army and Air National Guard, may be eligible for a tuition waiver. For information about eligibility and application procedures, or if you have any questions, please contact the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Voter Registration

Voter registration for Connecticut residents can be done on campus regardless of the town that you live in. Please visit our Student Activities Office located in the Student Center, Room 201. All students are urged to take advantage of this convenient service and exercise their rights and duties as citizens by becoming registered voters. This service is offered from September 1 to October 31 to allow administrative time to meet mailing timelines and deadlines.

Wellness Education

Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W101 Phone: 860-832-1925;

Website: www.web.ccsu.edu/healthservices/oade/default.as

Refer to [Student Wellness Center \(SWC\)](#)

Women's Center

Jacqueline Cobbina-Boivin, Director; Student Center, Room 215 Phone: 860-832-1655

Website: www.ccsu.edu/boyea

The Ruthe Boyea Women's Center (named after its first director) is a multi-purpose program, advocacy and service center for students, staff, and faculty members who identify as women. Men are also welcome to use our resources and seek employment. Support services for re-entry women, Latina and African American women are offered by the Women's Center. Crisis intervention, peer counseling and peer support groups are offered to assist students addressing the following traumas, dating violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

Mentoring, internships, volunteering, work-study, and student labor employment opportunities are available. Research materials and community service files are available for use by all persons on campus. The Center advocates for issues that are pertinent to developing gender equity, enhancing academic achievement, personal development, career aspirations and eliminating gender discrimination. The Center provides study space and opportunities for conversations and support on women's issues. Hours and information on programs and services are posted outside the Center.

Writing Center

Dr. Amanda Fields, Director; Willard-DiLoreto Hall, Room W314 Phone: 860-832-2765;
Website: www.ccsu.edu/writingcenter; follow us on TikTok @ccsuwritingcenter;
IG @ccsuwriting; Twitter @CcsuCenter

The Central Writing Center offers free one-on-one sessions with a trained staff of undergraduate and graduate tutors. We work with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff at any stage of the writing process and offer face-to-face, online, and walk-in sessions for 30-60 minutes. We can help with analyzing assignment prompts, brainstorming, organizing, developing self-editing strategies, learning about various citation styles, and much more. Feel free to visit us with writing assignments, personal writing, or application materials. We recommend regular appointments if your goal is to improve your overall writing. The Writing Center is open Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters while classes are in session. Limited evening hours are also held online; please check our website for days and times. To schedule an appointment and learn more about our staff, tutoring approach, or other services, please visit our website at www.ccsu.edu/writingcenter.

Interested in working in the Central Writing Center? Consider taking WRT 280: Tutoring Writing (fulfills Skill Area 1, Communication Skills requirement and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion requirement), and contact Dr. Fields (afields@ccsu.edu).



Campus Life

Academic Center for Student Athletes

Inez Vera, Director, Elihu Burritt Library, Room 001012
inez@ccsu.edu Phone: 860-832-1913

Alicia Waring, Team Advisor, Elihu Burritt Library, Room 001012
alicia.waring@ccsu.edu Phone: 860-832-1979

Cathy Sylvester, Team Advisor, Elihu Burritt Library, Room 001012
sylvestercab@ccsu.edu Phone: 860-832-1921

The Academic Center for Student Athletes (ACSA) provides academic support for Central's Division I Intercollegiate student-athletes from a comprehensive approach. The Center's staff facilitate team study halls and workshops to assist student-athletes in their transition to college, along with establishing and maintaining a well-balanced schedule. Individual meetings with student-athletes inform necessary and appropriate collaborative interventions integrating learning solutions, life skills, and campus resources. Located in the Elihu Burritt Library, the Center is equipped with computers and printers for use during the Academic Year. Hours: Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 8 pm, Friday from 8 am to 4:45 pm, and Sunday 5 pm to 8:30 pm.

Athletics

Tom Pincince, Director; Kaiser Hall, Room 112-01

Phone: 860-832-3035 or 860-832-3040; Website: www.ccsbluedevils.com

Facebook: @CCSUBBlueDevils Twitter: @CCSUBBlueDevils; IG @CCSUBBlueDevils

As a Central student you can enjoy being a spectator of 16 intercollegiate varsity sports, all played at the Division I level in the Northeast Conference. The Central Blue Devils have won 107 regular season or conference championships in their history in the Northeast Conference.

The Blue Devils host home contests at Arute Field, the Central Baseball Field, the Central Track and Field Facility, the Central Softball Field, the Central Soccer Field, Detrick Gymnasium, and the Jack Suydam Natatorium. All Central's outdoor facilities are located within the athletic complex at the northeast end of campus. The Blue Devils also host home cross-country events at Stanley Quarter Park.

Admission to all athletic events is free to Central students with a current student ID card.

Tryouts, practice, and competition are open to all full-time students who meet all NCAA, Northeast Conference and University eligibility standards. Please contact the Department of Athletics for more information.

Men's Sports

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track and Soccer

Women's Sports

Basketball, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Outdoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, and Volleyball

Please visit ccsubluedevils.com, for the most up-to-date information on all 16 of Central's Division I teams, including complete schedules.

Athletics (Title IX)

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for working with the Athletics Department to ensure Title IX compliance. Title IX is a federal civil rights statute that prohibits gender discrimination in education programs, including athletic programs that receive or benefit from Federal funding. The major athletic categories that are analyzed for compliance are sports offerings, scholarships, and other program areas, including equipment and supplies, coaching, availability, competitive facilities, and tutoring.

Student Activities/Leadership Development

Dr. Scott Hazan, Associate Dean of Student Life, Student Center 2nd Floor
Phone: 860-832-1990; Website: www.ccsu.edu/SALD

Mission Statement

The Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development provides meaningful involvement opportunities which foster students' personal growth and strength of character through training, mentorship, and engagement in co-curricular activities. Students will develop civic responsibility, community involvement, and respect for diversity in preparation to be thoughtful, responsible, and successful citizens.

SA/LD fulfills this mission by providing:

- Student organization advising & training
- Guidance for the coordination, organization, and supervision of student-sponsored events
- Facilitation of leadership development workshops
- Vast student leadership roles and opportunities
- Many student-orientated, major campus events
- Recreation and wellness activities
- Support and celebration of our diverse student body
- And much more!

Media Board

Student Activities/Leadership Development Office; Student Center, Room 201
Website: www.thelink.ccsu.edu/organization/mediaboard

The Media Board provides a forum for student media leaders, faculty, and the general student community to share information, exchange ideas, and discuss issues relevant to the management of student-run college media organizations.

Mosaic Center

Student Center, Room 205

Phone: 860-832-1892; Website: www.ccsu.edu/mosaiccenter

The Mosaic Center is dedicated to building bridges of awareness at Central. It is a committee of the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG). Membership is open to all students interested in increasing knowledge and awareness of our commonalities and differences. Stop by the Student Center Room 205 to find out more about the Mosaic Center.

Campus Recreation

Scott Kazar, Director of Campus Recreation; Caroline Brasa-Albert, Recreation Specialist

Phone: 860-832-3734; Website: www.ccsu.edu/campusrecreation

Welcome to Central Campus Recreation—Campus Recreation is an operation within the Division of Student Affairs at Central Connecticut State University. We provide wellness and healthy lifestyle-oriented programs, events, and services to students, faculty and staff through our program areas including Fitness, Recreation, Intramurals, and Sport Clubs.

Our Mission—Campus Recreation provides creative and innovative wellness and recreational programming to meet the diverse needs of students and the Central community.

Our Commitment—The department is committed to a varying range of fitness and wellness opportunities to the Central community, which will allow opportunities for an enhanced and healthier lifestyle. Providing an environment where students can experience and advance their character development, teamwork skills, and grow as professionals.

The website provides most of the information you need to get involved in one of the four disciplines at Campus Recreation. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Welcome Desk at 860-832-3734.

Student Government Association

Student Center, Room 221

Phone: 860-832-3740 Website: www.web.ccsu.edu/sga/default.asp

The Student Government Association is for everyone who would like to help make Central the best it can be. The full-time undergraduate students of Central make up the membership of SGA. The SGA Senate is the representative body of the SGA. Its members, the executive officers, and senators of the SGA, are democratically elected by the undergraduate students of Central. The SGA senate is responsible for acting as the voice of the students; we handle their concerns, needs, and celebrations.

The SGA Senate is also responsible for promoting student participation in the various projects, committees and organizations at the university, state, and national level that help shape the university and education in Connecticut.

The SGA Senate allocates the SGA portion of the Student Activity Fund that is paid by all full-time undergraduate students. The Student Activity Fund is used to promote and fund student clubs, activities, services and forums for the benefit of the students and their educational opportunities.

If you would like to get involved or would just like more information, contact the SGA at 860-832-3740, or via email at MySGA@ccsu.edu, or visit the office in Room 211 in the Student Center. Come and join us at our weekly meetings on Wednesday at 3:05 in the Bellin room of the Student Center.

Student Union Board of Governors

Website: <https://clubcentral.ccsu.edu/organization/studentunionboardofgovernors>

The Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) is a student, faculty, staff and alumni organization that advises the Departments of the Student Center and Student Activities/Leadership Development carrying out their missions on campus. Board Standing Committees the House Committee shall plan, with the advice of the Director, Student Center, capital expenditures and physical changes in the building. It shall also recommend policies of building usage such plans, expenditures, changes, and policies being subject to the Board's approval. The Budget Committee shall determine, with the Director, Student Center, the general program fiscal policies of the Student Center such policies being subject to the Board's approval. The Student Services Committee whose function shall be to focus on the needs of the students can be best realized through involvement in various boards, committees, and activities in general, and to aid in making available the support necessary to promote student leadership and development. The Director of Student Activities/Leadership Development and the Director of the Student Center will serve on the committee. The mission of SUBOG is to advise SA/LD and the Student Center on policies, programs, services, and initiatives and how to best serve the campus.

Central Activities Network

Phone: 860-832-3678;

Website: <https://clubcentral.ccsu.edu/organization/cancentralactivitiesnetwork>

Central Activities Network (CAN) puts on major events for undergraduate students which include concerts, comedy shows, movies, lectures, and trips. We host major event weeks such as Weeks of Welcome, Homecoming Week, Winter Week, and Spring Week which includes the Spring Concert!

Students who volunteer with the CAN will gain valuable experience in leadership, communication, budgeting, and time management skills. Being a part of CAN is fun and exciting, where you meet a lot of people and gain valuable skills! Our meetings are open to all students. For more information, please stop by the C.A.N office on the 2nd floor of the Student Center, room 203, or DM us on social media @can_ccsu!



Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL INTEREST

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| Accounting Society | Geography Club |
| Actuarial Science Club | Geology and Planetary Sciences Club |
| Anthropology Club | Gerontology Club |
| Art Club | Habitat for Humanity |
| Arts & Crafts Club | History Club |
| Autism Connection | Human Resources Club |
| Best Buddies | International Society of Automation |
| Biology Club | Lunar Exploration Vehicle Club |
| Broadcast Club | Management Information Systems Club |
| Central Car Club | Marxist Student Association |
| Central Cares Club | Marketing Club |
| CHANGE Club | Math Club |
| Chemistry Club | Multi Powered Vehicle Club |
| Chess Club | Philosophy and Debate Club |
| College Democrats | Physical Education & Health Fitness |
| College Republicans | Physics Club |
| Communication Club | Pre-Health Society (formerly Caducean) |
| Computer Science Club | Psychology Club |
| Criminal Justice Club | Social Work Club |
| Economics Club | Society of Paranormal Investigation |
| Emergency Medical Services Club | Sociology club |
| Entrepreneurship Club | Student Athlete Advisory Council |
| E Sports Club | Student Nurses Association |
| Exercise Science Club | Student Organ Donations Advocates |
| Fashion Design Club | Student Veterans Organization |
| Finance Association | Tabletop Club |
| Future Educators Club | Tea Club |

GOVERNMENTAL

Central Activities Network
 Graduate Student Association
 Inter-Greek Council
 Inter Residence Council
 Media Board
 Senior Class Committee
 Student Government Association:
 Student Union Board of Governors

CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Africana Students Organization
 Black Student Union

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Baseball Club
 Brazilian Jiu-jitsu
 Equestrian Club
 Fencing Club
 Golf Club
 Ice Hockey Club
 Karate Club
 Men's Lacrosse Club
 Men's Rugby Club
 Men's Soccer
 Men's Volleyball

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

Helix (literary magazine)
 The Recorder
 WFCS FM-107

PERFORMING GROUPS

A Cappella Society, TGFI, Divsi, Aca
 Bellas, Fermata, Chromachord
 Center Stage
 Central Step & Dance

Center for Africana Studies
 Chinese American Students Association
 French Club
 Japanese American Cultural Club
 Korean Club
 Latin American Student Organization
 (LASO)
 Mosaic Center (SC 205)
 Muslim Student Association
 Polish Club
 PRIDE
 South Asian Students Association
 Spanish Club
 United Caribbean Club

Outing Club
 Ski & Snowboarding Club
 Taekwondo/Krav Maga Club
 Tennis Club
 Ultimate Frisbee Club
 Volleyball Club
 Women's Flag Football Club
 Women's Lacrosse
 Women's Rugby
 Women's Soccer
 Women's Volleyball Club

COLADA (Central Organization of Latin
 American Dance Awareness)
 DanCentral
 Ebony Choral Ensemble
 Hip Hop Nation
 Pep Squad
 Schlock
 Theatre Unlimited

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Choral Directors Association
American Institute of Graphic Arts
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Association Tech, Management & Applied Eng.
Athletic Trainers Association
Collegiate Health Services Corps
Construction Management Club
Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers
International Association of Business Communicators
National Association for Music Education
National Society of Black Engineers
Society of Automotive Engineers
Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Society of Professional Journalists
Society of Women Engineers
Technology Education Collegiate Association (TEECA)
USITT-US Institute of Theatre Technology

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity
Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

RELIGIOUS

Christian Students at Central (CSAC)
Hillel
Intersivity Christian Fellowship Club
Muslim Students Association
Newman Club
Tourism and Hospitality Club
Women Involved Now

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Contact RECentral

860-832-3733 or www.imleagues.com

For more information on student organizations, use your Blue Net ID and password to log in to Collegiate Link @ <https://thelink.ccsu.edu/>

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CLUB AND ORGANIZATION POLICIES

To ensure the place of student organizations on campus, the University has adopted the following policy regarding the recognition of such groups, along with a statement of privileges and responsibilities. You should consult the following sections of this handbook for additional policies relating to student organizations: Organizing a New Club; Participation in Co-curricular Activities; Fiscal Responsibility; Facility Use; Fraternity and Sorority; Posters and Advertising; Solicitation Policy; and Conduct and Discipline.

1. Organizations may be established with the University for any legal purpose compatible with the missions of academic institutions of higher learning. Affiliation with an extramural organization shall not, in itself, disqualify the University branch or chapter from University privileges.
2. A group becomes an organization when formally recognized by the University. Formal recognition of an organization means, and as herein described, that a recognized organization may be permitted the use of campus facilities, may have access to student funds, may use the University name and in general is accorded those privileges granted to other organizations within the campus community. All groups that meet the following requirements shall be considered for recognition:
 - a. Submission of a clear statement of purpose, criteria for membership, rules of procedure, a list of officers, and the name of a faculty advisor (full-time faculty) who has expressly indicated his/her willingness to serve. Changes in the foregoing must be submitted within one week of the date of effectiveness to the Department of Student Activities; such changes will then be presented to the Student Affairs Committee for its approval or other appropriate action.
 - b. Where there is affiliation with an extramural organization, that organization's constitution and bylaws shall be filed with the Department of Student Activities; such constitution and bylaws will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee as part of the recognition process. All amendments in the extramural organization's constitution shall be submitted to the Student Affairs Committee through the Department of Student Activities within one month of the date of effectiveness.
 - c. All sources of outside funds shall be disclosed to the Department of Student Activities within one month of receipt of outside support. Activities fee funded organizations must deposit all funds into your University Activities fund account.
3. Recognition of an organization implies neither approval nor disapproval by the University of the stated aims, objectives, policies, and practices of the organization. No organization may use the University name without the express authorization of the University except to identify institutional affiliation.
4. Any organization which engages in illegal activities, or violates University policies or regulations, on or off campus, may have sanctions imposed against it, including

withdrawal of University recognition in accord with 2.0 above.

- a. Off-campus social events sponsored by registered student organizations (not advised by Residence Life) are to be initiated through the Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development (SA/LD).
5. Membership in a University organization shall be open to undergraduates who are willing to subscribe to the stated aims and meet the stated requirements of the organization (Refer to the Policy on Participation in Co-curricular Activities).
 6. Recognized organizations within the campus community may be assigned use of campus buildings, grounds and/or equipment for regular business meetings and social/educational programs.
 - a. The organization requesting use of buildings, grounds, and/or equipment must inform the University of the General Purpose of any meeting.
 - b. The University delegates the assignment function to an administrative official.
 - c. Reasonable conditions may be imposed to regulate the timeliness of requests, to determine the appropriateness of the buildings, grounds, and/or equipment assigned to regulate time and use, and to ensure proper maintenance and staff support.
 - d. Preference may be given to programs designed for audiences consisting primarily of members of the University community.
 - e. Allocation of the use of buildings, grounds, and/or equipment may be made based on priority of requests and the demonstrated needs of the organization.
 - f. Cost incurred by the University for use of its buildings, grounds, and/or equipment may be charged to the using organization.
 - g. Physical abuse of assigned buildings, grounds, and/or equipment may result in limitations of future use of campus buildings, grounds, and/or equipment by offending organizations; the organizations may be charged for such damages.
 7. The authority to allocate University funds derived from student fees for use by organizations is delegated to the Student Senate, Student Union Board of Governors, and the Media Board.
 - a. An interpretation from the State of Connecticut Attorney General's Office of Section 4-52 of the General Statutes reads, "... the student governing bodies charged with the responsibility to disburse funds only for the benefit of the students of Central Connecticut State University and, further, that the University administration is charged with the supervisory responsibilities, which include the determination that any programs receiving support from such funds

are in fact for the benefit of students.”

- b. Organization budgets are approved by the Student Senate/SUBOG/Media Board, subject to the approval of the President of the University.
 - c. Financial accountability is required for all allocated funds, including statement of income and expenses on a regular basis.
 - d. A record indicating the financial condition of the organization, with supporting documents as necessary, may be requested by the Department of Student Activities at year end if not available through organization minutes and reporting.
 - e. All recognized student organizations must work with Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development when contracting services. Students may not make verbal or written offers to contract services.
8. Recognized organizations must demonstrate each year that they are viable in order to maintain their status as an active organization; otherwise, they will be placed in an inactive status or be declared defunct as defined below:

a. Active Organizations

- 1) President received specified training.
- 2) Treasurer received special training.
- 3) Register on Club Central by Student Activities established deadline.
- 4) List first meeting for fall semester.
- 5) Track financial allocation for the year.
- 6) Content, frequency, etc. of reports(s), and pertinent dates will be determined by the Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.
- 7) All clubs must post minutes to “Club Central” approving all club funded expenditures.
- 8) All programming must be concluded by the last of classes and before finals begin (permission for programs after classes have concluded must be granted by the Director of Student Activities/Leadership Development).

b. Inactive Organizations

- 1) Fail to meet requirements in section above.
- 2) Will not be listed as inactive in the Student Handbook, etc.
- 3) Will not be eligible for Student Senate, other University funding, or use of accounts.
- 4) Will not be eligible to utilize University facilities.
- 5) Will not receive other benefits normally accorded active recognized organizations.
- 6) Active status may be reinstated with approval of the Department of Student

- 7) Activities and Leadership Development upon completion of requirements as stated in the preceding section.

c. Defunct Organizations

- 1) Fail to meet active organizations requirements for two consecutive years.
- 2) Action to declare a group defunct will be taken in the following fall semester by the Student Affairs Committee.
- 3) If a group is reactivated after this time it must follow the same procedure for obtaining recognition as a new organization, **Club Central**.

Club Central is an online database for all organizations on campus. Student organizations are required to register on Club Central each year, in addition to updating their roster, and uploading their meeting minutes. Organizations can create and submit event registration forms, send messages to club members, update club information, and much more. For all information on on-campus organizations, simply login to <https://clubcentral.ccsu.edu/> with your BlueNet username and password.

Organizing a New Club

If you are interested in organizing a new group, you must fill out a “New Club” form in the Student Activities/Leadership Development Office and attend a new club meeting facilitated by SA/LD. Check with the Student Activities/Leadership Development Office for the most accurate date and time for the meeting. The SA/LD Office also offers advice on creating effective organizations and reactivating recognized organizations.

Participation in Co-Curricular Activities

Membership in Recognized Student Organizations is open to all fulltime, matriculated undergraduates not under disciplinary sanction. Officers of recognized student organizations or governing boards (graduate and undergraduate) must be in good academic standing (2.0 undergrad/3.0 graduate) to run for office or serve in elected positions. In the instance of a new or transfer students you are considered in good standing until you are not. Part Time undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, and faculty may participate as “Associate members”. Associate members may not vote or hold office in undergraduate student organizations.

*Associate Members may not participate in club sports, intramurals, or use fitness facilities.

Fiscal Responsibility

All organizations, regardless of their source of funds, are expected to maintain accurate financial records in the best interests of the members, officers, and faculty advisors. Organizations receiving Student Senate or other University funds must follow current policies governing those funds. It is the responsibility of the organization’s president, treasurer, and faculty advisor to become informed of and to abide by those policies (see Student Activities Office).

Faculty Use

If you’re a member of a recognized campus organization, you may reserve campus facilities for

the group by contacting the appropriate office listed below. The Student Center Reservations Office (860-832-1964), located in the Student Center, coordinates non-academic scheduling of facilities and advises on special events planning around and in the Student Center and in Memorial Hall. The Reservations Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm for walk-in service.

It is possible to list events not associated with an on-campus facility so that your event shows up on the official campus Web events calendar (www.today.ccsu.edu) by contacting Student Center Reservations.

Fraternity and Sorority Policies

Greek letter social and social/service organizations share in the responsibility with the University for facilitating the learning process and the cultivation of an environment which enriches the educational experience and promotes the development of human talent. In addition to the general student organization polices, there are distinct policies regarding the formation, recognition and expectations for these Greek letter organization. The policies include specific prohibitions against discrimination, sexual abuse, and hazing. Copies of the complete policies and information about forming an organization can be obtained at the Student Activities/Leadership Development Office (located on the second floor of the Student Center).

University Policy - Access to State Buildings and Property / Occupied Space & Event Space

May 30, 2024

Rationale and Purpose

The university provides students, faculty, staff, and visitors access to state buildings, garages and space which provide a rich collection of resources and information. When accessing any building, structure, or space on university property, you shall follow the terms and conditions set forth in this policy. Failure to comply with these terms of access will be in violation of university policy. Individuals violating these rules may be subject to disciplinary action, including up to expulsion from the University. Individuals may also be subject to arrest for criminal trespass, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 53A-107 Criminal Trespass. Additionally, any individual who is in violation of these rules may immediately be removed from the premises and transported to the police department for processing.

Application and Administrative Process for Buildings, Garages, Lawns

Access to buildings, garages and auxiliary spaces is at the discretion of the University and will be approved through an administrative process. No individual shall access or occupy a space that has not been specifically assigned to them or the public. Entering any such space without authorization is a violation of university policy and may carry sanctions accordingly. Anyone wanting to occupy a space on campus should be prepared to provide identification in the form of a university ID or a state driver's license. In the event that neither of these forms of identification are available you may have limited or

revoked access to state buildings. Your ability to occupy these spaces requires the university to be open and in operation. All these spaces have hours of operation and shall not be occupied unless the space has been deemed to be open. Academic and Administrative buildings are typically open between 7:00am and 10:00pm. Occupancy inside a building after hours of operation will be a violation of university policy and may result in an arrest for criminal trespass. Failure to leave any closed space after a notification to vacate will result with an arrest for criminal trespass and a transport for processing.

No individual shall access or occupy an office space that has not been specifically assigned to them. Entering any such space without authorization is a violation of university policy and may carry sanctions accordingly. In the event that the university requests you to vacate an office space that you initially had permission to access, you are responsible for complying with this request to prevent being in violation of university policy. Failure to vacate a space after a notification will result with an arrest for criminal trespass and a transport for processing.

If an event or gathering escalates and creates safety concerns or disturbances due to the nature of circumstances or due to unforeseen condition, your access and ability to remain in any state building, garage or space can be immediately terminated. Regardless of the CRO approved times, the location will be vacated once an announcement has been made.

Application and Administrative Process Residence Halls

Living and visiting a residence hall is a privilege and not a right. Your ability to access a residence hall requires an individual to either reside inside the building or be an approved visitor. Visitors are required to comply with all residential life guidelines related to guests. Having a guest remain on campus overnight requires the completion of an administrative process. Completion of the process may result in the approval of the guests access to the residential building. This access shall not exceed 48 hours from the time of approval. No visitor shall remain on campus beyond 48 hours without a written approval that has deemed this approval as a unique exception. Guest access to a residential hall can be revoked at any time. In the event that the university requests you to vacate a residential hall that you initially had permission to access, you are responsible for complying with this request to prevent being in violation of university policy. Failure to vacate a space after a notification will result with an arrest for criminal trespass and a transport for processing.

Application and Administrative Process University Property / Event Space

The administrative process for an individual or group event that will take place on the Central campus requires the initial application for review to be submitted to the Central Reservations Office 30 days prior to the event. The university has limited space on campus and will determine if the request from the organization is reasonable to accommodate based on resources, availability, and all the information provided through the administrative process. The ability to have the event on campus property requires a written confirmed reservation with specific details including the location, time of utilization, event details, special requirements and a signed agreement that includes

cancellation of any event if any terms of the agreement change. Failure to complete this process limits or eliminates the access to an individual or group planning to occupy spaces inside most state buildings. In the event that the university requests you to vacate a reserved/rented space that you initially had permission to access, you are responsible for complying with this request to prevent being in violation of university policy. Failure to vacate a space after a notification may result with an arrest for criminal trespass and a transport for processing.

University Policy - Civil Protest / Safe Demonstrations

June 20, 2024

Rationale and Purpose

Central Connecticut State University (Central) values the open exchange and expression of diverse views and ideas. Our commitment to this principle requires accommodating differing and controversial perspectives, fostering dynamic discourse, and protecting the physical safety of all community members. This policy aims to balance the right to freedom of speech and expression with the necessity of ensuring a safe environment.

Administrative Goal and Objective

The Protest Response Team (PRT) at Central is dedicated to creating, revising, and managing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for event protests or potential protests. The PRT comprises university officials from various departments, including Student Affairs, the Central Reservations Office (CRO), and the Central Police Department. These SOPs guide the university community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests—in organizing and participating in peaceful, non-disruptive demonstrations and expressive activities. Our aim is to ensure these activities align with the university's commitment to free speech while maintaining physical safety.

We provide access to campus facilities for events, including protests, through the CRO. Our objective is to foster an environment of open communication and coordination, thereby maintaining operational continuity and setting clear expectations for safe and respectful expressive activities. We encourage individuals and groups planning to use Central as a site for expressive activity to reach out to the CRO, Student Affairs, and the Central Police Department for assistance in making the event successful and safe, especially if the event might draw controversy. Central will not impose unconstitutional content restrictions on any event or protest. However, events and protests may have legally permissible time, place, and manner restrictions.

A coordinated process with open communication is the best method to ensure the continuity of your event or protest. The PRT aims to give every student a place and a voice to be heard.

Best Practices

To mitigate confusion between free speech and behaviors that violate the student code of conduct or Connecticut Penal Code, we strongly recommend meeting with the CRO, Student Affairs, and the Central Police Department, as well as reviewing the relevant statutes, student code of conduct, and Central SOPs.

Peaceful, Non-Obstructive Civil Protest

A civil protest typically involves an organized public demonstration of disapproval or disagreement with an idea or course of action. Campus protests, such as marches, meetings, picketing, and rallies, are often peaceful and non-obstructive. Generally, peaceful protests should not be interrupted. Protesters should not be obstructed or provoked, and efforts should be made to conduct university business as normally as possible. We recommend that organizers of a peaceful protest utilize the Civil Protest Guidelines provided to support these activities in a safe and effective manner.

As a public institution, consistent with the First Amendment, Central provides access to its outdoor space for individuals and groups not part of the campus community who wish to engage in speech activities within designated boundaries. The university has identified specific campus public areas where speech and the distribution of literature are permitted.

Civil Protest Guidelines

- **Coordinate with the CRO:** Designate a location for the civil protest.
- **Pre-Protest Meetings:** Conduct meetings to review guidelines.
- **Educate Participants:** Clarify the distinction between disruptive and non-disruptive behavior.
- **Provide Documentation:** Distribute Central documentation and website links to SOPs related to Civil Protest / Safe Demonstration.
- **Review Student Code of Conduct:** Highlight violations related to disruptive protest.
- **Review Connecticut General Statutes:** Specifically address 53a-107, which pertains to criminal trespass.
- **Follow CRO Scheduled Hours:** Ensure the protest does not extend past the operating hours of the building.
- **Maintain Safe Egress:** Ensure protest locations do not encroach on university buildings and remain at least 25 feet from all doors and windows.

Components of a Disruption to a Campus Event

Behavior is evaluated for disruption based on the time, place, and manner in which it occurs.

Any restrictions on speech must be:

- **Content Neutral:** Prohibiting content-specific viewpoints is not allowed.
- **Narrowly Tailored:** Restrictions must serve a governmental interest without being overly broad.
- **Alternative Means:** Ensure there are ample alternative means to express ideas.

Students or student organizations have the right to freedom of expression to the extent allowed by law. Central reserves the right to make reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner in certain situations.

Time

Timing of Behaviors: Disruptive behaviors occurring during and near the time of an event.

- **Facility Operations:** Behaviors preventing a facility from opening or closing at scheduled business hours or conducting normal business.

Place

- **University Activities:** Behaviors occurring at university-run, university-authorized activities, and university-sponsored events.
- **Campus Locations:** Behaviors occurring on university property.
- **Sponsored Events:** Events sponsored by university employees, departments, schools, colleges, divisions, or Registered Student Organizations.
- **Approved Venues:** Events held in venues approved through the formal CRO process or off-campus lease process.
- **Rented Spaces:** Events in spaces rented by the university to outside groups.

Manner

Behaviors that materially and substantially disrupt another person's freedom of expression or the ability of others to receive the expression or information intended for the audience. Indicators include:

- **Significant Impact:** Behaviors that Central staff believe significantly impact the event and do not cease when confronted.
- **Escalation:** Behaviors that escalate when requested to stop.
- **Inconsistent Behaviors:** Actions inconsistent with the parameters set up by event organizers.

Examples of Disruptive/Non-Disruptive Behavior

Likely Disruptive

- Blocking others' vision in any manner (e.g., with signs, clothing, props, bodies).
- Producing noise that interferes with events and activities.
- Failing to stop making noise when instructed.
- Using laser pointers.
- Employing sound amplification equipment.
- Turning off lights in a room.
- Activating phone alarms.
- Possessing replica weapons.
- Displaying signs where they are not permitted.

Likely Non-Disruptive

- Holding an 8.5"x11" poster in front of oneself if signs are allowed.
- Using props, costumes, or other items that do not block anyone's view or ability to hear, assuming they are allowed.
- Engaging with a speaker if the speaker chooses to be engaged.
- Wearing clothing with pictures or words.

Summary

Central is committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment for all expressive activities. By adhering to the outlined guidelines and engaging in open communication with the CRO, Student Affairs, and the Central Police Department, individuals and groups can ensure their protests and demonstrations are successful, respectful, and safe. Compliance with these policies not only protects the right to free speech but also ensures the safety and continuity of university operations.

University Policy - Postering-Painting-Advertising

June 20, 2024

Rationale and Purpose

Postering, painting and advertising are all applications utilized by students, faculty, and staff to promote activities or provide expressions. Central Connecticut State University is committed to fostering an environment of coordinated open communication, thereby maintaining operational continuity. This process provides clear expectations and guidelines for safe and respectful postering and expressive activities. We encourage individuals and groups planning to utilize Central as a site for expressive activities to reach out to the Central Reservations Office, Student Affairs and Human Resources prior to initiating an activity related to postering, painting or advertising.

Approval is required for all activities related to postering, painting and advertising with a few exceptions inside personal space, residential rooms, and private offices. To ensure that your activity is not in violation of this policy it is strongly recommended to check with the appropriate office prior to any activities commencing.

Application and Administrative Process Postering-Painting-Advertising

Posting-Painting-Advertising requires university approval when planning to utilize any outside locations on campus. This includes but is not limited to, poles, windows, electronic monitors, garages, the exterior of all buildings, vehicles, equipment, lawns, and pavement.

Locations that are inside an individual's residence hall are permissible and must be in alignment with the student code of conduct. Locations that are inside faculty or staff offices are permissible and must be in alignment with Human Resource guidelines. All other locations inside of university buildings require an administrative process that provides an authorized approval. Guidelines on the authorization process can be reviewed in this document. Any unauthorized displays will be removed immediately. Those responsible for initiating the posting activity will be in violation of university policy and referred to the appropriate office on campus.

Guidelines for Postering

- The maximum size for posters placed on campus is 22 inches by 28 inches.

- A copy of the poster must be submitted with the request. Any changes to the messaging will null and void any decisions previously made.
- No posters or flyers are allowed on windows or doors in any building.
- Posters must be placed on tiled areas or approved bulletin boards only; all others will be removed.
- Posters on tiled areas should be secured by tape only, and by thumbtacks on bulletin boards. Those that fall will be discarded.
- Posters must be removed the day after the advertised event date.
- Club or Department name must appear on the poster.
- Posters to be displayed in various areas must be approved as follows:
 - Student Center (11 by 17 inches maximum)
 - Memorial Hall (11 by 17 inches maximum)
 - Hilltop Café' (11 by 17 inches maximum)
 - Elihu Burritt Library
 - Welte Hall
 - Kaiser Hall
 - Davidson Hall
 - Marcus White
 - East Hall
 - Central Welcome Center
 - Request through CRO/Building Director
 - Reviewed by Student Affairs / COO / Building Director
 - All Academic Buildings in Hallways
 - Dean or Request through CRO
 - All Academic Buildings in Classrooms (Academic Material Only)
 - Departmental Chair
 - Residence Halls
 - Office of the Director of Residence Life (Mid-Campus)
 - Outside locations and Garages for all Posters, Banners, Lawn Signs, Sidewalk Chalk
 - Request through CRO
 - Reviewed by Student Affairs / COO

Please note: No outside organization shall place posters on campus without written permission from the Chief Operations Officer. No unauthorized or unsolicited handbills, posters, notices, or other similar devices of a temporary nature are to be displayed on the interior or exterior of any campus building, glass windows, doors, parked cars, trees, telephone poles, grounds, etc. on university property. Any unauthorized displays will be removed immediately. Those responsible for initiating the posting activity will be in violation of university policy and referred to the appropriate office on campus.

Guidelines for Painting

- Painting, Artwork, Murals, Decals, Graphics, Chalking and Sculptures all require a written approval before being displayed.
 - A request for any such activity requires a written request directed to the COO and Office of Facilities Management.

- A copy of the artwork must be submitted with the request. Any changes to the artwork will null and void any decisions previously made.
- Artwork will be reviewed to ensure it aligns with Title IX, OEI, Academic and Branding Guidelines.
- Initial approvals will also be forward to the Facilities Planning Committee for final approval before being displayed.
- The standard duration of any approved artwork will be two concurrent semesters.
- The costs and funds associated with the creation and the removal of the artwork must be identified when submitting a request.

Please note: No outside organization shall display artwork on campus without written permission from the Chief Operations Officer. No unauthorized artwork is to be displayed on the interior or exterior of any campus building, glass windows, doors, parked cars, trees, telephone poles, grounds, etc. on university property. Any unauthorized displays will be removed immediately. Those responsible for initiating the posting activity will be in violation of university policy and referred to the appropriate office on campus.

Guidelines for Advertising

- Advertising with university message boards, e-mails, university social media or university electronic platforms requires an official request and approval. These platforms are for university business and with an approval shall be utilized by student's faculty and staff. These platforms shall not be utilized for the promotion of outside events.
 - All requests must be submitted to Marketing and Communications with the following information.
 - Content
 - Sponsor: Student, Faculty, Staff, Organization
 - Sponsor contact information.
 - Attached confirmation from CRO if advertising is for an event.
 - Funding source for costs associated with advertising.
 - Guidelines for requester
 - Submit a Jot Form (advance notice is 3 weeks minimum from date of event if no design is required)
 - Submit content with design.
 - Delivery mode
 - Dates, Times, and Duration
 - Contact Information to answer public questions

Rights & Responsibilities



Administrative Statement of Action in Case of Campus Disruption

The President of the University as the Chief Executive Officer will not allow any groups of students to take over buildings, disrupt, forcibly interfere with the workings of this University, or infringe upon the rights of others. While a sincere respect for the opinions of each person associated with this University will be maintained, and while normal procedures will be followed, if there be no alternative in protecting the rights and safety of the faculty and students and the property of the University; appropriate law enforcement agencies and the full authority of the judiciary will be utilized. Order must be maintained on campus to ensure that the goals expressed in the preamble to the “Student Code of Conduct and Statement of Disciplinary Procedures” can be achieved.

The University will view the involvement of any faculty member or student in a campus disruption as a violation of the accepted standards of behavior and handle each case individually according to current policies and procedures. At present, students will be subject to the policies and procedures described in the Central Connecticut State University’s “Statement of Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities of Students” and faculty members will be subject to the policies and procedures established by the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Universities.

The Board of Regents “Policy Resolution on Campus Freedom and Order” appears below: Be it Resolved:

That the Board of Regents—

1. Affirms and supports for the University the concepts of freedom of thought, inquiry, speech, and lawful assembly;

2. Affirms the rights of individuals and groups in the Universities to assemble, to dissent, to picket, and to demonstrate on the University campuses within the limits of administrative guidelines or regulations; and
3. Affirms the right of all individuals and groups at all times to pursue their normal activities within the Universities and to be protected from physical injury or property damage.

Be it further resolved: That the Board of Regents for State Universities hereby declares that the following are forms of conduct contrary to the purposes and wellbeing of the State Universities and are prohibited. Such conduct provides grounds for disciplinary proceedings leading to probation, suspension, or expulsion, and to resort to enforcement agencies when necessary.

1. Interfering with the freedom of any person to express his or her views, including invited speakers;
2. Disrupting the orderly conduct of instruction, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other University activities;
3. Interfering, in any manner whatsoever, with the access to or exit from any University campus or the buildings, classrooms, libraries, meeting rooms, offices, or other premises which are duly open to members of the campus community or to other persons;
4. Occupying or utilizing without authorization any building or facility or portion thereof;
5. Damaging or destroying property or removing or using such property without authorization;
6. Possession of firearms or any other dangerous weapons on University premises except by authorized personnel;
7. Physically restraining or detaining any person or removing such person from any place where he or she is authorized or otherwise free to remain; and
8. Failing to comply with directions of University officials acting in performance of their duties.

Alcoholic Beverages - Policies & Regulations

These regulations and policies are enacted pursuant to the Board of Regents resolution regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Connecticut State University campuses, as adopted on November 3, 1972 and revised in May 1980 and June 1986.

General — The possession, consumption, and sale of alcoholic beverages on property under the control of Central Connecticut State University shall be in accord of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as any regulation promulgated by the State Liquor Commission and/or by Central Connecticut State University.

Central Residence Halls — Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages within residence hall rooms is not permissible. The use of “social fund money” for the purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Alcohol is not permitted in offices. In residence halls, alcohol is permitted only in designated areas (James Hall suites/Gallaudet Hall - rooms). Please refer to the [Student Guide to On-Campus Living](#).

Alcoholic Beverage Order Approval — an Alcoholic Beverage Order Approval signed by the President of the University or Chief Operations Officer is required for any social event if alcohol is to be consumed. The approval request form and complete policy guidelines can be obtained from the Central Reservations Office at the Student Center and must be requested by a faculty member, administrator or staff member.

Central Buildings & Grounds — The possession, sale, distribution and/or Consumption of alcoholic beverages anywhere on campus is prohibited unless granted by the University President or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at any Intercollegiate and/or Intramural Athletic Activity - The possession, sale, distribution and use of alcoholic beverages at indoor and outdoor athletic contests are prohibited except when approved for use in writing by the President or Vice President of Operations.

Alcohol Awareness — A program to create an awareness of alcohol use and abuse engendering responsible alcohol use and informing students of the University Alcohol Policy shall be included in First-year Orientation.

BYOB — “Bring Your Own Bottle” functions are prohibited anywhere on or off the campus.

Alcohol Permits — Alcoholic permits sanctioned by Connecticut General Statute(s) are not allowed.

Use of Student Activity Funds — Purchase of alcoholic beverages from Student Activity Fund sources is prohibited.

Religious Services — The use of wines in traditional religious services held on campus is permitted.

Those found in violation of these policies and regulations will be subject to administrative disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution.

Supplemental Information

- Alcohol is not permitted in residence hall rooms or offices.
- The illegal (underage) use of alcohol is not permitted in any building or on the grounds of the campus.
- The possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs (controlled substances) at the University is strictly prohibited.
- Students who violate these policies may be subject to campus, civil, and possibly federal laws and disciplinary actions.
- The University has made a strong commitment to a campus environment that supports the development of a healthy lifestyle. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs are inappropriate behaviors and inconsistent with the goals of this University. The use of alcohol and other drugs leads to many health risks. It is important to be aware of these risks.

- The Office of Wellness Education has prepared information on health risks associated with alcohol and drug use.
- The University extends a hand of support to our students through an informal and formal network of student services: the Student Assistance Program, Campus Ministry, Student Wellness Services/Health Service, and Counseling Center.
- Alcohol usage may be permitted in an Executive Office if it is in conjunction with a donor or University event that has received necessary permission.

A final note to our students: The University is concerned about your health and welfare because you represent Connecticut's current and future work force and leadership. We want you to be successful in the classroom and out in the work force. We want you to have a healthy and productive life. Part of our contribution to that life is to build a campus environment that supports and promotes good health. Our policies and services are founded on this principle.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Rollerblades, Roller-Skates & Mopeds

These devices must be ridden in a careful and prudent manner, with reasonable regard for the safety of the operator and other persons. Skateboards, scooters, rollerblades and roller-skates are specifically prohibited within the parking garages of the University.

Bicycles: Bicycle operators are reminded that while riding on roads or highways they are to keep to the right side of the roadway and that they are subject to the same traffic regulations governing the operation of vehicles (e.g., stop signs, traffic lights, and one-way street designations). Except for bicycles operated by employees of the Central Police Department in the performance of duty, the operation of bicycles within parking garages and other Central buildings is prohibited.

Security: No bicycle or moped may be parked in any University building, nor shall any moped or bicycle be chained, tied, or affixed in any manner to a railing adjacent to a sidewalk or stairs leading to a building or any other portion of the building that is used for entrance or egress. The University reserves the right to remove any bicycle/moped parked in this manner and shall have the right to cut or physically remove any locking device attached to the bicycle/moped in order to remove it for the safety of pedestrians and/or violation of State fire codes. The University assumes no responsibility for replacement of any locking device, nor does the University assume any responsibility for real or assumed damage to bicycles/moped during removal/storage operations.

Warning Devices: All bicycles should be equipped with a horn or bell while being operated on campus. Bicycles being operated during the hours of darkness must also be equipped with a light on the front of the bicycle and a reflector on the rear.

Mopeds: For the purpose of these regulations, "mopeds" shall follow the same rules as bicycles. However, the operator must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid operator's license.

Penalties: In lieu of or in addition to the fines cited in section 8.1 above, anyone found damaging University property as a result of violating these policies may be charged under applicable State Statutes. Violators who are not affiliated with the University as students or employees may be charged with a trespassing offense under applicable State statutes.

Children on Campus

Central does not permit unattended children (this includes infants and toddlers) at any University location, including in a vehicle parked at our parking facilities. Students with children are not permitted to bring their children to class and are expected to arrange for childcare services off campus or, if eligible, at the Central Child Care Drop-In center.

The Central Drop-In Child Care Center provides high-quality, meaningful, and developmentally appropriate educational experiences for children ages 3-12 years old, that is easily accessible. For more information please visit: <https://www.ccsu.edu/childcare>.

For those that require accommodations for lactation, there are multiple designated locations on campus. For more information please visit: <https://www.ccsu.edu/womenscenter/lactation-room-locations>

Commitment to Civility

As a Central Connecticut State University student:

- It is in my own best interest to help create a world, a community, and a campus of compassion, equality, and justice for all people.
- It is my responsibility to help build a community that fosters mutual respect and a safe environment for all human beings regardless of race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, and socioeconomic status.
- It is my moral obligation to behave in ways that contribute to a civil campus environment, and I resolve to support this behavior in others.
- I therefore commit myself to actively work towards these goals in my daily life. This is my commitment to Central Connecticut State University.

Computer Use Policy

This Policy governs the Acceptable and Responsible Use of Information Technology and Resources of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU). Information Technology (IT) resources are a valuable asset to be used and managed responsibly to ensure their integrity, security, and availability for appropriate academic and administrative use.

The usage of CSCU IT resources is a privilege dependent upon appropriate use. Users of CSCU IT resources are responsible for using IT resources in accordance with CSCU policies and the law. Individuals who violate CSCU policy or the law regarding the use of IT resources are subject to loss of access to IT resources as well as additional CSCU disciplinary and/or legal action.

Please refer to the following website for additional information: www.ct.edu/files/it/BOR_IT-001.pdf

Disability Discrimination Policy

Central Connecticut State University is committed to the goal of providing an accessible campus and equal educational opportunity and full participation for persons with disabilities. To that end,

this statement of policy is written to ensure that no qualified person be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity at the University.

Complaints and Appeal Procedures

Any student who disagrees with the academic accommodation(s) or other services that have been determined should first speak to the Director of the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) as soon as possible. The student should express their concerns and be prepared to offer alternative solutions. If after consulting with the OAS Director the student is still not satisfied regarding the proposed accommodation(s) or the provision of accommodation(s), the student should submit a detailed, written appeal addressed to the Director within 10 business days of the decision. Within a reasonable time, a meeting will then be arranged between the student and the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee for a resolution. If the student remains dissatisfied with the decision, he/she may file a formal complaint with the Office of Equity & Inclusion.

<http://www.ccsu.edu/diversity/ada.html>.

Should the student still be dissatisfied with the outcome, they may file a formal complaint with the Office for Equity and Inclusion. More information can be found at [www.ccsu.edu/diversity/ada](<http://www.ccsu.edu/diversity/ada>).

Please note that the University is obligated and committed to providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations to ensure that qualified students with disabilities have equal access to all University programs, services, and activities.

Complaints With Other Central Departments or Programs: It is the practice of AS that a student should first try to resolve issues with academic programs or other activities concerning his/her AS approved accommodations with the University employee representing the department offering the academic program or activity. If unable to resolve the implementation of his/her AS approved accommodations, a student should report any complaints to the Director of AS. If the student believes that the AS Director's efforts to resolve the complaint have been unsuccessful, he/she may file a detailed, written appeal addressed to the Director within 10 business days of the AS Director's last effort at resolution of the complaint. Within a reasonable time, a meeting will then be arranged between the student and the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee for a resolution. If the student remains dissatisfied with the decision, he/she may file a formal complaint with the Office for Equity & Inclusion.

www.ccsu.edu/diversity/ada

Interim Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, And Title IX Policy

1. Statement of Policy

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities ("CSCU") is committed to providing an educational and employment environment that is free from discrimination and/or harassment based on protected characteristics, and/or retaliation, including retaliation under applicable federal and state laws for engaging in protected activity. To ensure compliance with federal, state, and local civil rights laws and regulations, and to affirm its commitment to promoting the

goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of its education program or activity, CSCU has developed this Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy (the “Policy”) that provides for a prompt, fair, and impartial resolution of allegations of protected characteristic discrimination, harassment, and/or allegations of retaliation. CSCU values and upholds the equal dignity of all members of its community and strives to balance the rights of all individuals when resolving allegations during what is often a difficult time for all involved.

2. *Definitions*

- **College or University.** Any of the institutions within CSCU, including Central Connecticut State University, Charter Oak State College, Connecticut State Community College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, and Western Connecticut State University.
- **Complainant.** A student or employee who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation under this Policy; or a person other than a student or employee who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation under this Policy and who was participating or attempting to participate in CSCU’s education program or activity at the time of the alleged discrimination, harassment and/or retaliation.
- **Complaint.** An oral or written request to CSCU that can objectively be understood as a request for CSCU to investigate and make a determination about allegations of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation under this Policy.
- **CSCU.** The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, which includes the CSCU system office, and any and all specific Colleges or Universities within the CSCU. For purposes of this Policy, the term “CSCU” could mean the CSCU system or any College or University interchangeably.
- **Education Programs and Activities.** Locations, events, or circumstances in which CSCU exercises substantial control over both the Respondent and the context in which the conduct occurred.
- **Informal Resolution.** A resolution to a Report or Complaint agreed to by the Parties and CSCU that occurs prior to a final determination in the Resolution Process. • Parties. The Complainant(s) and Respondent(s), collectively.
- **Protected Characteristic.** Any characteristic for which a person is afforded protection against discrimination and/or harassment by law or CSCU Policy.
- **Report.** When a faculty, staff, student, or third party informs CSCU of conduct that reasonably may constitute discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation under this Policy.
- **Resolution Process.** The investigation and resolution, including informal resolution, of allegations of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation under this Policy.
- **Respondent.** A person who is alleged to have engaged in conduct that could constitute discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation for engaging in protected activity under this Policy.
- **Supportive Measures.** Non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate and reasonably available. They are offered, without fee or charge to the Parties, to restore or preserve access to CSCU’s education program or activity, including measures designed to protect the safety of all Parties and/or the

CSCU educational environment and/or to deter discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation.

- **Title IX/Equity Coordinator.** At least one official designated by a College or University to ensure compliance with Title IX and other federal and state civil rights laws and institutional compliance with this Policy. References to the Title IX/Equity Coordinator throughout this Policy may include the Title IX/Equity Coordinator's designee.

3. Notice of Nondiscrimination

CSCU complies with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, including retaliation for engaging in protected activity, in public post-secondary education institutions. CSCU does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission on the basis of actual or perceived age, ancestry, color, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information and/or family medical history, intellectual disability, learning disability, parental, family or marital status, past or present history of mental disability, physical disability, pregnancy or related conditions, race or national origin, religion or creed, sex, sexual orientation, veteran or military status, arrest and/or criminal conviction status, lawful source of income, citizenship or immigration status, or any other protected characteristic under applicable local, state, or federal law, including protections for those opposing discrimination or participating in any grievance process within the institution, with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and/or the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ("CHRO").

This Policy prohibits discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation in access to employment and/or educational opportunities. Therefore, any act by CSCU or a member of the CSCU community that denies, deprives, unreasonably interferes with or limits a person's education or employment, residential, and/or social access, benefits, and/or opportunity based upon that person's actual or perceived protected characteristic(s), is in violation of this Policy. CSCU will promptly and effectively address any such discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation when it has knowledge and/or notice of it using procedures promulgated pursuant to this Policy.

4. Key CSCU Contacts

CSCU has identified the Executive Director of EEO and Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator to coordinate the System's compliance with federal, state, and other civil rights laws and policies.

Each College or University has identified a Title IX/Equity Coordinator to coordinate civil rights compliance and the Resolution Process. The Vice-President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion serves as the Title IX/Equity Coordinator for Connecticut State Community College ("CCSC"). Each CSCC campus has a Deputy Title IX/Equity Coordinator to support civil rights compliance and programming for their institution.

Collectively, these individuals are responsible for providing comprehensive nondiscrimination education and training; coordinating a timely, thorough, and fair Resolution Process of all alleged prohibited conduct under this Policy; and monitoring the effectiveness of this Policy and

related procedures to ensure that CSCU's education and employment environments are free from discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation.

5. *Applicability and Jurisdiction*

This Policy applies to all faculty, staff, employees, students (as currently defined in the BOR/CSCU Student Code of Conduct), and other individuals participating in or attempting to participate in the CSCU's education programs and activities, including but not limited to contractors, vendors, visitors, guests, or other third parties. This Policy may be applied to incidents, patterns or practices, and/or institutional culture/climate, all of which may be addressed in accordance with this Policy. This Policy applies to the CSCU's education programs and activities, circumstances where CSCU has disciplinary authority, and to misconduct occurring within any building owned or controlled by an officially recognized student organization (as defined in the BOR/CSCU Student Code of Conduct).

This Policy shall apply on and off CSCU campus property, at CSCU-sponsored activities, and at activities conducted by officially recognized student organizations. This also applies to conduct that occurs online and through other forms of electronic communication and social media. CSCU is more likely to exercise jurisdiction off-campus if the conduct poses a threat to anyone's health, safety, or security, could negatively affect the mission or reputation of CSCU, poses a threat of undermining CSCU's educational process, involves an alleged violation of local, state or federal law, or if CSCU is required to do so by law.

This Policy applies to alleged incidents of discrimination, harassment, sex-based harassment, and/or retaliation that occur after August 1, 2024. For alleged incidents of sexual misconduct occurring prior to August 1, 2024, CSCU shall apply the policies promulgated by the Board of Regents at the time the alleged incident occurred, and procedures promulgated pursuant to those policies. All policies and procedures may be obtained by contacting the Executive Director of EEO and Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator.

For disciplinary action to be issued under this Policy, the Respondent must be a CSCU faculty member, staff, or student subject to CSCU's disciplinary authority. If the Respondent is unknown or is not a member of CSCU, the Title IX/Equity Coordinator will offer to assist the Complainant in identifying appropriate campus and local resources and support options and will implement appropriate supportive measures and/or remedial actions (e.g., trespassing a person from campus). The Title IX/Equity Coordinator can also assist in contacting local or campus law enforcement if the Complainant would like to file a police report about criminal conduct.

When a Respondent is enrolled in or employed by another institution, the Title IX/Equity Coordinator may assist the Complainant in contacting the appropriate individual at that institution, as it may be possible for the Complainant to pursue action under that institution's policies.

Similarly, the Title IX/Equity Coordinator may be able to assist and support a student, faculty, or staff Complainant who experiences discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation in an externship, study abroad program, or other environment external to CSCU where harassment and/or nondiscrimination policies and procedures of the facilitating or host organization may

give the Complainant recourse. If there are effects of that external conduct that impact a CSCU faculty, staff, or student's work or educational environment, those effects may be addressed remedially by the Title IX/Equity Coordinator, if brought to their attention.

6. Prohibited Conduct

CSCU faculty, staff, and students are entitled to an employment and educational environment that is free of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation. This Policy is not meant to inhibit or prohibit educational content or discussions inside or outside of the classroom that include germane, but controversial or sensitive subject matters protected by the First Amendment or principles of academic freedom. When speech or conduct may be protected by the First Amendment and/or academic freedom, including speech in a public setting and/or speech that is also motivated by political or religious belief, CSCU may nevertheless have an obligation to respond and offer supportive measures for those impacted.

CSCU may communicate its opposition to stereotypical, derogatory opinions; provide counseling and support for students affected by such harassment; or take steps to establish a welcoming and respectful campus environment, which could include making clear that CSCU values the diversity and inclusion of individuals of all backgrounds across the entire CSCU system.

All definitions of prohibited conduct below encompass actual and/or attempted offenses. Violation of any other CSCU policies may constitute discrimination or harassment when motivated by actual or perceived protected characteristic(s), and the result is a limitation or denial of employment or educational access, benefits, or opportunities.

- A. Discrimination is different treatment with respect to an individual's employment or participation in an education program or activity based, in whole or in part, upon the individual's actual or perceived protected characteristic. Discrimination also includes allegations of a failure to provide reasonable accommodations as required by law or policy, such as for disability, religion, or creed. Discrimination can take two primary forms:
 - Disparate Treatment Discrimination: Any intentional differential treatment of a person or persons that is based on an individual's actual or perceived protected characteristic and that excludes an individual from participation in; denies the individual benefits of; or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of an individual's participation in a CSCU program or activity.
 - Disparate Impact Discrimination: Disparate impact occurs when policies or practices that appear to be neutral unintentionally result in a disproportionate impact on a protected group or person that excludes an individual from participation in; denies the individual benefits of; or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of an individual's participation in a CSCU program or activity
- B. Discriminatory Harassment is unwelcome conduct based on actual or perceived protected characteristic(s), that based on the totality of the circumstances, is subjectively and objectively offensive, and issue severe, persistent, or pervasive, that it limits or denies a

person's ability to participate in or benefit from a CSCU program or activity.

- C. Sex-based Harassment is a form of sex discrimination and means sexual harassment and other harassment based on sex,⁴ including sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity; sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
- Quid pro quo: an employee agent, or other person authorized by CSCU, to provide an aid, benefit, or service under a CSCU program or activity, explicitly or impliedly conditioning the provision of such aid, benefit, or service, on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.
 - Hostile Environment Harassment: unwelcome sex-based conduct, that based on the totality of the circumstances, is subjectively and objectively offensive, and is so severe or pervasive, that it limits or denies a person's ability to participate in or benefit from the CSCU's education program or activity.
 - Sexual Assault: Any sexual act, including Rape, Sodomy, Sexual Assault with an Object, or Fondling directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent; also, unlawful sexual intercourse.
 - a. **Rape:** Penetration, without the consent of the Complainant, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
 - b. **Sodomy:** Oral or anal penetration, of the Complainant by the Respondent, without the consent of the Complainant, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of their age or, because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
 - c. **Sexual Assault with an Object:** Respondent's use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of the Complainant, without the consent of the Complainant, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
 - d. **Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts (breasts, buttocks, groin) of the Complainant by the Respondent or causing the Complainant to touch the Respondent's private body parts intentionally for a sexual purpose without the consent of the Complainant, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity or physical incapacity.
 - e. **Incest:** Nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by Connecticut law.
 - f. **Statutory Rape:** Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent in Connecticut.

- D. **Dating Violence:** Violence⁵ committed by a Respondent, who is in or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: length of the relationship, type of relationship, and/or frequency of the interaction between the Parties involved in the relationship.
- E. **Domestic Violence:** Felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a person who: is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant under the family or domestic violence laws of Connecticut, or a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant; is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner; shares a child in common with the Complainant; or commits acts against a youth or adult Complainant who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of Connecticut.
- F. **Stalking:** engaging in a course of conduct⁶ based on sex, that is directed at the Complainant that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety, or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.
- G. **Sexual exploitation** occurs when the Respondent takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for anyone's advantage or benefit other than the person being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the preceding offenses. Examples of behavior that could rise to the level of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:
- Sexual voyeurism (such as observing or allowing others to observe a person undressing or using the bathroom or engaging in sexual acts, without the consent of the person being observed)
 - Knowingly making an unwelcome disclosure of (or threatening to disclose) an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression
 - Taking pictures, video, or audio recording of another in a sexual act, or in any other sexually related activity when there is a reasonable expectation of privacy during the activity, without the consent of all involved in the activity; or exceeding the boundaries of consent (such as allowing another person to hide in a closet and observe sexual activity, or disseminating sexual pictures without the photographed person's consent), including the making or posting of nonconsensual pornography
 - Prostituting another person
 - Engaging in sexual activity with another person while knowingly infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or a sexually transmitted disease (STD) or infection (STI), without informing the other person of the virus, disease, or infection
 - Causing or attempting to cause the incapacitation of another person (through alcohol, drugs, or any other means) for the purpose of compromising that person's

ability to give consent to sexual activity, or for the purpose of making that person vulnerable to non-consensual sexual activity

- Misappropriation of another person’s identity on apps, websites, or other venues designed for dating or sexual connections (e.g., spoofing)
- Forcing a person to take an action against that person’s will by threatening to show, post, or share information, video, audio, or an image that depicts the person’s nudity or sexual activity
- Knowingly soliciting a minor for sexual activity
- Engaging in sex trafficking
- Knowingly creating, possessing, or disseminating child sexual abuse images or recordings
- Creating or disseminating synthetic media, including images, videos, or audio representations of individuals doing or saying sexually-related things that never happened, or placing identifiable real people in fictitious pornographic or nude situations without their consent (i.e., Deepfakes)
- Creating or disseminating images or videos of child sexual abuse material

H. **Retaliation:** Adverse action, including intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, against any person, by the CSCU, any student, employee, or a person authorized by CSCU to provide aid, benefit, or service under CSCU’s education programs or activities, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by law or Policy, or because the person has engaged in protected activity, including reporting information, making a Complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating or refusing to participate in any manner in an investigation or Resolution Process pursuant to this Policy, including an informal resolution, or in any other appropriate steps taken by CSCU to promptly and effectively end any discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation in its education programs or activities, prevent its recurrence, and/or remedy its effects.

I. **Unauthorized Disclosure:** Distributing or otherwise publicizing materials created or produced during an investigation or Resolution Process except as required by law or as expressly permitted by CSCU; or publicly disclosing a party’s personally identifiable information without authorization or consent.

As used in this Policy, the following definition (and concepts) apply:

Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative and clear words or actions, which indicate a willingness to voluntarily participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is

incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs both voluntarily or involuntarily consumed may not give consent. Past consent to sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent. Consent can also be withdrawn once given, if the withdrawal is reasonably and clearly communicated. If consent is withdrawn, sexual activity should cease within a reasonably immediate time.

Consent cannot be given if any of the following are present: Force, Coercion, or Incapacitation.

- A. **Force** is the use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. Force also includes threats, intimidation (implied threats), and/or coercion that overcome resistance.
- B. **Coercion** is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercion is more than an effort to persuade, entice, or attract another person to have sex. Conduct does not constitute coercion unless it wrongfully impairs an individual's freedom of will to choose whether to participate in sexual activity.
- C. **Incapacitation** is a state where an individual cannot make rational, reasonable decisions due to the debilitating use of alcohol and/or other drugs, sleep, unconsciousness, or because of a disability that prevents the individual from having the capacity to give consent. Intoxication is not incapacitation, and a person is not incapacitated merely because the person has been drinking or using drugs. Incapacitation due to alcohol and/or drug consumption results from ingestion that is more severe than impairment, being under the influence, drunkenness, or intoxication. The question of incapacitation will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Being intoxicated or incapacitated by drugs, alcohol, or other medication will not be a defense to any violation of this Policy.

7. **Reports/Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment and/or Retaliation**

A Report provides notice to CSCU of an allegation or concern about discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation and provides an opportunity for the Title IX/Equity Coordinator to provide information, resources, and supportive measures. A Complaint provides notice to CSCU that the Complainant would like to initiate an investigation or other appropriate resolution procedures. An individual may initially make a Report and may decide at a later time to make a Complaint. Reporting options are detailed in procedures promulgated pursuant to this Policy; however, Reports or Complaints of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation may be made by making a verbal or written Report or Complaint to the Title IX/Equity Coordinator.

Reporting carries no obligation to initiate a Complaint, and in most situations, CSCU may be able to respect a Complainant's request to not initiate the Resolution Process. However, there

may be circumstances, such as pattern behavior, allegations of severe misconduct, or a compelling threat to health and/or safety, where CSCU may need to initiate the Resolution Process.

8. Mandated Reporting and Confidential Employees

All CSCU employees (including student-employees), other than those deemed Confidential Employees below, are Mandated Reporters and are expected to promptly report all known details of actual or suspected discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation to the Title IX/Equity Coordinator immediately.

Complainants and other individuals should consider whether they share personally identifiable details with Mandated Reporters, as those details must be shared with the Title IX/Equity Coordinator. A Complainant who desires formal action in response to their allegations may report to any Mandated Reporter, who can connect them with resources to report alleged crimes and/or Policy violations, and Mandated Reporters will immediately notify the Title IX/Equity Coordinator (and/or police, if desired by the individual or required by law), who will act when an incident is reported to them.

CSCU makes every effort to preserve the Parties' privacy. Information related to a Report or Complaint will be shared with a limited number of CSCU employees who "need to know" in order to assist in providing supportive measures or evaluating, investigating, or resolving a Report or Complaint. All employees who are involved in the CSCU's procedures under this Policy receive specific training and guidance about sharing and safeguarding private information in accordance with federal and state law. CSCU will not share the identity of any individual who has made a Report or Complaint; any Complainant; any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation; any Respondent; or any witness, except as permitted by, or to fulfill the purposes, of applicable laws and regulations (e.g., Title IX), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, or as required by law; including any investigation, or resolution proceeding arising under this Policy.

Confidential Employees. To enable individuals to access support and resources without filing a Complaint, CSCU has designated specific employees as Confidential Employees. Those designated by CSCU as Confidential Employees for purposes of this Policy are not required to report actual or suspected discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation in a way that identifies the reporting individual. They will, however, provide individuals with the Title IX/Equity Coordinator's contact information and offer options and resources without any obligation to inform an outside agency or the Title IX/Equity Coordinator unless an individual has requested the information be shared.

There are three categories of Confidential Employees: 1) Those with confidentiality bestowed by law or professional ethics, such as lawyers, medical professionals, clergy, and

counselors; 2) Those whom CSCU has specifically designated as confidential for purposes of providing support and resources to the individual; and 3) Those conducting human subjects research as part of a study approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). For those in category 1), above, to be able to respect confidentiality, they must be in a confidential relationship with reporting individual, such that they are within the scope of their licensure, professional ethics, or confidential role at the time of receiving the report. These individuals will maintain confidentiality except in extreme cases of health or safety emergencies, immediacy of threat or danger or abuse of a minor, elder, or individual with a disability, or when required to disclose by law or court order.

If a Complainant would like the details of an incident to be kept confidential, they may speak with the following Confidential Employees:

- Campus-based counseling center staff
- Campus-based health center staff
- Any clergy affiliated with a College or University
- Ombudspersons • On-campus victim advocates
- Sports medicine staff/Athletic trainers

In addition, a Complainant may speak with individuals unaffiliated with CSCU without concern that Policy will require them to disclose information to the CSCU without permission such as: licensed professional counselors and other medical providers, local rape crisis counselors, domestic violence resources, local or state assistance agencies, clergy/chaplains, attorneys.

9. Supportive Measures

The Title IX/Equity Coordinator will offer and implement appropriate and reasonable supportive measures to individuals in response to reports of alleged discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate and reasonably available. They are offered, without fee or charge to the Parties, to restore or preserve access to CSCU's education program or activity, including measures designed to protect the safety of all individuals and/or the educational environment and/or to deter discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation.

10. Standard of Proof

CSCU uses the preponderance of the evidence standard of proof when determining whether this Policy has been violated. This means that the CSCU will decide whether it is more likely than not based upon the available information at the time of the decision, that an individual is in violation of this Policy.

11. Time Limits on Reporting

There is no time limitation on providing Reports or Complaints to a Title IX/Equity Coordinator. However, if an individual is no longer subject to the CSCU's jurisdiction and/or significant time has passed, the ability to investigate, respond, and/or provide remedies may be more limited or impossible. Acting on Reports or Complaints significantly impacted by the passage of time (including, but not limited to, the rescission or revision of Policy) is at CSCU's discretion; they may document allegations for future reference, offer supportive measures and/or remedies, and/or engage in informal or formal action, as appropriate.

12. Bias and Conflicts of Interest

Title IX/Equity Coordinators are expected to act without bias and conflicts of interest. Title IX/Equity Coordinators are trained to ensure they are not biased for or against any individual in a specific Complaint, or for or against Complainants and/or Respondents, generally.

To raise any concern involving bias, conflict of interest, misconduct, or discrimination by a Title IX/Equity Coordinator, contact the Executive Director of EEO and Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator. Concerns of bias, conflict of interest, misconduct, or discrimination by other individuals involved in administering this Policy should be raised with the Title IX/Equity Coordinator.

13. External Agency Contact Information

Concerns about the CSCU's application of this Policy and compliance with federal or state civil rights laws may also be addressed to the agencies below. Making a Report or Complaint under this Policy has no bearing on reporting to an external enforcement agency. Individuals may concurrently make reports to law enforcement, external enforcement agencies, and any other entity as appropriate to their circumstances.

Contact information for state and federal agencies where one can report discrimination, harassment, retaliation and/or sexual misconduct in the workplace or educational environment are provided below. Individuals should contact these agencies directly for information on the respective reporting process, reporting timelines, and other matters.

United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building
Government Center, Room 475
Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3200

United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20202-1100
(800) 421-3481
Facsimile: (202) 453-6012
TDD#: (877) 521-2172
Email: OCR@ed.gov
Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) (Boston office)
33 Arch Street, Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 289-0111

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001
(202) 514-3847 or (855) 856-1247
(TTY) (202) 514-0716

Offices of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 2, Hartford, CT 06103; (860) 566-7710
100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360; (860) 886-5703
55 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Waterbury, CT 06702; (203) 805-6530
350 Fairfield Avenue, 6th Floor, Bridgeport, CT 06604; (203) 579-6246

Connecticut Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, Equity & Opportunity
18-20 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 240-1424

State of Connecticut: Employee Grievance Procedure
(contact the College or University Human Resources Office or union representative for
Grievance forms and/or procedures) 200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 566-3450

14. Revision of this Policy

This Policy succeeds previous policies addressing discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, including Statement of Title IX Policy effective 7/29/2020, and/or retaliation, though previous policies and procedures related to sexual misconduct, including the Statement of Title IX Policy, remain in force for incidents occurring before August 1, 2024. The Executive Director of EEO and Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator is responsible for periodic review and

updates to this Policy, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel and other relevant CSCU stakeholders. The BOR reserves the right to revise this Policy as necessary.

This Policy is effective July 31, 2024.

Electronic Communications Policy

1. Introduction

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) encourages the use of electronic communications to share information and knowledge in support of CSCU mission and goals. To this end, CSCU provides and supports interactive, electronic communications resources and services.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Promote the use of electronic communication as an official means of communication within CSCU;
- Ensure that CSCU electronic communications resources are used for purposes appropriate to the CSCU mission and goals;
- Prevent disruptions to and misuse of CSCU electronic communications resources and services;
- Ensure that the CSCU community is aware that use of CSCU electronic communications resources is subject to state and federal laws and the CSCU policies;
- Ensure that electronic communications resources are used in compliance with those laws and the CSCU policies.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to:

- All electronic communications resources owned or managed by CSCU including the content of electronic communications, electronic attachments and transactional information associated with such communications;
- All electronic communications resources provided by CSCU through contracts and other agreements with CSCU;
- All users and uses of CSCU electronic communications resources; and other users of electronic communications resources provided by CSCU.

4. Policy Authority

This policy is issued by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the CSCU. For more details on the electronic communications policy please refer to the following website www.ct.edu/files/it/BOR_IT-002.pdf

Emergency Medical Treatment/Withdrawal Procedures

The following procedures will be in effect for students who exhibit behavior which is considered dangerous and/or life threatening:

- I. Central Police will be contacted. After consultation with appropriate Central staff (i.e.,

Residence Life), Central Police will determine if the student should be removed by medical transport to an appropriate treatment facility.

II. If a student's behavior results in removal by emergency transport, the student will not be permitted to return to the University until the following conditions are met:

- a. The student must present appropriate discharge papers to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for temporary re-admission to the residence halls and/or classes, during University hours.
- b. If a resident student is transported to a hospital emergency room by University action during off hours (after 5 pm or weekends), the student must present appropriate discharge papers to the Residential Life staff by 10 am the next morning.
- c. The student must meet with Student Affairs on the next business day in order to remain in residence and/or return to classes. The Vice President, or his/her designee within Student Affairs, will provide several options prior to clearing the temporary re-admissions to residence halls or classes:
 1. The student must be evaluated by Student Wellness Services for medical issue(s);
 2. The student must be evaluated by the Student Wellness Services for psychological/substance abuse issue(s);
 3. The student must participate in a Student Rights & Responsibilities hearing;
 4. The student must schedule future meetings with the Vice President or his/her designee.

III. If the Vice President or his/her designee requires a student to attend any or all of the options under section II, the staff or the area(s) will then review the documentation and make appropriate recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee. Such recommendations may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Further medical/psychiatric assessment or care, which includes continuing contact with the Student Wellness Services or other appropriate agencies.
- b. Based upon student's current medical/psychiatric condition, the individual may not be allowed to continue as a student.
- c. Other conditions as deemed necessary.

IV. **Interpretations**

Questions regarding the interpretation of this Code shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee for final determination. The interpretation accorded by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee shall be binding.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice and Directory Information Policy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the College or University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The College or University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the College or University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request amendment of an education record that the student believes is inaccurate. Students may ask an appropriate College or University official to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. However, FERPA is not intended to provide a process to question substantive judgments that are correctly recorded. Consequently, FERPA amendment requests do not allow a student to contest a grade in a course because the student believes that a higher grade should have been assigned.

To request amendment of an education record, the student should write to the official, clearly identifying the part of the record he or she wants changed and specifying why he/she believes it is inaccurate. The institution will notify the student of the decision. If the institution decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, a College or University official will advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. **The right to provide written consent before the College or University discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.** FERPA permits disclosure without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials who have a legitimate educational interest. A "school official" is a person employed by a College or University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the Board of Regents; an employee of the Board of Regents System Office; or, a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the College or University who performs an institutional service or function for which the College or University would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the College or University with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection

agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the College or University.

Upon request, the College or University also discloses education records to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll without the prior consent of, or notice to, the student.

FERPA also permits disclosure of education records without consent in connection with, but not limited to:

- To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena;
 - To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency;
 - In connection with a student's request for or receipt of financial aid, as necessary to determine the eligibility, amount or conditions of the financial aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid;
 - To certain officials of the U.S. Department of Education, the Comptroller General, to state and local educational authorities, in connection with certain state or federally supported education programs;
 - To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions;
 - To organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the College or University;
 - The results of an institutional disciplinary proceeding against the alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence to the alleged victim of that crime with respect to that crime.
 - Directory information as defined in the policy of the Board of Regents.
4. **The right to refuse to permit the College or University to release Directory Information** about the student, except to school officials with a legitimate educational interest and others as indicated in paragraph 3 above. To do so, a student exercising this right must notify the University's or College's Registrar, in writing. Once filed, this notification becomes a permanent part of the student's record until the student instructs the University or College, in writing, to remove it. A student may exercise his or her right to opt out of Directory Information, prohibiting disclosure of the student's information without the student's consent as noted in section 3, except however, that pursuant to the Solomon Amendment, military recruiters must be provided the same access to student information as is provided to nonmilitary recruiters.
5. **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Colleges to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the Office that Administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Directory Information Policy

Acknowledging that Directory Information is FERPA protected information that may be disclosed at the discretion of a College or University, it is the policy of the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities that disclosure of Directory Information is within the sole discretion of the College or University. Colleges and Universities may disclose Directory Information without the prior consent of the student only as provided herein.

The Board of Regents for Higher Education has designated the following as Directory Information:

For purposes of **access by school officials of the Colleges and Universities governed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education**, the following is designated as Directory Information:

- Student's legal name
- Permanent mailing address
- Month and day of birth
- Photographs
- Student identification number, User ID, or other unique identifier
- Email address
- Telephone number
- University or College previously attended or currently attending
- Dates of attendance
- Full vs. part-time student status
- Awards and honors
- Class standing/year
- Major, minor, concentration and/or program of study
- Degree(s)/Certificate(s) candidacy
- Degree(s)/Certificate(s) earned
- Previous Institutions attended
- Graduation expected/completion

For purposes of **access by military recruiters only**, the following is designated as Directory Information (Student Recruiting Information):

- Student's legal name
- Permanent mailing address
- Telephone number
- Age
- Place of birth
- Class standing/year
- Major and/or program of study
- Degrees received
- Most recent educational institution attended

For purposes of **participation in any recognized activity or sports**, the following is designated as Directory Information:

- Student's preferred name
- City and State of Residence
- Dates of attendance
- Class standing/Year
- Recognized activity or sport
- Team performance statistics
- Team position
- Photos and videos
- Awards
- Height and weight of athlete

For purposes of **disclosure to/access by the general public**, the following is designated as Directory Information:

- Student's preferred name
- Permanent mailing address
- Photographs
- Dates of attendance
- Major, minor, concentration and/or program of study
- Degree/Certificate candidacy
- Degree(s)/Certificate(s) earned
- Awards
- Full vs. Part-time status
- Anticipated graduation date
- Graduation date

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Free Speech on Campus

FREEDOM OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION AND LAWFUL ASSEMBLY AND SPEAKER AND EVENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (“CSCU”) supports the concepts of freedom of thought, inquiry, speech, and lawful assembly. It also supports the right of all individuals and groups at all times to pursue their normal activities at CSCU and to be protected from physical injury or property damage.

The purpose of these guidelines is to promote, instill and support habits of communication and character that will help CSCU be an inclusive community that encourages respect and learning. These guidelines are not intended to and do not restrict any individual’s ability to engage in all forms of lawfully protected personal speech. While the moral and legal concept of academic

freedom is undoubtedly connected to free speech, these guidelines do not address academic freedom nor do they intend to infringe upon faculty's or students' rights to academic freedom.

These guidelines are intended to complement existing CSCU policies, procedures, handbooks and guidelines, including the CSU Board of Trustees' Policy Resolution on Campus Freedom and Order, dated August 7, 1970.

DEFINITIONS

Community Members: Any employee of the CSCU institutions, including administrators, faculty, staff, temporary, and student employees; all CSCU institutions; any individual using institution or CSCU resources or facilities or receiving funds administered by the State; and volunteers and other representatives when speaking or acting on behalf of CSCU or any of its constituent institutions.

CSCU Institution or Campus: Includes four constituent Connecticut State Universities, Charter Oak State College, and the Connecticut State Community College comprised of twelve consolidated regional community colleges.

Institution Resources: Include but are not limited to the CSCU institution's name, logo, or other identifying mark, the CSCU institution's funds, facilities, office supplies, photo equipment, letterhead, telephones, fax machines, and computers; and the CSCU institution's information technology resources such as email, websites, social media and on-line discussion boards.

Institution Property: Buildings, grounds, and land that are owned by the CT Board of Regents for Higher Education or controlled by CSCU institutions via leases or other formal contractual arrangements to house ongoing CSCU operations.

Outside Entity(ies): Candidates, campaign or political organizations, not-for profits, and all other outside groups.

Student Organization: A student group that is recognized in accordance with any CSCU institution specific policies or practices.

1. Freedom of Speech

a. What is freedom of speech and what does it protect?

Freedom of speech is the right of a person to articulate opinions and ideas without interference or retaliation from the government. In this context, the term "speech" is not limited to spoken words; it may also include symbolic speech, such as what a person wears, reads, performs, or protests.

Freedom of speech is protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, as well as many state and federal laws. The United States has some of the strongest and broadest free-speech protections in the world. For instance, the First Amendment protects even speech that many would see as offensive or hateful.

b. Which types of speech are not protected by the First Amendment?

Generally, the First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech by default, but some exceptions do exist. Types of speech that are not protected by the First Amendment include the following:

- **Incitement of violence or lawless action:** There is no right to incite people to break the

law, including to commit action of violence. For an action to constitute incitement, there must be a substantial likelihood of imminent illegal activity and the speech must be directed to causing imminent illegal activity. For example, a speaker on a CSCU campus who encourages the audience to engage in acts of vandalism and destruction of institution property or resources is not protected by the First Amendment if there is a substantial likelihood of imminent illegal activity.

- **True Threats:** Speech where a person reasonably would perceive as an immediate threat to his or her physical safety is not protected by the First Amendment. The speaker does not have to act on his or her words (e.g., commit a violent act) in order to communicate a true threat. For example, if a group of students yelled at a student in a menacing way that would cause the student to fear a physical assault, such speech would not be protected.
- **Fighting Words:** Speech that is personally or individually abusive and is likely to incite imminent physical retaliation. Fighting words are those personally abusive epithets which are inherently likely to provoke a violent reaction.
- **Harassing Speech:** Harassing speech based on a protected category (e.g., race, disability, veteran status, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion) is conduct that is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive, and also undermines and detracts from the victim's educational experience, that the victim is effectively denied equal access to a CSCU institution's resources and opportunities.
- **Obscene Speech:** Speech or materials may be deemed obscene, and therefore unprotected, if the speech meets the following (extremely high) threshold: (1) overtly sexualized or lascivious (2) is patently offensive by community standards; and (3) lacks literary, scientific, or artistic value.
- **Material and substantial disruption:** An action that materially and substantially disrupts the functioning of a CSCU institution or that substantially interferes with the protected free expression rights of others.
- **Certain symbolic actions:** The First Amendment does not protect the use of nonverbal symbols to directly threaten an individual or encroach upon or destroy CSCU institution property. Examples might include hanging a noose above a residence hall room door or spray-painting swastikas.
- **Interference with medical treatment:** Speech that interferes with the treatment of patients.
- **Invasion of privacy:** An unjustifiable invasion of privacy or confidentiality not involving a matter of public concern.
- **Defamation:** An intentional and false statement about an individual that is publicly communicated in written (called "libel") or spoken (called "slander") form, causing injury to the individual.
- **False Advertising:** A knowingly untruthful or misleading statement about a product or service.
- **Child Pornography:** Images or work that visually depict sexual conduct by children.

Use of the above forms of speech may violate the Student Code of Conduct and may be investigated and addressed as appropriate.

c. What is "hate speech" and is it protected?

The term “hate speech” refers to speech that insults or demeans a person or group of people on the basis of attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability or gender. While CSCU condemns speech of this kind, and it may sometimes be difficult to accept, speech that is hateful or offensive is protected by the First Amendment.

However, hate speech that is actually “fighting words,” “true threats” or “harassing speech” is not protected speech.

While hate speech may be protected by the First Amendment, “hate crimes” are regulated by state and federal criminal and civil laws, including but not limited to anti-discrimination laws. Hate crimes are overt acts that can include acts of violence against persons or property, violation or deprivation of civil rights, certain “true threats,” or acts of intimidation, or conspiracy to commit these crimes. A hate crime is more than offensive speech or conduct; it is specific criminal behavior that ranges from property crimes like vandalism and arson to acts of intimidation, assault, and murder.

i. How does CSCU respond to hate speech?

CSCU is dedicated to fostering free speech in an environment where students, faculty and staff can learn from one another and where all are treated with dignity and respect. CSCU denounces all forms of hate speech. CSCU encourages students, faculty, and staff to use their free-speech rights to help create opportunities for each campus community to understand and learn from these actions.

ii. But aren’t restrictions on hate speech an effective and appropriate way to send a strong message against white supremacy, misogyny, bigotry, and discrimination against marginalized individuals?

Hate speech is an indicator of larger issues in our communities and society at large. As public institutions, CSCU is bound to honor First Amendment rights and cannot regulate hate speech. Nonetheless, CSCU campuses may respond to hate speech with speech reinforcing CSCU values of intellectual freedom, inclusion, and diversity, and foster an environment for the campus communities to engage in civil discourse, to listen and create forums and workshops to raise awareness and promote dialogue on issues of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other relevant issues. However, CSCU students and community members should not expect CSCU administrators to comment on or condemn every campus speech act that some individual considers offensive.

d. Guidance on Social Media

The CSCU system encourages the use of social media technologies to enhance communication, engagement, collaboration and information exchange in support of its mission. Social media offers a variety of positive experience and benefits, but they also harbor a number of known risks, such as: bullying, harassment, defamation and injury to reputation. An individual’s use of social media technology follows the same standard of conduct and ethics consistent throughout the CSCU system. This guidance is intended to set forth expectations of community members when engaging in CSCU-affiliated social media technologies.

i. CSCU-Affiliated Social Media

CSCU-affiliated social media technologies are a common and important communication tool for CSCU institutions. CSCU community members who use a CSCU institution’s social media technology must act responsibly and abide by all CSCU Information Technology Policies. Additionally, each CSCU campus may have its own set of policies and guidelines. Within that, each department, school, or college might have also established separate policies and guidelines. Be aware of specific requirements.

When engaging with CSCU-affiliated social media technologies, individuals should follow these general guidelines:

- Do not misrepresent CSCU: No individual CSCU community member should misrepresent their social media presence as representing a CSCU institution or use the word “official” in any title, post, or description.
- Think twice, post once: Privacy does not exist in the world of social media. Social media postings, including comments and responses, can be stored and shared with millions around the world. Search engines can find posts years after they are published, and comments can be forwarded or copied. Consider what would happen if a post becomes widely known and how that may reflect both on the poster and CSCU.
- Protect confidential and proprietary information: Do not post private, restricted or sensitive information about a CSCU institution or its students, staff, faculty or alumni. Types of private information include FERPA-protected student information, Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and medical records.
- Respect copyright and fair use: When posting, be mindful of the copyright and intellectual property rights of others and of the CSCU institutions.

Social media postings that fall into one of the categories of unprotected speech, described above (See Section 1.b) may be removed.

ii. Personal Social Media

Individual’s social media communication are not monitored. However, no individual CSCU community member should misrepresent their social media presence as representing a CSCU institution or use the word “official” in any title, post, or description on their personal media account.

e. Time, Place & Manner Restrictions

As public institutions of higher education, CSCU institutions have the right to impose certain “time, place, and manner” restrictions on the use of their campuses for free-speech purposes. The First Amendment does not guarantee access to CSCU institution property for expressive activity simply because the property is owned or by CT Board of Regents for Higher Education or controlled by CSCU institutions. CSCU campuses are not required to make all of its institution property available to students and non-students alike or grant free access to all of its grounds and buildings. The right to speak on CSCU campuses is not a right to speak at any time, at any place and in any manner that any individual wishes. CSCU’s primary mission is education, and CSCU campuses can regulate where, when, and how speech occurs to ensure the

functioning of each CSCU campus and impose reasonable regulations compatible with its mission.

Examples of acceptable time, place, and manner restrictions may include event planning and facility rental requirements, notice periods, public address and sound amplification system approval requirements, sponsorship requirements for outside speakers, limiting the duration and frequency of the speech and restricting speech during final-exam periods. For information regarding political activity on CSCU campuses, see Guidelines for Communication with Federal and State Public Officials (need hyperlink).

Time, place, and manner restrictions may be imposed to address health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This may include mandating the use of face masks and limiting the number of persons congregating in close proximity on campus buildings and grounds to contain the spread of the disease.

2. Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Advocacy

Planning is of the utmost importance for any kind of demonstration, protest, or assembly. Planning is necessary to guarantee that all criteria are met to keep the campus and community safe. For more information about planning your event, contact the campus Student Center Central Reservations Office (CRO@ccsu.edu / 860-832-1964).

CSCU institutions affirm and support the concepts of freedom of thought, inquiry, speech, and lawful assembly, the rights of individual students and student groups on CSCU campuses to assemble or protest on CSCU campuses including the use of signs, banners, and posters, and within the limits of administrative guidelines and CSCU BOR policies. The following are examples of such expression:

- Signs or boards worn on the body
- Distribution of leaflets or pamphlets
- Groups of people peaceably assembling or spectating (provided they do not block access to an event or other CSCU activities).

a. Demonstrations, Protests, Meetings or Assemblies

All demonstrations, protests, meetings, or assemblies are expected to be conducted in a lawful and peaceful manner. Conduct that disrupts or interferes with CSCU campus events or operations is not permitted. Planned or spontaneous demonstrations, protests, meetings, or assemblies may be conducted in those appropriate areas of the CSCU campuses that are regularly available to the general public, provided such demonstrations, protests, meetings or other assemblies do not:

- Shout down or interfere with the freedom of any person to speak, including invited speakers;
- Disrupt the orderly conduct of instruction, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other CSCU activities;
- Interfere, in any manner whatsoever, with the vehicular or pedestrian traffic or access to or exit from any CSCU campus or the buildings, classrooms, libraries, meeting rooms, offices, or other campus premises;
- Erect permanent or semi-permanent structures for any activity unless the

construction itself is undertaken and approved by the CT BOR for Higher Education or CSCU institution administration;

- Occupy or utilize without authorization any institution property or portion thereof;
- Damage or destroy institution property or institution resources, or remove or use such institution property or resources without authorization;
- Involve the possession of firearms or any other weapons, torches, sticks, poles, or any other items that may be used as weapons (demonstrators may carry signs or flags as long as those items are not attached to a stick or a pole) on any CSCU campus premises (except weapons carried by authorized public safety personnel);
- Physically restrain or detain any person or remove such person from any place where he or she is authorized or otherwise free to remain; and
- Interfere with or violate the directions of CSCU institution officials acting in the performance of their duties.

b. Guidelines for Peaceful and Safe Engagement in Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Advocacy Activities

CSCU institutions encourage all who engage in freedom of expression, assembly, and advocacy activities to do so peacefully and safely:

- Avoid activity that infringes on the rights of others, such as blocking and preventing the movement or access of others.
- Follow the lawful instructions of a police officer or public official, such as staying behind barricades, dispersing from an area declared an unlawful assembly, not resisting arrest. It is against the law to disobey a lawful order by a police officer.
- Leave the area where others are engaging in illegal activities and acts of violence. (Your presence may be interpreted as participating in a riot or illegal group action.) Staying overnight in a campus building after hours is prohibited.
- Refrain from speech that incites others to commit acts of violence such as pushing, kicking or spitting on others, or other unlawful actions.
- Make informed decisions. If you choose to engage in civil disobedience and get arrested, know the potential consequences.

3. Speakers & Events

While CSCU institutions are committed to enabling student organizations and other groups to host a variety of events on their campuses, permission to host events or speakers on CSCU institution property is subject to specific approval. To that end, each CSCU campus makes certain facilities and spaces available to student organizations and outside entities for speaker invitations and events. For more information, contact the campus [Student Center Central Reservations Office](#).

a. How does the First Amendment right to free speech apply to invited speakers?

The First Amendment right to free speech is not absolute. CSCU institutions may restrict outside entity or speaker expression that constitutes a true threat of imminent violence or an incitement of lawlessness. CSCU campuses may also impose reasonable restriction on the time, place, and manner of speech so long as the restrictions are content-neutral, are narrowly tailored to serve a

significant CSCU campus interest and leave open alternative channels for the communication of information.

Otherwise CSCU student organizations and community members are free to invite whomever they like to speak at events, including speakers promoting popular viewpoints or provocative speakers who may tout disagreeable viewpoints – all are entitled to the same constitutional protections. CSCU campus administrators cannot dictate which speaker students or student organizations or community members may invite to campus on their own initiative. If a CSCU institution usually allows students or community members to use campus resources (such as auditoriums) to host outside entities or speakers, the campus administration cannot withdraw those resources simply because students or a student organization or community member has invited a controversial or provocative outside entity or speaker to campus.

b. Can CSCU students or campus community members who oppose a speaker's message use their own freedom of speech to shout down or otherwise disrupt the speaker's message?

No. When CSCU campuses or student organizations host outside entities or speakers, the guests are generally free to express their views, even if unpopular or controversial. Discrimination on the basis of the speaker's viewpoints is not permissible under the First Amendment, and the audience's reaction is not a content-neutral basis for regulation. Dissenting students may protest and express disagreement, but they may not interfere with a speaker's ability to speak or the audience's ability to attend, listen and hear. Freedom of speech does not include the right to silence the speech of others by shouting down, heckling, or otherwise disrupting speech to the point that the speaker cannot continue or that the audience can no longer listen and hear. The free-speech rights of the speaker would be violated if the audience could silence anyone with whom they disagreed, and open and free debate and exchange of ideas would be impossible. Speakers have the right to speak without being shouted down, and students and the campus community enjoy a twin right to attend, listen, and hear. Shouting down or intentionally interfering with a speaker may result in disciplinary sanctions against the disruptive individual.

c. Can CSCU institution cancel a student-sponsored event if the administration or the campus community disagrees with the speaker's views?

CSCU institutions are not permitted to cancel student-sponsored events based on the views of the speaker. Concerns that a speaker's presence on a CSCU campus may cause a negative student response is not a valid ground for denying access. Freedom of speech and public expression of many sharply divergent points of view are fundamental to our democracy and to CSCU's mission and values. The role of CSCU institutions is not to shield students or community members from positions that they find unwelcome or even reject or loathe. Rather, CSCU institutions are a place for free expression and open debate where CSCU students and community members can listen, challenge each other and be challenged in return. While CSCU institutions are not permitted to make content-based decisions on who may speak on CSCU campuses, CSCU institutions may require students to follow the proper processes to secure space and staffing as well as implement content-neutral restrictions such as time, place and manner of campus speech.

4. How does CSCU seek to provide a safe and secure environment in light of freedom of speech?

While CSCU campuses want to provide a safe and secure environment for its students and community members, we realize that there are individuals who may criminally prey on those attending special events, become involved in affrays, and otherwise disturb events or campus activities causing injury or damage to individuals or personal or CSCU institution property or resources. Individuals engaging in such disruptive or criminal activities may be subject to disciplinary proceedings or law enforcement action as applicable.

All students and CSCU community members are encouraged to meet with the respective CSCU campus Dean of Student, Director of Student Center/Student Activities, or Events Coordinator to discuss the details of any proposed event. If there are safety concerns in hosting an invited speaker at a CSCU institution, the institution must ensure that security plans are in place. The institution may also require the outside entity or speaker to have adequate insurance coverage and may consider ticketing the event to limit the audience to students or campus community members.

For additional information, contact Dr. Scott Hazan, Associate Dean of Student Life.

Leave of Absence Policy, Undergraduate Student

A Leave of Absence is a period of separation from Central for up to two consecutive semesters. During this time, a student maintains his or her matriculation and is entitled to return to Central. The Undergraduate Student Leave of Absence enables students to return after a maximum two-semester absence from campus. Students with this status need not apply for re-admission. Students may register for classes during the normal registration period based on cumulative credits earned both in transfer and at Central. This policy does not supersede any existing University withdrawal policy.

Students desiring a Leave of Absence must:

- Be matriculated and enrolled in the semester immediately preceding the Leave of Absence;
- Address any outstanding financial obligations with the Bursar;
- Have no disciplinary action pending.

Leave of Absence Process:

- Forms are available on the Web at www.ccsu.edu/registrar.
- Complete the Leave of Absence application and return it to the Office of the Registrar.

As required on the Leave of Absence request form, students must complete the following before the leave of absence goes into effect:

- Students living on campus must contact the Office of Residence Life.
- International students must contact the Center for International Education to ensure that

all legal documents are in order.

Status while on a Leave of Absence:

- Each semester an email of related materials will be sent to all students on a leave of absence.
- The student is eligible to enroll without question upon completion of the leave of absence.
- The student will be reported to all outside agencies as not currently enrolled.
- The student will not be entitled to access or privileges held by enrolled students.
- Upon return to Central, the student will comply with the requirements toward his or her degree as identified in the catalog at the time the student originally matriculated, unless other exceptions had been previously authorized.

Requirements to Return:

- The student need only register for the upcoming semester.
- Failure to return to active status during the semester designated on the Leave of Absence application will necessitate that the student apply for re-activation and pay the appropriate fees to Admissions at a later date when they choose to return to Central.

Please note: A University Leave of Absence is not a federally approved leave of absence and could impact the grace period for student loan repayment. While a student is on a leave of absence they will be reported as not enrolled/withdrawn. The University's Tuition Refund Policy applies to all Leave of Absence and the percentage of tuition charges cancelled upon withdrawal is dependent on the official date of notification of the Leave of Absence by the student. For additional information please refer to the Tuition Refund Policy on the Bursar's Office website at www.ccsu.edu/bursar.

Medical Leave Policy

The universities comprising the Board of Regents (BOR) of Higher Education are committed to supporting the health and well-being of their students. The universities provide a wide range of counseling services to address the mental and physical health needs of their students, including counseling, psychiatric services, consultation, and referral assistance. The goal of the universities is to enable each and every student to function fully as a member of the academic community. Students are permitted to take voluntary leaves of absence for physical or mental health reasons. If a student so requests, the Student Wellness Center/Health Services or Student Wellness Center/Counseling Center will assist a student in determining whether to take a voluntary medical leave of absence and in arranging that leave. A student on a voluntary medical leave of absence may maintain contact with, and may visit, campus friends and teaching, residence, counseling, and administrative staff. Students who wish to take a voluntary leave of absence for physical or mental health reasons should complete the Leave of Absence process through the Office of the Registrar.

However, occasionally students experience medical, psychiatric, or psychological conditions which cause them to pose a threat to the well-being of themselves or others. Should such a

circumstance arise and should the student refuse to take a voluntary leave of absence from the University, an involuntary medical leave of absence may be recommended by a physician or therapist on the staff of the Student Wellness Center/Health Services or the Student Wellness Center/Counseling Center.

A student may be placed on an involuntary medical leave of absence if it is determined that he or she poses a significant risk to the health or safety of himself or herself or to the health or safety of others. Such a determination may be based on evidence that a student has threatened or attempted suicide or has threatened, attempted, or inflicted other serious bodily harm upon him or herself, has threatened, attempted, or engaged in homicidal or other violent behavior towards others in the community, or has exhibited behavior which poses a significant threat to his or her health and well-being. Involuntary leave will be considered when it is established that reasonable accommodations cannot sufficiently mitigate the identified risks.

The following procedures shall be followed in imposing an involuntary medical leave of absence:

- When in the opinion of a professional member of the staff of the health or counseling center an involuntary medical leave of absence should be imposed, the recommendation for the imposition of such a leave of absence shall be presented as soon as possible to the Vice President for Student Affairs or to his or her designee. The reasons supporting the recommendation shall be set forth therein.
- Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall confer with other University personnel, if appropriate. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall also, if possible, notify the student that the recommendation has been received and shall advise the student, in writing, that he or she has three (3) business days within which to schedule a meeting to confer with the Vice President for Student Affairs and present additional documentation for consideration.
- During the meeting, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall discuss with the student the circumstances giving rise to the recommendation, the implications of voluntary and involuntary leaves of absence, and the procedures for returning from an involuntary leave. If appropriate, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall suggest to the student that he or she voluntarily take a leave of absence from the University. The affected student may be accompanied during the meeting with the Vice President for Student Affairs by a support person of his or her choosing. The support person shall not be entitled to speak during the meeting.
- If, at the conclusion of the meeting, the Vice President for Student Affairs determines that an involuntary medical leave of absence may be necessary, or if no meeting is requested by the student in accordance with section 2 above, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall notify the student in writing of the imposition of the involuntary leave of absence. The notice shall advise the student of the anticipated duration of the involuntary leave, which should be based on an individualized assessment of the student's specific needs and circumstances.

- With the consent of the student, or when deemed appropriate to do so and in accordance with the university's student records policy and applicable state and federal law, the Vice President for Student Affairs may notify a parent, guardian, or spouse of the leave and may request that a parent, guardian, spouse or other appropriate person make arrangements to remove the student from the University.

- A student may appeal the imposition of an involuntary medical leave of absence to the President or his or her designee. However, at the direction of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the leave of absence may remain in effect pending the outcome of the appeal. A student wishing to appeal the imposition of an involuntary leave must do so in a written letter of appeal, delivered to the President within three (3) business days of receipt the notice of imposition of the leave. The letter of appeal shall set forth the reasons why the student believes that the imposition of the leave is not warranted. After reviewing the letter of appeal, the President, or his or her designee, may meet with the student and consult with the Vice President for Student Affairs and other University officials, as he or she deems necessary. The decision of the President or his or her designee shall be final.

- A student who has been placed on a medical leave of absence, whether voluntary or involuntary, shall be eligible to return to the University according to the following:
 - a. A student placed on an involuntary medical leave of absence may request to return to active status or after a date that has been specified at the time the involuntary leave is imposed. Generally, involuntary leaves are imposed for a minimum of one (1) semester, but may be extended for additional durations, including unusual cases where a student requests an extension due to their medical condition or disability. Extensions may be considered, taking into account the nature of the student's disabilities, the specific risks involved, and the potential for reasonable accommodations to mitigate those risks. In the event that a student is unable to return within a reasonable timeframe, the institution will consider alternative arrangements.
 - b. A request to return from an involuntary medical leave of absence may only be made during the 30- day period immediately preceding the beginning of the semester in which the students seek to enroll.
 - c. A student who wishes to return to the University shall:
 - i. Notify the Student Wellness Center/Health Services of his or her desire to return and the specific semester for which the reentry is sought.
 - ii. Provide written documentation to the Student Wellness Services that the condition which led to the imposition of an involuntary medical leave of absence has been treated by a licensed health care provider. The documentation shall consist of a written record, signed by the treating health care provider, indication: date of original visit; diagnosis; treatment; compliance and adherence with treatment plan; assessment of any need for on-going medical/psychiatric supervision or treatment; and any recommendation regarding the readiness of the student to return to the

university. The documentation must not be initiated more than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the semester within which the student seeks to re-enter the university.

- d. Upon receipt of the documentation outlined above, the University, through either the Student Wellness Center/Health Services or the Student Wellness Center/Counseling & Student Development, as applicable, will:
 - iii. Initiate a timely review of the student's request and the supporting documentation provided by the treating health care provider;
 - iv. Conduct a re-entry assessment conference with the student and a qualified staff member from the Student Wellness Center/Health Services or the Student Wellness Center/Counseling & Student Development, who shall not be the same individual as previously provided direct service care to the student;
 - v. Conduct a re-entry assessment conference with the Director of Residence Life (or his or her designee), in the case of students who are seeking on-campus housing;
 - vi. As necessary and if warranted, consult via email or phone with the health care provider who provided the supporting documentation, for purposes of coordinating a continuing treatment plan and addressing any conditions which may be imposed upon re-entry;
 - vii. Forward a recommendation to the Vice President for Student Affairs (or his or her designee), relative to the student's preparedness to reenter the University community. This commendation may include conditions which are designed not only to support the student in a successful reentry transition, but also to safeguard the University community.
 - viii. Conditions which may be imposed include but are not limited to: restrictions on full-time or part-time status in the semester of return; restrictions on housing eligibility; limitations in course registration options; and requirements set forth in a behavioral contract. No condition shall be assigned which is punitive in intention;
- e. The Vice President for Student Affairs (or his or her designee) will consider the recommendation, consult with those who prepared the recommendation, and if needed, arrange a personal interview with the student and/or request a consultation with the dean/chair of the student's major department.
- f. The Vice President for Student Affairs will, based on the totality of the information available, including the student's prior academic history, make a decision on the reentry request. The student will be informed of the decision in writing.
- g. In the event the request is denied, the student will be informed of the reasons for that denial and be advised as to what he/she will be required to do before another request for re-entry will be entertained.
- h. In the event the request is granted, the student will be informed in writing, and any conditions which are being assigned (see subsection d(v) above) shall be outlined fully for the student, including the date on which the conditions shall no longer apply.

The decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs shall be final.

Pet Policy

With the exception of animals used to aid persons with disabilities, animals used in University laboratories and fish in residence hall rooms, animals are prohibited in campus buildings.

Solicitation Policy

The University does not permit solicitation or sales of any nature on campus and is not responsible for any such representation. Solicitation by individuals, groups, non-campus organizations, including sales and the taking of orders for sales, except as related to the educational mission of the University or non-profit organizations authorized to solicit under Connecticut statutes in agencies of the state, is prohibited.

The University, its various departments, and recognized campus organizations are solely permitted to sponsor programs that may include solicitation and sales on the campus. The University shall stipulate conditions under which such solicitation/sales can take place. Students may request permission for solicitation/sales on campus from the Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development. All other requests for solicitation/sales on campus are to be directed to the Office of Marketing & Communications.

All members of CSCU must at all times govern their social and academic interactions with tolerance and mutual respect so that the students who pass through a CSCU door are enriched by these experiences and are prepared for full and enlightened participation in a multi-cultural society. Because of the BOR's and CSCU's commitment to principles of pluralism, mutual respect, and civility, certain activities are not acceptable on CSCU campuses. Acts of intolerance, of hatred or violence based on race, religion, sexual orientation or expression, disability, gender, age, or ethnic background are antithetical to the BOR's and CSCU's fundamental principles and values. It is the BOR's and CSCU's responsibility to protect our students' right to learn by establishing an environment of civility.

Student Code of Conduct

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| 2-01 | Student Code of Conduct | | June 26, 2025 | August 1, 2028 |

Policy Owner(s): CSCU Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success;
Institutional Student Affairs Leadership

Applicability:

1. The Student Code shall apply on CSCU campus property, at CSCU-sponsored activities, and at activities conducted by student organizations and may apply to off-campus conduct. This also

applies to student conduct that occurs online and through other forms of electronic communication and social media. Where behaviors have a direct and distinct impact to the campus community, it may apply to off-campus conduct. A College or University may exercise jurisdiction off-campus if the conduct poses a threat to anyone's health, safety, or security, could negatively affect the mission or reputation of the College or University, poses a threat of undermining the College or University's educational process, involves an alleged violation of local, state or federal law, or if the College or University is required to do so by law.

2. Students remain subject to the Student Code and any applicable policies, procedures, rules, regulations or codes of conduct of affiliated clinical sites, offsite locations where a CSCU operates a program or another entity or higher education institution in the United States or abroad. Violations of either the Student Code or policies, procedures, rules, regulations or codes of conduct at another entity or higher education institution while a student at CSCU, regardless of location, may lead to disciplinary action by the other entity or higher education institution and/or the CSCU against a student. The Senior Student Conduct Officer or designee shall decide whether the Student Code shall be applied to student or student organization conduct occurring off campus on a case-by-case basis, at the Senior Student Conduct Officer's discretion.

3. If a person is considered a student at two or more CSCU institutions at the time of alleged misconduct set forth in the Student Code, the applicable CSCU institutions' Senior Student Conduct Officers, or their designees, may engage in a joint student conduct process that may result in sanctions at one or all applicable CSCU institutions. All procedural decisions regarding whether to engage a joint student conduct process shall be at the discretion of the institutions' Senior Student Conduct Officers.

4. Each student shall be responsible for one's own conduct from the time of admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of enrollment (and even if the conduct is not discovered until after a degree is awarded). The Student Code shall apply to a student's conduct even if the student withdraws from the College or University while a student conduct matter is pending. The Student Code shall also apply to former students who have been determined to have a continuing relationship, as defined in Section II, with the outcome of the conduct case potentially impacting one's ability to be present on the College or University premises and/or ability to reenroll in the future.

5. Students shall also be responsible for the behavior and conduct of their guests on campus and/or any CSCU premises and for their guests' familiarity with the College or University rules and policies. Guests are expected to observe all College or University rules and regulations, and students are expected to always accompany their guests on campus and/or any CSCU premises. Authorized or unauthorized guests not in compliance with College or University rules and/or policies may be removed from the College or University property and issued a trespass warning. Any violations of the prohibited conduct outlined in section III.A of this policy by a guest of a student may result in the student being held accountable for the applicable violation.

6. CSCU student conduct proceedings may be initiated without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution resulting from the same or related

conduct. Proceedings under The Student Code may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off-campus at the discretion of the Student Conduct Officer. Determinations made or sanctions imposed under the Student Code shall not be subject to change solely because criminal charges arising out of the same facts giving rise to violation of CSCU rules were dismissed, reduced, or resolved in favor of or against the defendant in the criminal matter.

7. Although there is no time limit for when conduct allegations can be filed against a student or student organization, it is generally more effective to report incidents as soon as possible after they occur, for reasons including but not limited to the following: witness memory, witness availability, obtaining evidence, and ability to hold a student or student organization accountable. Complaints should be submitted as soon as possible after an incident takes place. Discretion will be used with reports that are submitted more than thirty (30) days after an incident may have occurred. In situations where the delayed reporting of an incident makes it difficult to proceed, or when a student or student organization has been separated from a College or University for a considerable amount of time, the Senior Student Conduct Officer shall decide whether it is appropriate to apply the Student Code on a case-by-case basis.

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I. Purpose and Introduction

Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general well-being of society. In line with this purpose, the Board of Regents for Higher Education (“BOR”) in conjunction with the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (“CSCU”) has the duty to protect the freedoms of inquiry and expression, and furthermore, has the responsibility to encourage all of its members to develop the capacity for critical judgment in their sustained and independent search for truth.

CSCU has certain self-defined institutional values. Principal among these values is respect for the safety, dignity, rights, and individuality of each member of the CSCU community. The opportunity to live, study, and work in an institution which values diverse intellectual and cultural perspectives and encourages discussion and debate about competing ideas in an atmosphere of civility is considered a privilege and an honor by those who are invited to join the CSCU community.

All members of the CSCU community must always govern their social and academic interactions with tolerance and mutual respect so that the students who pass through a CSCU door are enriched by these experiences and are prepared for full and enlightened participation in a multi-cultural society. Because of the BOR’s and CSCU’s commitment to principles of pluralism, mutual respect, and civility, certain activities or behaviors are not acceptable on CSCU campuses. Acts of intolerance, hatred or violence based on race, religion, sexual orientation or expression, disability, gender, age, ethnic background, gender identity or expression, or other protected classes, are antithetical to CSCU’s fundamental principles and values.

This Student Code of Conduct (hereinafter the “Student Code” or “Code”) describes the types of

conduct that is not acceptable in an academic community. The affiliated procedure describes the process by which violations of the Code will be addressed. All students are expected to familiarize themselves with and are required to abide by the provisions of the Student Code. Students who violate the Code will be held accountable for their conduct. The conduct process within this Student Code is intended to be part of the educational mission of CSCU that promotes individual student development and the welfare of the CSCU community while upholding principles of fundamental fairness. Thus, the student conduct proceedings are not criminal proceedings and are not subject to court rules of procedure and evidence.

The BOR has statutory authority to establish standards, regulations and procedures for students. The BOR has charged the CSCU Chancellor with developing the standards, regulations and procedures to protect student rights and to address student abdication of responsibilities in collaboration with the CSCU under the jurisdiction of the BOR. In turn, the CSCU Chancellor has delegated responsibility for these standards, regulations and procedures to specified administrative officials. Therefore, the Student Code is administered under the direction and oversight of the CSCU Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success. The CSCU Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success is responsible for administering and coordinating recommendations from the CSCU community regarding suggested revisions to the Student Code and presenting the proposed substantive changes to the Academic Council, the Student Affairs Council, and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for BOR's consideration and approval.¹

II. Definitions

The following terms are defined to facilitate a more thorough understanding of the Student Code. This list is not intended to be a complete list of all the terms referenced in this Student Code that might require interpretation or clarification. The College or University Disciplinary Officer or Conduct Administrator shall make the final determination on the definition of any term found in this Student Code.

1. “**Accused Student**” or “**Accused Student Organization**” or “**Respondent**” means any Student or Student Organization, as defined in this Student Code, who is alleged to have engaged in conduct that violated this Student Code.

2. “**Administrative Agreement**” means an agreement between the Respondent and the Student Conduct Officer which identifies a mutual resolution.

3. “**Administrative Conference**” is a meeting between the respondent and the Student Conduct Officer to determine a resolution for the alleged behavior.

4. “**Advisor**” means a person who accompanies an Accused Student or Complainant for the limited purpose of providing advice, guidance, and support to the Accused Student or Complainant. An advisor may not directly address the Hearing Body, question witnesses, or otherwise actively participate in the hearing process.

5. “**Appellate Body**” means any person or persons authorized by the Senior Student Affairs

Officer or their designee to consider an appeal from a determination by a Hearing Body that a student has violated the Student Code.

6. “**Business Days**” means the weekdays (Mondays through Fridays) when the University or College is open.

7. “**College**” means Connecticut State Community College or Charter Oak State College.

8. “**Complaint**” means a report made in writing either by a person submitting the report or by a CSCU Official and submitted to the Senior Student Conduct Officer or their designee including allegations of potential violations of this code and a request to investigate.

1 Disclaimer: This Code is neither a contract nor an offer of a contract between any BOR governed institution and any student. In addition, any action protected by the constitution will not be considered a violation of the proscribed conduct. The provisions of this Code are subject to revision at any time.

9. “**Complainant(s)**” means the CSCU Community Member who initiates a complaint by alleging that a Student(s) or a Student Organization violated the Student Code.

10. “**CSCU**” means either collectively or singularly, any of the following institutions: Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University; Connecticut State Community College, and Charter Oak State College.

11. “**CSCU Affiliates**” means individuals and/or entities with whom or with which the College or University has a contractual relationship.

12. “**College or University Official**” includes any person employed by any College or University to perform administrative, instructional, or professional duties.

13. “**CSCU Premises**” means all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of, or owned, used, and/or controlled by, the BOR, University or College, either solely or in conjunction with another entity.

14. “**Hearing**” means a formal process where the alleged violation of the Code is examined and a decision is made regarding whether a respondent is responsible for a violation of the Code and if so, determine an appropriate outcome.

15. “**Hearing Body or Officer**” means any person or persons authorized by the Senior Student Affairs Officer or designee to determine whether a student has violated the Code and to impose sanctions as warranted, including a hearing officer or hearing board.

16. “**Institution**” means a university or college within the CSCU System.

17. “**Instructor**” means any faculty member, teaching assistant or any other person authorized by the University to provide educational services, including, but not limited to, teaching,

research, and academic advising.

18. “**May**” is used in the permissive sense.

19. “**Member of the CSCU Community**” includes any person who is a student, instructor, faculty member, or staff member; any other person working for a College or University, either directly or indirectly (e.g., private enterprise on campus); or any person who resides on College or University Premises. A person’s status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Senior Student Conduct Officer.

20. “**Policy**” is defined as the written regulations, standards, and student conduct expectations adopted by CSCU and found in, but not limited to, Student Code of Conduct, The Student Handbook, The Residence Life Handbook, CSCU IT Acceptable Use Policy, Interim Discriminatory Harassment, nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy, and The Interim Resolution Process Procedures for BOR Policy 4-13.

21. “**Presiding Hearing Officer**” means a College or University Official who is appointed by the Chief Student Affairs Officer to chair, conduct and facilitate the Hearing Body process.

22. “**Prohibited Conduct**” means the conduct prohibited by this Code, as more particularly described in Part I.C of this Code.

23. “**Report**” means any allegation of alleged misconduct regarding a student or recognized student organization.

24. “**Reporting Party**” means any person who alleges that a student has violated this Code.

25. “**Respondent**” means any student or recognized student organization accused of violating the Student Code.

26. “**Senior Student Affairs Officer**” means an administrative officer at a College or University with overall management responsibility for Student Affairs (i.e., Vice President, Dean, Provost, etc.).

27. “**Senior Student Conduct Officer**” refers to a staff member in Student Affairs, designated by the Senior Student Affairs Officer to be responsible for the overall coordination of the College or University student conduct system, including the development of procedures, education, and training programs.

28. “**Shall**” and “**will**” are used in the imperative sense.

29. “**Student**” means any person who has been notified of their acceptance for admission, registered, enrolled, or attending any College or University course or program. This applies whether enrollment is full-time or part-time; whether the course(s) occur on-campus, online, or at an off-campus instructional site (domestically, or internationally such as students studying abroad); and whether the student is pursuing undergraduate, graduate, non-degree seeking, post-

graduate, or professional studies. This may also apply to any person who resides in a College or University residence hall. Persons who withdraw or otherwise depart a College or University after allegedly violating the Student Code are still considered students for the purpose of resolution through this Student Code. For the purposes of applying this Student Code, the Senior Student Conduct Officer, or designee, may use discretion in determining the person's "student" designation and will have the authority to make any final determination as to whether or not a person is a "student." Generally, a student is not considered to have a continuing relationship if a student has not been enrolled in classes at a University for three (3) or more consecutive terms, or has not been enrolled in classes at a College within two (2) calendar years after the conclusion of their last registered College course.

30. "**Student Code**" or the "**Code**" means this Student Code of Conduct.

31. "**Student Conduct file**" means the printed/written/electronic file, which may include, but is not limited to, incident report(s), correspondence, academic transcript, witness statements, and student conduct history.

32. "**Student Conduct Officer**" means any person designated by the Senior Student Affairs Officer to review, investigate and determine an appropriate resolution of an alleged violation of the Student Code.

33. "**Student organization**" means any group of students that are recognized and/or registered by College or University as a student organization or club (such as sororities and fraternities, leadership organizations, academic clubs, special interest clubs, sports clubs, etc.) or a non-recognized group of students that conducts business or participates in College or University-related activities as an affiliated organization. If a student organization is the subject of a conduct allegation, the organization's president or leader will typically be the main point of contact throughout the student conduct process. Therefore, for the purpose of this Code, any instance where the term "student" is used to describe the Respondent in the student conduct process will refer to the organization's president or leader. The Student Code applies to students and to student organizations. Unless otherwise noted, use of the term "student" in this document shall apply to the student as an individual and to a student organization as a single entity, as applicable. Nothing in this Code shall preclude holding certain members of a student organization accountable for their individual acts committed in the context of or in association with the organization's alleged violation of the Student Code.

34. "**Support Person**" means a person, who accompanies an Accused or Complainant Student, a Reporting Party or a victim to a hearing for the limited purpose of providing support and guidance. A support person may not directly address the Hearing Body, question witnesses, or otherwise actively participate in the hearing process.

35. "**University**" means any of the following CSCU institutions: Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, or Western Connecticut State University.

36. "**Witness**" means any individual who has direct knowledge of an incident.

III. Policy

A. Prohibited Conduct

The following list of behaviors is intended to represent the types of acts that constitute violations of this Code.

1. Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Providing false information, knowingly withholding relevant information, or supplying misleading information to any College or University Official, department or office, faculty member or law enforcement or security officer.
 - b. Misuse of CSCU documents, including, but not limited to forging, transferring, altering or otherwise misusing a student fee card, student payroll card, identification card or other College or University identification document, course registration document, schedule card, transcript, or any other institution issued document or record.
 - c. Tampering with the election process of any CSCU recognized student organization.
 - d. Refusing to provide identification, misidentifying oneself, or presenting/possessing any form of false or altered identification to College or University Official; or
 - e. Representing oneself, or a student organization, as having the authority to enter into contracts or agreements that affect CSCU in any way without prior authorization from the CSCU.
2. Disruptive behavior, which is defined as participating in or inciting others to participate in the deliberate interference with the freedom of any person to express their views, or disruption, obstruction or prevention of the peaceful and orderly conduct of any CSCU activity, including, but not limited to: classes, lectures, quiet study, research, events, speaker presentations, administration, Student Conduct proceedings, the living/learning environment, or other CSCU or BOR activities or meetings, on or off campus; or of other non-CSCU activities when the conduct occurs on CSCU premises; or of the living environment, on or off-campus.
3. Disorderly, lewd, indecent (including, but not limited to, public nudity and sexual activity in areas generally open to members of a campus community) behaviors, breach of peace, aiding, abetting or procuring another person to breach the peace on CSCU premises or at functions sponsored by, or affiliated with the University or College, or offensive conduct which causes interference, annoyance, alarm, or recklessly creates a risk thereof at CSCU or on CSCU premises, any function sponsored by CSCU, or CSCU-controlled web or social media sites. This does not apply to speech or other

constitutionally protected expressions.

4. Any action that threatens or causes physical harm or endangers the well-being, health, or safety of another person.

5. Harassment, which is defined as the severe or pervasive use by one or more students of a written, verbal, or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another individual that objectively and subjectively has the effect of:

a. Unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or equal access to education.

b. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or academic environment.

c. Causing physical or emotional harm to the individual or damage to the individual's property; placing the individual in reasonable fear of harm to the individual and/or the individual's property; and/or

d. Infringing on the rights of other CSCU community members to fully participate in the programs, activities, and mission of the CSCU.

In determining whether an act constitutes harassment, the Student Conduct Officer, in collaboration with Equity and Civil Rights staff, when necessary, will consider the full context of the conduct, giving due consideration to the protection of CSU climate, individual rights, freedom of speech, academic freedom, and advocacy. Not every act that might be offensive to an individual or a group constitutes harassment and/or a violation of the *Student Code*.

Any action that constitutes prohibited behavior under the Interim Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy are administered under the associated procedures.

6. Failure to comply with public health or safety guidance set forth by the BOR, CSCU, federal, state, or local authorities, partner/affiliated institutions, and/or host governments or institutions while abroad.

7. Violations of privacy including, but not limited to, voyeurism and the use of web based, electronic or other devices to make a photographic, or video record of any person without his or her express consent, especially when such a recording is intended or likely to cause injury or distress. Publicizing or threatening to publicize such records without the consent of the individuals involved is considered a violation of this Code.

8. Hazing, as defined by the CSCU Hazing Prevention and Reporting Policy.

9. Use, possession, purchase, sale, distribution of alcoholic beverages, except as expressly permitted by law and CSCU regulations, or presence under the influence of alcohol. Alcoholic beverages may not, under any circumstances, be used by, possessed

by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

a. Consuming, carrying, or possessing an open container of alcohol in the public right-of-way, or on private property without the consent of the landowner or tenant, except as permitted by law.

10. Operating a motor vehicle while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other controlled substances.

11. Use, possession, purchase, sale, distribution or manufacturing of narcotics, or being under the influence of controlled substances and/or drugs, including, but not limited to, marijuana and or heroin, or possession of drug paraphernalia which can be demonstrated to be linked to drug or controlled substances activity, except as expressly permitted by federal law. The use or possession of marijuana (medical or otherwise) on campus and/or any CSCU Premises is restricted by federal laws, such as the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug-Free Workplace Act. Accordingly, CSCU Colleges and Universities prohibit the use or possession of marijuana, including medical marijuana, on campus and/or any CSCU Premises.

12. Use, possession or distribution of firearms, ammunition for firearms, other weapons or dangerous instruments, facsimiles of weapons or firearms, fireworks, explosives or dangerous chemicals. A dangerous instrument is any instrument, article or substance that, under the circumstances in which it is being utilized, can cause death or serious physical injury. The possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument on campus and/or any CSCU Premises is strictly prohibited, even if such an item is legally owned.

13. Failure without just cause to comply with the lawful direction of a CSCU College or University Official, or other lawful authority having just cause and acting in the performance of their duties and authority.

14. The setting of or participation in unauthorized fires or explosions; the false reporting of the presence of an emergency such as fires, bombs, incendiary or explosive devices; the unauthorized or improper possession, use, removal, or disabling of fire safety equipment and warning devices; failure to follow standard fire safety procedures; and/or interference with firefighting equipment or personnel.

15. Assisting another person in the commission, or attempted commission of a violation of the Student Code, or knowingly in the presence of the commission of the violation(s) of the Student Code, including but not limited to conduct of the student's guest.

16. Behaviors in violation of published CSCU policies, College or University policies, rules, or regulations, including but not limited to:

a. BOR Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy (BOR Policy IT-001), BOR Information Technology Electronic Communication Policy (BOR Policy IT-002), or the BOR/CSCU Information Security Policy (BOR Policy IT-

004);

b. Interim Discriminatory Harassment, Nondiscrimination, and Title IX Policy;

c. The On-Campus Housing Contract;

d. Academic Misconduct Policy

17. Theft, which includes, but is not limited to, attempted or actual theft of property or services.

18. Forcible entry and/or unauthorized presence in CSCU owned buildings or property, including but not limited to, construction of permanent or semi-permanent structures within CSCU owned buildings, in or on CSCU property for any activity, unless the construction itself is undertaken and/or approved by the State, BOR, College and/or University.

19. Unauthorized possession, access, duplication, or misuse of CSCU property or other personal or public property, including, but not limited to, records, electronic files, telecommunications systems, forms of identification, and keys.

20. Damage or misuse of property, which includes, but is not limited to, attempted or actual damage to or misuse of CSCU property or other personal or public property, or unauthorized use or misuse of CSCU intellectual property, including but not limited to, trademarks, logos, names, or images.

21. Violation of federal, state or local law, regulation and/or ordinance when such violation represents a substantial or negative impact on the CSCU or any member of the CSCU community.

22. Abuse of the CSCU Student Conduct system, including but not limited to:

a. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a Student Conduct Proceeding.

b. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information to a Student Conduct officer or hearing body.

c. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Conduct system.

d. Attempting to discourage or retaliate against an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the Student Conduct system.

e. Attempting to intimidate or retaliate against a Student Conduct officer, member of the hearing body or any other participant prior to, during, and/or after a Student

Conduct proceeding.

f. Initiation of conduct or disciplinary proceeding knowingly without cause.

g. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the *Student Code*.

B. Conduct and Disciplinary Records

The written decision, or resolution, resulting from an administrative conference or a hearing under this Code shall become part of the students' educational record and shall be subject to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). A student's disciplinary record shall be maintained separately from any other academic or official file maintained by the Institution. Disciplinary records will be maintained for a period of five (5) years from the date of the incident, except that the sanction of expulsion shall be noted permanently.

While student education records are generally protected from disclosure by FERPA, there are several exceptions to this rule. Students should be aware that a record concerning their behavior while a student at the College or University may be shared with other colleges or universities to which the student may subsequently wish to transfer or be admitted. Student Conduct records may be shared within CSCU where there is legitimate purpose and a student has a continuing relationship with CSCU. Similarly, prospective employers may require a student to provide access to his/her education records as part of the employment application process. A record of having been sanctioned for conduct that violates Section III.A. of the Code may disqualify a student for admission to another college or university and may interfere with his/her selection for employment.

C. Interpretation and Revision

Questions regarding the interpretation of this Code shall be referred to the Senior Student Affairs Officer at the specific College or University.

The CSCU Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success is responsible for periodic review and updates to this Policy, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel and other relevant CSCU stakeholders. The BOR reserves the right to revise this Policy as necessary.

D. Interim Administrative Action

The Senior Student Affairs Officer or designee may impose an interim Suspension, an interim Removal from Housing, an interim Loss of Recognition in the case of conduct relating to a student organization, and/or other necessary interim measures on a Respondent prior to a Student Conduct resolution of the alleged violation. Such action may be taken when, in the professional judgment of a CSCU official, a threat of imminent harm to persons or property exists.

Interim administrative action is not a sanction. It is taken in an effort to protect the safety and wellbeing of the reporting party, Complainant, CSCU community, or of property. Interim

administrative action is preliminary in nature; it is in effect only until there is a resolution of the Student Conduct matter.

IV. Enforcement

Sanctions which may be imposed for violations of the Student Code are listed below. In determining appropriate sanctions, the Hearing Body may take into consideration any and all prior violations of the Student Code for which the Respondent was determined to be responsible. The Hearing Body shall have the authority to defer the imposition of any sanction when deemed appropriate. The CSCU may withhold awarding a degree until the completion of the process set forth in this Student Code, including the completion of all sanctions imposed, if any.

The following sanctions may be imposed, individually or in various combinations, on any Respondent found to have violated the Student Code and will be entered into the Respondent's disciplinary records. Notation of disciplinary sanctions shall be on file only in the appropriate office in Student Affairs and shall not be released without the written consent of the Respondent except to appropriate CSCU enforcement personnel, College or University Police, staff and administrators, or as permitted by law.

1. **Warning:** A disciplinary warning is a written notice to a Respondent advising that the specific behavior or activity constitutes a violation of the Student Code and that the substantiated repetition of such behavior will likely result in the commencement of more serious disciplinary action by the issuing CSCU institution.
2. **Fine:** A sanction involving the imposition of a specified dollar amount due and payable by a specified date.
3. **Probation:** Disciplinary probation is a designated period during which a Respondent is given the opportunity to modify unacceptable behavior and/or to complete specific assignments to regain full student privileges within issuing CSCU institution's community. Disciplinary probation may involve the imposition of certain restrictions and/or conditions upon the Respondent including, but not limited to, financial restitution, community service, fines, participation in educational programs, parental notification under limited circumstances, and ineligibility to participate in the issuing CSCU institution's activities or events. Periodic contact with a designated member of the CSCU community or noncollege professional may be required. If the Respondent fully complies with the terms and conditions imposed in connection with the disciplinary probation, full student privileges will be restored to the Respondent upon termination of the probationary period. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the disciplinary probation constitutes prohibited conduct that is separate from and in addition to the conduct for which the probation was imposed. A Respondent shall be given due notice of the alleged violation of the disciplinary probation and the procedures set forth in this Student Code shall be followed.
4. **Loss of Privileges:** Denial of specified privileges for a designated period.
5. **Restitution:** Compensation required of Respondent(s) in the theft, misuse, damage or destruction of institutional, group or private property. The amount of restitution is dependent on the extent of damage as well as what is determined to be the most appropriate way for Respondent(s) to make amends for the damage caused. The amount, form, and method of payment for restitution may be decided by a Senior Student Conduct Officer or their designee or

a Hearing Body, as appropriate.

6. Discretionary Sanctions: Work assignments, essays, service to the CSCU, or other related discretionary assignments, participation in educational programs, parental notification under limited circumstances, and ineligibility to participate in issuing CSCU institution's activities or events. Periodic contact with a designated member of the CSCU community or non-CSCU professional may be required.

7. Residence Hall Warning: A written notice to a Respondent advising that specific behavior or activity constitutes a violation of the Student Code and that the substantiated repetition of such behavior will likely result in the commencement of more serious disciplinary action by the issuing CSCU institution.

8. Residence Hall Probation: A designated period during which a Respondent is given the opportunity to modify unacceptable behavior and/or to complete specific assignments in an effort to regain full student privileges within the residence hall in which the Respondent resides. Residence Hall Probation may include restrictions and/or conditions on the exercise of residence hall activities and privileges. Periodic contact with a designated member of the residence hall staff or professional may be required. If the Respondent fully complies with the terms and conditions imposed in connection with the residence hall probation, full residence hall privileges will be restored to the Respondent upon termination of the probationary period. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Residence Hall Probation constitutes prohibited conduct that is separate from and in addition to the conduct for which the probation was imposed. A Respondent shall be given due notice of the alleged Residence Hall Probation violation and the procedures set forth in this Code shall be followed.

9. Residence Hall Suspension: A Residence Hall Suspension is a separation of the Respondent from the residence halls for a definite period, after which the Respondent is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified by the Hearing Body.

10. Residence Hall Expulsion: Permanent separation of the Respondent from the residence halls.

11. Suspension: Suspension is separation for a designated period after which the Respondent shall be eligible to apply for readmission to the issuing CSCU institution. Readmission to the issuing CSCU institution is not guaranteed. Conditions for consideration of readmission may be specified by the Hearing Body. A Respondent, who is on suspension, is prohibited from participating in any activity or program at the issuing institution. The individual may not be in or on any property owned or leased by the issuing CSCU institution without securing prior approval from the Senior Student Conduct Officer or their designee. Suspension shall be effective on the date that the suspension notice is provided to the Respondent, or later, if so stated in the notice, and shall prescribe the date and conditions upon which the Respondent may petition for readmission to the issuing CSCU institution.

12. Expulsion: Expulsion is permanent disciplinary separation from the issuing CSCU institution and the denial of all student privileges. Expulsion shall be effective on the date that notice of expulsion is provided to the Respondent, or later, if stated in the notice. A Respondent separated by expulsion may not be in or on any property owned or leased by the issuing CSCU institution without securing prior approval from the Senior Student Conduct Officer or their designee.

13. Revocation of Admission or Enrollment: Upon the recommendation of the Hearing Body, admission to the University may be revoked by a College or University. Upon the recommendation of the Hearing Body, a degree conferred by the College or University may be revoked by the University with the approval of the BOR.

14. Consequences of Failure to Comply with a Duly Assigned Sanction: Failure to comply with sanctions which have been assigned through a formal conduct process may lead to one or more of the following consequences:

- a. **Denial of access to certain CSCU services**, including, but not limited to housing and parking;
- b. **Denial of access to administrative processes**, including, but not limited to, course add/drop, pre-registration, registration, and room selection; and/or
- c. **Withholding of the privilege of participation in CSCU sponsored activities and/or public ceremonies**, or formal disciplinary charges under this Code.

Sanctions Which May Be Imposed on Student Organizations

- 1. **Sanctions:** Those sanctions listed as available for individuals found in violation of the Code.
- 2. **Loss of recognition:** Loss of recognition for a specified period results in the loss of privileges, such as the use of CSCU space, access to student activity fee funding, and/or the privilege of functioning as a student organization. Conditions for future recognition may be imposed by the Hearing Body.

Aggravated Violations: If a student is in violation of the Student Code and the prohibited conduct was directed toward an individual or group due to race, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical or mental disabilities, including learning disabilities, intellectual development disorders, and past/present history of a mental disorder, the Student Conduct officer or Hearing Body may consider such conduct as an aggravating factor when determining the sanctions.

Interim Student Academic Misconduct Policy

| Policy # | Policy Name | BOR Resolution | Adoption Date | Next Review Date |
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| 2-06 | Interim Student Academic Misconduct Policy | | June 26, 2025 | July 1, 2026 |

Policy Owner(s): Institutional Provosts; CSCU Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Applicability: This policy applies to all students at all institutions within the CSCU system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

I. Purpose

CSCU is committed to fostering an environment of rigorous academic pursuit with honesty. To further this objective, the following policy defines academic misconduct and outlines necessary response provisions to ensure related processes are administered fairly.

II. Policy

a. Prohibited Behaviors

Academic misconduct, which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism and all forms of cheating, is prohibited.

Plagiarism is defined as the submission of work by a student for academic credit as one's own work of authorship which contains work of another author without appropriate attribution.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests or examinations;
- use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments;
- the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff; and
- engaging in any other behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus.

b. Institution Responsibilities

To ensure fairness in adjudicating allegations of this nature, institutions must adopt procedures that include the following principles:

Instructor's Role: When the instructor of record or his or her designee believes that an act of academic misconduct has occurred, he or she shall notify the student of the allegation and save any evidence of such misconduct in its original form. (Copies of the Accused Student's work will be provided to the Student upon request.) In addition, the instructor shall not transmit a final grade to the Registrar until such time as the allegation(s) of academic misconduct are finally determined. Each institution shall establish implementation guidelines in accordance with this policy.

Information from Person Other than Student's Instructor: Any member of the CSCU Community may provide information which might lead to a complaint against a Student alleging academic misconduct.

The Academic Misconduct Hearing Board: There shall be an academic misconduct hearing board convened by the University's Disciplinary Officer to consider allegations of academic misconduct lodged against a Student. The University's disciplinary officer shall be a non-voting member of the board and act as convener.

Hearing Process: The Accused Student shall be afforded adequate notice of the allegation, an opportunity to discuss the allegation with the instructor, and adequate time to request and prepare for a hearing. All parties shall have an opportunity to be heard and a record of the proceedings shall be made. The decision of a hearing board shall be communicated in writing.

Sanctions: If the academic misconduct hearing board determines that the Accused Student is “Not Responsible,” the board shall not impose any sanctions. The board shall so advise the Student’s instructor and the instructor shall reevaluate the student’s course grade in light of the Board’s determination. If the academic misconduct hearing board determines that the Accused Student is “Responsible,” the academic sanction set forth in the instructor's course syllabus shall be imposed. The academic misconduct hearing board may make a recommendation to change the academic sanction imposed by the instructor on the basis of its hearing of the evidence of academic misconduct. (Should the academic sanction not be changed pursuant to this recommendation, the University reserve the right to change the academic sanction.) Upon consideration of the Accused Student’s record of misconduct and/or the nature of the offense, the academic misconduct hearing board may impose additional non-academic sanctions in proportion to the severity of the misconduct. These sanctions may include the following: warning, written reprimand, discretionary sanctions, suspension and/or expulsion, as described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Appeals: The decision rendered by the academic misconduct hearing board may be appealed to the Provost/Academic Vice President, who shall review the record of the hearing, including any and all documents presented to the academic misconduct hearing board. An appeal shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Provost/Academic Vice President within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the academic misconduct hearing board’s written decision. An appeal may be brought on any of four grounds: (a) a claim that error in the hearing procedure substantially affected the decision; (b) a claim that new evidence or information material to the case was not known at the time of the hearing; (c) a claim that the non-academic sanction(s) imposed were not appropriate for the violation of the Code for which the accused student was found responsible; and/or (d) a claim that the academic sanction imposed has resulted in a palpable injustice. The Provost/Academic Vice President shall have the right to deny an appeal not brought on any of the foregoing grounds. The decision rendered by the Provost/Academic Vice President shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal.

III. Enforcement

Students found responsible for violating this policy may be subject to sanctions consistent with the course’s syllabus and in cases of repeated or egregious misconduct, additional sanctions available under the Student Code of Conduct

CSCU Hazing Prevention and Reporting Policy

| Policy # | Policy Name | BOR Resolution | Adoption Date | Next Review Date |
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| 2.7 | CSCU Hazing Prevention and Reporting Policy | | June 26, 2025 | July 1, 2028 |

Policy Owner(s): CSCU General Counsel; Institutional Public Safety Leadership; Institutional Chief Human Resource Officers; Institutional Student Affairs Leadership; CSCU Associate Vice

Chancellor of Human Resources; CSCU Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success

Applicability: This policy applies to all CSCU students, employees, and any third parties engaging in CSCU's educational and employment programs and activities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

I. Purpose

CSCU is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment free from hazing. As such, the following policy prohibits hazing and requires institutional transparency should hazing occur.

II. Definitions

CSCU: Collectively or singularly, any of the following institutions: Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University, Connecticut State Community College, and Charter Oak State College.

Hazing: Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act that causes or creates reasonable risk of physical or psychological well-being of individuals, regardless of the willingness of such persons, in connection with student organizations including initiation, affiliation, membership, or maintenance of membership.

Risk: Potential for harm above the reasonable risk encountered during general participation in CSCU or the organization's programs and activities.

Student Organization: An organization at a CSCU institution in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at a CSCU institution, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by a CSCU institution.

III. Policy

a. Prohibited Behaviors

Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited at CSCU. This includes, but is not limited to:

- whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
- any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;

- any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
- any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation.

b. Reporting Hazing Incidents

All members of the CSCU community are encouraged to report any hazing incidents promptly. Reports can be made through campus security, institutional police departments, student affairs, human resources or any other designated college or university officials. All reports will be addressed by appropriate officials in accordance with CSCU's policies and related procedures, including but not limited to, Student Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct For Regents, Employees and Volunteers.

Individuals identified as Campus Security Authorities (CSA) at their institution under the Clery Act must report incidents of hazing to the appropriate campus contact responsible for compiling the Annual Security Report for the purpose of inclusion in the Annual Security Report.

c. Institutional Responsibilities

i. Hazing Response Procedures

All CSCU institutions must adopt and publish procedures related to hazing report response. These procedures must be consistent with this policy and minimally include how the institution will receive, review, and investigate, when necessary, reports of hazing.

ii. Prevention Programs

All CSCU institutions will maintain and promote hazing prevention programs. These programs will include primary prevention strategies, such as bystander intervention training and leadership development, to help prevent hazing before it occurs. Institutions must publish, and regularly maintain, a list of related programming, including descriptions of the events and programs and audience, demonstrating sufficient programmatic coverage for students and employees.

iii. Campus Hazing Transparency Report

By July 1, 2025, all CSCU institutions will begin collecting information with respect to hazing incidents at the institution. When a reportable hazing violation¹ occurs at a CSCU institution involving an established or recognized student organization, that institution will prominently publish a Campus Hazing Transparency Report on its public website summarizing findings related to student organizations found in violation of hazing policies. The Campus Hazing Transparency Report must include:

- this policy and any related procedures;
- the name of such student organization;

- a general description of the violation that resulted in a finding of responsibility, including whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs, the findings of the institution, and any sanctions placed on the student organization by the institution, as applicable; and
- the dates on which:
 - o the incident was alleged to have occurred;
 - o the investigation into the incident was initiated;
 - o the investigation ended with a finding that a hazing violation occurred; and
 - o the institution provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation.

The report will be updated twice a year or as required by law and will be maintained for at least five years consistent with all applicable record retention standards and laws.

iv. Annual Security Report

CSCU institutions will collect and disclose statistics on hazing incidents as part of the annual security report required by the Clery Act, including incidents reported to campus security or local authorities. The data will be compiled in a manner consistent with the definition of hazing in this policy and will be updated as required. In addition to the hazing-related statistics, CSCU institutions will provide a statement on its hazing policies, reporting procedures, and investigation processes in the annual security report.

IV. Enforcement

For the purposes of the Transparency Report, a reportable violation occurs after an investigation concludes that an individual or organization subject to this policy engaged in behavior that constitutes hazing as defined by this policy.

This policy is enforced under the Student Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct For Regents, Employees and Volunteers.

V. Related Statutes

CT Gen Stat § 53-23a Offenses Against the Person - Hazing

Student Software Ownership/Software Development Policy

It shall be the policy of the state system of higher education that the end product of any work done by a student from any of the state's public colleges or universities to convert, modify, or update state-owned software shall be owned by the state. The software created by a student shall be owned by the state when the following conditions are met: the state, at the inception of the project, informs the student in writing of the state's intention to use the software; the student creates the software as a part of a course-related activity; the student uses state resources to create the software; and the student shall be paid for creating the software or shall be required to sign an agreement in advance, ensuring that the software is owned by the state. The student shall

own any software he or she develops, unless it is covered under the policy statements noted above or is produced under the provisions of a grant or an agreement with an outside funding agent.

Withdrawal from the University

A student wishing to withdraw from the University must confer with the Office of the Registrar and have the appropriate forms completed and approved by that office no later than twelve weeks after the start of the semester. The Registrar's Office will assist in filing the form necessary for withdrawal. The University's Tuition Refund Policy applies to withdrawals and the percentage of tuition charges cancelled upon withdrawal is dependent on the official date of notification of the withdrawal by the student. For additional information please refer to the Tuition Refund Policy on the Bursar's Office website at www.ccsu.edu/bursar.

Withdrawals after this date will be permitted only under extenuating circumstances and will require consultation and approval of the Academic Dean and the Registrar. Re-admission is contingent upon the student's academic standing at the time of re-entry. The student must complete a reactivation form with the Office of Admissions to initiate re-admission.

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University Policy - Living on Campus

June 20, 2024

Rationale and Purpose

Living on campus at Central Connecticut State University (Central) offers a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the university experience fully. However, to ensure a safe, orderly, and conducive living environment, all individuals wishing to reside on campus must complete an administrative process with Residential Life. This document outlines the updated regulations and guidelines for applying for and maintaining campus housing.

Application and Administrative Process

Submission Requirements

1. **Personal Information:** Students must submit accurate and complete personal details necessary for housing assignments.
2. **Financial Responsibility:** Students must demonstrate their financial capability to meet all housing costs and agree to fulfill these obligations promptly.
3. **Compliance Confirmation:** Students must acknowledge and agree to comply with all rules and regulations associated with living on campus.

Housing Assignment

Central strives to provide flexibility for students who prefer to live with peers of different sexes, gender identities, or gender expressions. The university's housing program supports transgender students and those who wish to be assigned housing based on their gender identity or expression rather than their biological sex. The information specific to roommate matching that was gathered during the housing application process may be shared among administrators and students who have applied for housing and requested assistance with roommate matching. However, specific residential spaces cannot be guaranteed due to variations in building style, cost, room capacity, and availability.

Upon completing the administrative process, the university will provide each student with a written notification specifying their assigned building and room. This assignment allows the student access to overnight residence on campus. It is important to note that:

- The assigned location is non-transferable.
- The assignment can be terminated at any time due to conduct issues or unforeseen conditions requiring separation from campus housing.
- The assignment does not guarantee air conditioning. Students should consider alternate means of cooling such as room fans in the event there is not conditioned air.
- The housing assignment is not associated with the proximity to the parking of cars in any surface lots or garages. The parking regulations provide complete details on residential parking locations.

Primary Residence Requirements

Primary Residence Guidelines

1. **Primary Residence Requirement:**
 - All students must list a primary residence other than Central.
 - The primary residence should always be accessible to the student.
 - If the primary residence becomes inaccessible, the student is responsible for identifying an alternative off-campus residence.
2. **Secondary Residence Status:**
 - Housing at Central is considered a secondary residence while attending the university.
 - Campus housing should not serve as the primary residence.
 - The primary residence must be on file with the university and cannot be listed as 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06053.

Rules and Regulations for Campus Living

General Compliance

1. **Review of Rules:** Students must thoroughly review all rules and regulations related to campus housing.
2. **Adherence:** Compliance with these rules is mandatory for all students and their guests.
3. **Utilization of Assigned Residence:** The assigned residence is solely for the student's use. Unauthorized relocation to another building or location on campus is prohibited and considered a violation of university policy.

Consequences of Violations

1. **Notice of corrective measures or probation:** Students violating housing rules may receive a notice of corrective measures or probation. Violations of such notice may result in separation from university housing.
2. **Notice of Separation:** Students violating housing rules will receive a notice of separation and must vacate the campus within four hours of receiving the notice.
3. **Disciplinary Action:** Violations may lead to disciplinary actions, including up to expulsion from the university.
4. **Legal Consequences:** Individuals violating these rules may also be subject to arrest under Connecticut General Statute. Violators may be removed from the premises and transported to the police department for processing.

Permissible and Non-Permissible Housing Locations

Permissible Housing on Campus

Students are allowed to reside in the following on-campus housing facilities:

1. **"Down The Hill"**
 - o Barrows Hall
 - o James Hall
 - o Beecher Hall
 - o Seth North Hall
2. **"Up The Hill"**
 - o Mid-Campus Hall
 - o Sheridan Hall
 - o Vance Hall
 - o Gallaudet Hall
 - o Sam May Hall

Non-Permissible Housing Locations

The following locations are not permissible for student housing on campus:

1. **Buildings and Garages:** Any building or garage not listed under permissible housing.
2. **Temporary and Non-Residential Structures:**
 - o Tents
 - o Shanties
 - o Commercial Vehicles

- Motor Homes
 - Trailers
 - Campers
3. **Outdoor and Public Areas:**
- Lawns
 - Benches and Chairs
 - Sidewalks
 - Building camps or sleeping refuges

Enforcement Procedures

Administrative Process

Living on campus at Central provides students with a valuable opportunity to engage more fully with the university community. However, it is essential to comply with all housing policies and procedures to maintain a safe and respectful living environment. Understanding and adhering to these guidelines ensure that all students can benefit from a positive and productive campus living experience. The university's commitment to flexibility and inclusivity ensures that all students, regardless of their gender identity or expression, can find a supportive and welcoming environment in campus housing. Violations of the rules that provide this quality living opportunity will be managed through an administrative process. Decisions resulting in separation will be processed in Student Affairs and delivered to the student. The student should respond and coordinate an exit plan prior to deactivation of the student key card.

Separation Notification and Appeals

1. **Written Notification:** Students will receive written notification if they are required to separate from the residence halls, detailing the reasons and steps to be taken.
2. **Appeals Process:** Appeals can be requested but will only be considered after a thorough administrative review. Granted appeals will be processed within 10 to 20 days from the review's completion.
3. **Appeals Discretion:** Appeals are at the discretion of the administrative review team.

Vacating and Returning to Residence Halls

1. **Vacating the Residence:** Students must vacate their assigned residence within four hours of receiving a separation notice. Electronic access will be terminated during this period.
2. **Gathering Belongings:** Students must gather essential personal belongings during the separation period.
3. **Return to Campus:** Students may only return to campus after receiving written notification and meeting with the Dean or a designee.

Student Guide to On-Campus Living



General Information

Central Connecticut State University welcomes you to our Residence Life program. As a member of the “Blue Devil family,” you will find that living within the residence halls provides a “home away from home” atmosphere. Students often find that living on campus is the best way to maintain their academics and utilize campus resources.

We hope that you will find being a part of the on-campus living experience will provide you with fond memories that will last a lifetime!

Our Mission

The Office of Residence Life provides housing and residential experiences through a living/learning atmosphere in which students can develop as leaders and responsible citizens; to form communities that embrace diversity, to promote safety, health, and wellness; and to engage the broader community, while instilling a sense of pride in Central Connecticut State University.



Residence Life Staff

Central Office Staff and Office Location

The following full-time staff members are located in the central office, which is located on the first floor of the Mid-Campus Hall. The operating hours are 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday.

The **Director of Residence Life** is responsible for the overall administration of the Residence Life Program including managing the departmental budget and strategic planning.

The **Associate Director** manages the housing assignment and selection process, coordinates all late stay and early returns to campus, and supervises the live-in professional staff members.

The **Associate Director** manages the Resident Assistant Program and resident education component of the department in addition to supervising the selection and training of new student staff members.

The **Residence Life Secretary** manages the central office and assists the Associate Director with the housing assignment process.

Area Coordinators/Resident Directors

The Area Coordinators (AC) and the Resident Directors (RD) are full-time administrators at Central Connecticut State University and live in the residence halls. They are responsible for the residence hall students, activities, and facilities. They advise, counsel, and supervise residents individually or as part of a group. It is their responsibility to work with students and Resident Assistants (RA) to create an environment that encourages both social and academic development of the students who live in the halls. Each night an Area Coordinator or Resident Director is on duty for crisis management and intervention.

The professional staff is trained in the areas of management, programming, interpersonal relations, and counseling. Additionally, they are responsible for supervising and training Resident Assistants (RAs), desk staff personnel, providing leadership development opportunities, responding to disciplinary actions, and serving as advisors for student organizations. The professional staff reserves the right to meet with you, at any time deemed necessary, during your stay at Central Connecticut State University.

Resident Assistants

Each residence hall is fully staffed by a team of student paraprofessionals better known as Resident Assistants (RAs). RAs are carefully selected and trained to help residents create a community environment conducive to individual and social growth. Each RA strives to empower students to identify needs, determine goals, maintain visibility, provide opportunities for student involvement in the residential community, and assist individual students in realizing and implementing a mature approach to personal conduct. We encourage you to call upon your RA as a resource in gathering information and answering questions about the University.

Student Employment Program

This program gives an opportunity for students to have an “out of the classroom” learning experience through various positions that our department offers throughout the academic year and summer break. Those leadership positions offered are Desk Attendants, Main Office Residence Life Assistants, Marketing Specialists, Graphic Designers and Summer Conference Assistants.

Other University Employees

Residence Hall Custodians: help maintain the common areas in and around the residence halls. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and suite bathrooms, removing trash and recycling to designated outdoor dumpsters, reporting damages and facility concerns, and treating the residence hall community with respect. Students may be billed for trash in the hallway, spills on the carpet, writing on walls or doors, and other outstanding damage.

Residence Hall Maintenance Staff: respond to and resolve facility concerns. Residents are responsible for reporting room and building maintenance concerns. Occasionally, it is necessary for maintenance personnel to enter your room to resolve an issue. When we have advanced knowledge of any concern, Residence Life staff will post signage in hall lobbies and/or send emails to your Central account.

University Police Officers: respond to residence hall emergencies, investigate complaints, and provide educational resources for students. Officers also provide educational programming and resources for students.

Campus Living

As a Member of a Community

A high priority at Central is to create a community that enhances your college experience. The Office of Residence Life strives to make your living environment more than a place to sleep. We are committed to providing you with opportunities that will allow you to learn about yourself and others, interact with diverse students, and develop a sense of community. We feel that we share a partnership with other members of the University by providing you with the necessary tools and resources to succeed. Your college experience is one that you should remember for a lifetime. It is our hope that you find living on campus filled with opportunities for you to grow personally and professionally.

You should realize that you play a significant role in your residence building regarding the spirit of “community.” We encourage you to form positive relationships with other resident students, such as your roommate(s), suitemates, floor members, Residence Life staff and others. You are not only sharing a bedroom but also a bathroom and communal areas. You are responsible for living up to the rules and regulations and working with others in your community to create an atmosphere promoting studying and social interaction. We encourage you to ask questions and seek out the Residence Life staff when you have problems or concerns.

Tips for Being a Good Resident/Roommate

Your enjoyment of your Residence Life experience will depend on the mutual respect and understanding that you demonstrate as a resident. It is important that each student realizes that they have responsibilities while residing on campus and should advocate for themselves.

To establish positive relationships in the residence hall, each resident must:

- Be treated with respect.
- Listen to one another and take comments seriously.
- Be responsible for actions.
- Express personal feelings in a manner that does not violate the dignity of others.
- Be able to say “no” without feeling guilty.
- Express preferences without risking ridicule and derision.

If conflicts arise between you and another resident, follow these guidelines:

- Keep the problem between you and that resident.
- Talk with the resident about the situation.
- Discuss solutions that you both can live with and write them down.
- Discuss the situation with a Residence Life staff member.

Good Samaritan Medical Amnesty Statement

Respect for safety is a Central core value. All members are expected and strongly encouraged to seek help for any individual in need of medical assistance. This holds true for events when medical assistance is necessary to aid an individual who is suffering from the effects of alcohol and/or other drugs. Students seeking help will not face disciplinary action for any alcohol or drug violation associated with a medical emergency. The act of seeking help for oneself or for another individual, due to an alcohol/other drug medical emergency, will be evaluated by the Office of Student Conduct under this Good Samaritan Statement.

This Good Samaritan Statement does not apply to other forms of behavior and violations. To request a waiver under the Good Samaritan Statement, a student needs to complete and then submit the Good Samaritan Waiver Request Form to the Office of Student Conduct within five (5) University calendar days.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

- Living on campus at Central Connecticut State University is a privilege offered to matriculated students. As a student residing in university residence halls, you are afforded rights that respect your privacy and ability to succeed academically and personally. By accepting on-campus housing you also agree to accept the responsibilities of community living as established in this document.
- All residential students and their guests must always be considerate of other students, staff, faculty, and guests. You have the right to live in a clean and safe environment free of harassment, discrimination, and intolerance of your race, age, religious beliefs, cultural or ethnic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, status of ability, or personal interest. You

have the responsibility to create an environment for all others that is free of harassment, discrimination, and intolerance of one's race, age, religious beliefs, cultural or ethnic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, status of ability, or personal interest.

- You have the right to privacy within your assigned residence hall room and the maintenance of confidentiality of your personal information by Residence Life staff members. University Police, Residence Life staff, and maintenance personnel have the right to access your room without permission for monthly unannounced health and safety inspections, to complete maintenance requests, to confirm occupancy and to respond to concerns regarding individual or community safety.
- You have the right to keep your personal possessions within your assigned room and/or suite and have the responsibility to make reasonable measures to ensure their safe keeping. This includes, but is not limited to, locking your room door(s) and window(s), maintaining privacy and appropriate security of valuables, and reporting missing items. The university is not responsible for loss or damage to students' personal property for any cause or reason including but not limited to theft, fires, flood, weather conditions, equipment failures, or acts of God.
- The university reserves the right to remove (without your permission) any item(s) that is a violation of university or residence hall protocols or that threatens the safety of an individual or the community. The item(s) will be maintained in a secure location with the Residence Hall office or University Police until you permanently remove the item(s) from campus. Item(s) stored in the Residence Hall office will be disposed of after the last day of finals of the semester in which the item(s) was removed. Items which are deemed dangerous and found in violation of local, state, or federal laws may be confiscated by University Police.
- You are responsible for complying with university and Residence Life staff in an emergency. This involves evacuation, sheltering, and altering access privileges in weather, campus, or residence hall emergency situations. Compliance with these requests is critical to ensuring your and others' safety. Failure to comply will result in a referral to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities or University Police.
- Living in a Central residence hall, you are to abide by the university's protocols governing student conduct, responsibilities, and discipline. You are responsible for knowing, and observing regulations set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.
- You are responsible for maintaining a clean and safe environment within and directly adjacent to the residence halls. Damage or cleaning charges resulting from your intentional or unintentional actions will result in a damage bill assessed to your student account. Theft of property or services, or damage to, defacement or destruction of, or tampering with, real or personal property owned by the State of Connecticut, the university, or any member of the university community is strictly prohibited.

Renters insurance- Please note the following:

Central Connecticut State University does not assume financial responsibility for damages or theft of students' personal property. The Office of Residence Life highly recommends that each student consider purchasing renters' insurance. **Renters insurance is not mandatory and may be purchased from any source.**

Residence Life Policies & Procedures

Violation of Residence Hall policies and procedures may lead to disciplinary action that will be referred to either the Office of Residence Life or to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities. All students are responsible for reading and understanding the University's Student Code of Conduct section of the Student Handbook.

- **Alcoholic Beverages:** Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, having alcoholic containers (i.e., empty cans, bottles, decorative containers, etc.) in a room and being in a room with alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the residence halls except for James and Gallaudet Halls rooms/suites identified as 21 years and older. For more details, see the "Residence Hall Alcohol Protocol."
- **Blue Chip ID Card:** This is your student ID. It gives you access to your Residence Hall main entrance door and your room and bathroom. Blue Chip ID Cards should not be lent to anyone including other Central students or visitor guests. It is used when you do your laundry, get snacks or drinks from the vending machines, borrow books from the Elihu Burritt Library and purchase meals on campus. In addition, off campus merchants accept it as a form of payment. Visit the Card Office website for the listing of the merchants' locations where the Blue Chip ID Card is accepted.
- **Cars/Parking:** Resident students may have cars on campus if registered with the University Police Department. Please refer to the parking [website](#) for additional information.
- **Cohabitation:** Cohabitation is strictly prohibited. Please see the visitation policy for more information.
- **Cooking:** Because of fire safety and health regulations, all cooking and food preparation is limited to kitchen areas only. Students must not leave any cooked food unattended. Deep frying is prohibited. The Office of Residence Life is not responsible for food left in the kitchen and communal areas. Individuals who use the kitchens are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness after use. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to close kitchens due to health and safety issues at any time.
- **Courtesy Hours:** They are observed 24 hours a day throughout the residence halls. When asked by another resident or Residence Life staff member to reduce noise level, residents are expected to immediately comply as a courtesy to fellow community members.
- **Curfews:** There are no curfew hours for residential students. The Residence Halls are locked 24 hours a day. Resident students' Blue Chip ID cards will open the main entrance to their assigned Residence Hall. Students who return after hours are expected to refrain from making excessive noise so as not to disturb

others sleeping or studying. Students should only enter and exit through the main entrance door of the Residence Halls. Students who let in unauthorized individuals and/or prop side doors may be subject to disciplinary action.

- **Decorations:** Decorations within and visible to the residential community or public must be tasteful and appropriate for a diverse audience. Decorations may not obstruct doorways, windows, lights, or emergency fixtures (including sprinklers and smoke detectors) or be affixed in a manner that causes damage to university property (i.e., using adhesive tape, nails, hooks, glue, etc.). **Residents are not permitted to obstruct, affix, or hang any item from a sprinkler head and smoke detectors.** It is prohibited to hang anything on the ceiling of a bedroom, common room, or hall. Decorations may not include any stolen property or traffic/public signage. No materials should be used for decorating/hanging items that may result in damage to the walls, ceilings, doors, or furniture within the room. As such, prohibited materials include (but are not limited to) tacks, nails, staples, etc. An artificial UL-approved manufacturer pre-lit tree with a maximum height of 3 feet is permitted with all roommates' approval. For safety reasons, live or cut trees are prohibited in all the residence halls. Holiday/string lights must be unplugged/switched off when a room is unoccupied.
- **Disruptive/Personal Behaviors:** Behavior(s) that infringes upon academic pursuits or is disruptive to orderly community living, including infringing on the privacy and privileges of the residential community members is not allowed. Inconsiderate, disrespectful, harassing, intolerant, lewd, or obscene behaviors are unacceptable within or around university residence halls. Behaviors that threaten the safety or well-being of self or others may result in immediate removal from on-campus housing and subject to disciplinary action. Behaviors that have the potential to threaten one's own or others' safety is prohibited. These behaviors include but are not limited to fighting, hitting, wrestling, kicking, bouncing balls, threatening others, running, skating, skateboarding, or rollerblading within or immediately adjacent to the residence hall; using items or words as a means to threaten others; holding individuals against their will; leaning or throwing items in the hallways, out of residence hall windows; and throwing items towards the residence hall.
- **Drugs and other chemicals:** Possession, purchase, sale, distribution or manufacturing of narcotics, controlled substances and/ or drugs, including, but not limited to, marijuana and heroin, or drug paraphernalia is prohibited in the residence halls. Please review the Central Student Code of Conduct for specific information about prohibitions and disciplinary procedures for violations.
- **Electronic Student Communication Policy:** The Office of Residence Life uses email accounts provided by the University as the designated form of communication with all students. It is the student's responsibility to check their official University email accounts regularly.
- **Fire Safety:** Students are expected to exercise all precautions to prevent fires in the residence halls. No cooking is permitted in student rooms. Rooms should be cleaned and free of clutter to minimize fire hazards. Drapes must be made of fire-retardant material. No ceiling decorations, including decorative lights, can be

hung from or on ceilings. The Residence Life staff conduct monthly health and fire safety inspections.

- **Fire Alarms, Sprinklers, Heat and Smoke Detectors:** have been installed in every Residence Hall room. All students must vacate the building immediately when the fire alarm sounds away from the residence halls. **Always respond to a fire alarm.** Always treat a fire alarm as an actual fire. When you are leaving your room, wear shoes, take a coat, lock your room door, and evacuate using the nearest exit. Please take any necessary medications with you. Failure to vacate promptly may result in separation from the Residence Halls. Students found tampering and/or covering fire safety equipment, heat or smoke detectors, or the fire alarm system will be subject to disciplinary action and possible restitution. Criminal charges may also result.

You can help to prevent a fire from occurring in your residence hall by:

- Turn off your hairdryer, lamps, and curling/flat iron immediately after use.
- Never cover lamps with any material for any reason.
- Never use candles, incense, or any open flame item. Open flame devices are not permitted in residence halls rooms/suites.
- Keep hallways, windows, and exit paths always clear
- Never overload electric circuits. Always use a power strip with a surge protector to avoid blowing fuses and tripping breakers.
- Only use electrical items that are in good working order.
- Always report fire, smoke, or burning smells to a residence life staff member or University Police immediately.
- If your clothing catches on fire, stop, drop, and roll out the fire.
- Never hang anything from or hit a sprinkler in a residence hall. Doing so will rupture the glass heat sensor and activate the sprinkler system. Also, never cover or hang anything from a smoke detector.
- **Never tamper with smoke alarms or sprinklers in your room or building;** tampering with fire safety equipment will result in disciplinary action.
- **Recurring fire alarms** set off accidentally because of misuse of cooking equipment, ignorance of proper cooking techniques, failure to use proper bathroom or kitchen ventilation systems, or other action deemed negligent or careless that has been previously addressed by Residence Life or university personnel may also result in disciplinary action.
- **Gambling:** Gambling and games of chance are not permitted within the residential communities and may not be sponsored by Residence Life staff or organizations outside of the residence hall community.
- **Health & Fire Safety Inspections:** For the health and safety of each resident, the Residence Life staff conducts monthly routine inspections for fire safety hazards, damage, and the cleanliness of the rooms/ suites. If a student has prohibited/restricted items, it will be confiscated by the Residence Life staff.
- **Health Forms:** See the Student Wellness Services section of the Student Handbook to see all student health requirements. All residential students are also required to obtain a meningitis vaccination before they move into the residence halls. For more information about required vaccine information and resources, please review the **Health Form Requirement**.

- **Quiet Hours:** From 10 pm - 10 am Sunday - Thursday, and 11 pm - 11 am Friday - Saturday. Consideration is always essential. Students should be active in enforcing this policy and involving the Residence Life staff when necessary.
- **24 - Hour Quiet Hours:** During Finals Week, the “Quiet Hour” policy is implemented all day, 24 hours. If a student violates the 24 - hour Quiet Hour policy, they may be subject to disciplinary action.
- **Non-Compliance:** You are responsible to respectfully comply with a reasonable request from a university or Residence Life staff member so that they may complete their job responsibilities.
- **Painting of Student Rooms:** Students may not paint their rooms. This is done through the Facilities Department to ensure paint is up to state code.
- **Personal Belongings:** Students must remove all belongings from their room/suite upon exiting of housing assignment. Items left behind will be removed from campus after 30 business days.
- **Personal Injury/If I get sick:** The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to request medical assistance (including an ambulance) on a resident’s behalf if necessary. Also, the university does not assume responsibility or liability for payment of medical bills that may be a result of accidental injury or illness while residents reside in the residence halls. Students are encouraged to utilize Health Services or, in the event of an emergency, to call 911. Students are also encouraged to notify the front desk staff, Resident Assistant, or the Director on Duty of any accidental injury in the residence halls.
- **Personal Transportation:** Bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds, and scooters are not permitted within the residential community. These items may be stored outside of the building at an individual’s own risk. Covered bicycle storage is available through the Office of Residence Life.
- **Posting flyers/materials:** The Office of Residence Life must authorize the posting of all materials in the Residence Halls. All posting materials must be dropped off in the Residence Life main office located in Mid- Campus Hall, Room 118 for approval. Once the material is approved, it will be posted by Residence Life staff in the Residence Halls.
- **Reporting a missing student:** If you believe a resident student (your friend or roommate) is missing, please contact a Residence Life staff member immediately. The Resident Director/ Area Coordinator will attempt to contact the missing student and notify the University Police.
- **Residence Hall Face Covering Policy:** Individuals are prohibited from entering a residence hall while intentionally concealing their identity by wearing a mask, hood, or any other covering that obscures a substantial portion of the face. This includes, but is not limited to, ski masks (e.g., “Shiesty masks”) and other face coverings used to disguise one’s identity. Exceptions to this policy include:
 - Individuals wearing protective masks as required for their profession, trade, or employment, where such coverings are necessary for safety purposes.
 - Individuals wearing a mask or face covering for legitimate medical reasons.
 - Individuals religious head coverings or face coverings as part of a sincerely held religious belief.

This policy is in place to maintain a secure and identifiable residential community while respecting religious practices and necessary accommodations.

- **Smoking:** The State of Connecticut prohibits smoking in any Residence Hall or Residence Hall rooms. The Office of Residence Life is committed to providing a safe and healthy living and learning environment free from tobacco products, environmental tobacco smoke, and all smoking-related by-products. The use of any smoking-related by-products in any Residence Hall may result in a citation from University Police and a referral to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities. Definitions: For the purposes of this policy, "smoking" includes, but is not limited to, the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vape pens, and similar products. Please refer to the following webpage for the designated smoking areas on campus: [Smoking Policy](#).
- **Soliciting, Propaganda, and Commercial Activities:** Residential communities may not be used to distribute propaganda, share promotional materials, or for any commercial purpose including solicitation, fundraising, and commercial business activities. Students may not use their status as a residential student to solicit, fundraise, collect donations, or conduct business activities within residential communities. Special permission is required of all individuals requesting to organize, share promotional materials, fundraise, or collect donations within residential communities in advance. For your protection, we recommend the following:
 - Never provide a social security number, bank account, or credit card information to unsolicited callers.
 - Never provide your contact information to anyone with whom you do not want to make contact.
 - Report annoying or obscene phone calls and hang-ups to University Police. Record the phone number and time of these calls from the display on your phone.
- **Sports & Physical Play:** Playing sports or aggressive physical activity is prohibited in the residence halls. This includes but is not limited to wrestling, boxing, golf, football, and soccer.
- **Students Transported to the Hospital:** Students who are transported to the hospital due to alcohol, drug, or other substance abuse and/or medical must establish contact and/or make an appointment with a Student Affairs Designee within 24 hours of the next business day. Please refer to the Emergency Medical Treatment/Withdrawal Procedures section of the Student Handbook for further details on the return criteria to the Residence Halls. The University is not responsible for any costs for ambulance services or treatment. Transportation back to campus is the responsibility of the student.
- **Theft of Personal Belongings:** Students must keep their room/suite always locked. Students should be mindful of personal items left in communal area spaces in the residence hall. Students should not keep valuables in conspicuous places but should report suspicious circumstances to a staff member immediately, whether it involves them or not. If a personal item is stolen, the student should report the theft to the University Police and Residence Life staff. The University does not carry insurance for personal thefts.

- **University Right of Entry:** The University/Office of Residence Life staff reserves the right to enter students' rooms/suites for university-related business and/or emergency situations.

- **University Furniture/Property University Furniture/Property Policy**

- **Responsibility and Usage**

- **Accountability:** Students are responsible for university furniture and property. Any theft, misuse, or defacement will result in disciplinary action and restitution.
- **Assigned Areas:** All furniture must remain in its designated area (e.g., lounges, kitchens, suites, bedrooms). Furniture should not be removed from these locations for personal use.
- **Condition Reports:** Residents will be billed for furniture that is damaged or missing from its original location unless such issues are noted on the Room Condition Report at check-in.

- **Prohibited Actions**

- **Alterations:** Writing, painting, or drawing on University furniture is strictly prohibited.
- **Storage Restrictions:** Students are not allowed to store personal belongings, including furniture, in common areas such as lounges, hallways, and breezeways.
- **Common Area Furniture:** Furniture from common areas must not be relocated to personal spaces. Removal of lounge furniture is considered theft and may lead to a student conduct hearing and/or a fine.

- **Furniture Guidelines**

- **University-Owned Furniture:** All furniture provided by the University for student rooms and suites must remain within the assigned unit. No storage is available for unwanted furniture.
- **Upholstered Furniture:** No non-university upholstered furniture is allowed in any on-campus residence hall.

- **Health and Safety**

- For health and safety reasons, students may only bring certain types of furniture into the residence halls. The following items are prohibited:
 - Upholstered furniture
 - Untreated wooden furniture
 - Futon couches or chairs
 - Folding tables
 - Any furniture containing cushions or stuffing
 - Bean bags
 - Pillows longer than four feet
 - Pillow chairs
 - Mattress toppers thicker than 3"
 - Outside loft kits

- **Acceptable Furniture Items**

- Students are permitted to bring the following items:
 - Butterfly, papasan, or tailgate chairs that can be folded
 - New wooden, metal, or plastic shelves no taller than 48"

- Plastic storage bins
- **Storage:** The residence halls have limited storage space, so residents must store all personal belongings in their own rooms. There is no additional storage available for students during the summer months or breaks.
- **Windows:** Throwing, dropping, or causing any object or liquid to fall through or out of a window is prohibited. Entering or exiting any residence hall through a window is also prohibited. Residents are not allowed to hang anything on or place any items out of windows, including but not limited to posters, flags, and any type of decorations.
- **Window Screens:** Removing window screens in bedrooms, suites, lounges, and hallways is prohibited. Students who remove screens from the windows may be subject to disciplinary action and a fee may be assessed to the responsible individual.
- **Work/Business Operations within Residence Halls:** The residence hall may not be used as a base for business or freelance work operations including (but not limited to) babysitting or childcare services, pet-sitting services, hair braiding or cutting, nail services, eyelash extensions, etc. The residence hall environment is not conducive to such operations, and utilizing your residence hall room for such operations may result in a mediation meeting with your hall director or subsequent referral to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities.
- **Residence Hall Bed Adjustment & Accessibility Accommodation Policy**

Bed Height Requests

Residence hall beds are designed to be adjustable to meet the needs of most students and are set at a standard height to maximize comfort, convenience, and storage.

- Bed adjustments are subject to safety and facility guidelines.
- Residents are not permitted to adjust or disassemble bed frames themselves.
- **All students requesting to adjust the height of their bed must submit their request through the Accessibility Services Office.**

Accessibility-Related Requests

Students with a documented disability who require a bed adjustment as an accommodation should work directly with the Accessibility Services Office accessibilityservices@ccsu.edu or (860) 832-1952

Accessibility Services will review documentation and, if approved, notify Residence Life of the accommodation.

- Once approved, Residence Life will coordinate with Facilities staff to make the necessary adjustment at no cost to the student.
- Examples of approved accommodations may include lowering a bed for mobility access or raising a bed to allow specialized equipment to fit underneath.

Important Notes

- Not all bed frames allow for the same height ranges. Residence Life and Facilities staff will work with students to find the safest and most appropriate configuration possible.
- Unauthorized adjustments to beds may result in charges for damages and/or disciplinary action.
- Students are encouraged to submit requests prior to move-in whenever possible to ensure timely completion.
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Residence Hall Alcohol Protocol

General Conduct

** All students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly regarding alcohol use.

Alcohol Restrictions by Residence Hall

- Alcohol is not permitted for any student or guest, regardless of age, in the following residence halls: Barrows, Beecher, Seth North, Mid-Campus, Sam May, Sheridan, and Vance.
- Possession, consumption, or presence of alcoholic beverages, as well as possession of alcoholic containers (empty cans, bottles, decorative containers, etc.), is prohibited in these residence halls.

Alcohol Permissions in James and Gallaudet Halls

To maintain a respectful and safe environment for all residents, we ask that any alcohol brought into the residence halls be in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. **Closed Containers:** All alcoholic beverages must be in closed containers at all times when being transported through common areas within the residence halls.
2. **Discrete Transportation:** Alcohol should be discreetly brought into the residence halls. We recommend placing alcoholic beverages in a bag to ensure they are not exposed or visible to others.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure a community that respects the diverse needs and comfort levels of all residents

- Alcohol is permitted only in designated rooms/suites for residents 21 years or older.
- Conditions for alcohol consumption:
- Student must be 21 years of age or older.
- All roommates/suitemates must be 21 years of age or older.
- All guests must be 21 years or older.
- Alcohol must be consumed in the designated areas.
- Adherence to the published alcohol policy is required.

Designated Alcohol Consumption Areas

- Permitted in:
 - Rooms/Suite Common Areas where all individuals are 21 years of age or older.
- Prohibited in but not limited to:
 - Common spaces (hallways, lounges, kitchens, lobbies, laundry rooms, computer labs, elevators, game rooms).
 - Outside areas adjacent to the residence halls.

Allowed Amounts and Paraphernalia

- Students 21 years or older may possess up to two of the following amounts for personal use:
- One 6-pack of beer (up to 72 ounces).
- One bottle of wine (up to 750 milliliters).
- One bottle of spirits/liquor (up to 350 milliliters).
- Large quantities of alcohol, such as kegs or beer balls, are prohibited.
- Alcohol drinking paraphernalia intended for excessive drinking (funnels, game tables, etc.) is prohibited.
- Collecting, displaying, or storing empty alcohol containers is not allowed, regardless of age.
- It is encouraged that alcohol containers are not left out in the open when not in use.

Violations and Enforcement

- Residence Life staff may require students to dispose of alcohol if involved in a university protocol violation or if an individual's safety/well-being is at risk.
- University Police may issue citations for violations of Connecticut State Law, which can include fines, suspension of a driver's license, and criminal charges.
- Students in violation of the alcohol protocol may be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the Wellness Center.
- Residence Life staff may request a medical evaluation for students appearing intoxicated.

- Residential students found in violation of the alcohol protocol with guests involved risk losing their guest privileges. Guests who violate the university alcohol protocol may be banned from entering residential buildings.

Restricted/Prohibited Items (Including but not limited to):

Below is a list of many prohibited/restricted items that create safety hazards and may cause fires or damage property in the residence halls. Possession of prohibited items or misuse of them will result in the item(s) being confiscated by the Residence Hall staff until the resident can safely remove it from the premises. If a student does not pick up their restricted items by the given time, it will be discarded. **All parties are responsible for the restricted item found in the room or suite and are subject to disciplinary action. Please note that the items on the listing below may be changed to ensure the security and safety of the students in the Residence Halls. Office of Residence Life reserves the right to evaluate additional items that create health and safety issues.**

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| Air conditioners | Halogen bulb fixtures |
| Air fryers | Heating elements |
| Alcohol beverage/containers (empty or filled) | Hot plates or hot pots |
| Alcohol paraphernalia | Hover boards |
| Ammunition | Hookah |
| Amplifiers | Incense |
| B-B guns/ Toy guns | Knives (other than kitchen knives) |
| Candles (with or without wicks) or oil/wax tart warmers | Lamps (plastic fixtures, kerosene, oil types, lava lamps) |
| Cardboard drawer units | Loft Units |
| Ceiling fans | Multi-outlet adapters |
| Coffee pots or coffee makers used in rooms/suites | Micro-mobility Devices (e-bikes, e-scooters, e-skateboards, hoverboards) |
| Dart boards with point tip darts | Noise makers such as bull horns, vuvuzela, or megaphones |
| Drug paraphernalia such as bongos | Non-university mattress |
| Duct tape | Paint/paint thinner |
| Electric appliances | Pets (except fish) |
| Extension cords (only surge protectors permitted) | Portable heaters |
| Fishnets and other ceiling decorations | Sun lamps |
| Firearms (including air rifles) | Sub/woofers |
| Fireworks | Surveillance cameras inside or outside of residence hall room, i.e. Ring cameras |
| Fitness equipment | Toasters of any kind |
| Flammable liquids | Vaporizers or humidifiers |
| Flipper Zero | Weapons of any kind |
| Foldable Tables | Wicker furniture or wastepaper baskets |
| Gasoline | Wireless router |
| Gasoline-powered equipment | 3D Printers |

Permitted items are allowed in the residence halls under the following conditions:

- Aquariums (for flake-eating fish only) - tank not to exceed 10 gallons. One per room.
- Bicycles - must not block egress (door or window of room).
- Black lights - must not be used to replace fixtures provided by the university.
- Cleaning Supplies - Students are encouraged to bring their own cleaning supplies for their rooms and to clean their space regularly.
- Fitness weights - not to exceed 10 pounds.
- Furniture: Please refer to the furniture policy for detailed guidelines.
- Hair dryers/straighteners - hand-held only, must be U.L. approved. To be used in bathrooms and bedrooms only.
- Indoor/outdoor decorative lights - must be UL approved; cannot be hung near sprinkler heads and ceilings.
- Irons - must have auto shut-off, to be used on desktop boards.
- Ironing Boards - only desktop boards allowed.
- Lamps – desktop lamps, no floor lamps.
- LED Strip Lighting Policy - LED lights are permitted in the residence halls, provided they are mounted properly. Students must use temporary mounting solutions such as Command strip hooks or similar products designed to be damage-free. Adhesive tapes (including double-sided tape) may not be used to mount LED strips, as they often cause damage to walls, ceilings, or fixtures. Students will be held financially responsible for any repairs needed due to improper mounting.
- Microwave/refrigerator combination units - Standard room: 1 refrigerator (maximum 3.2 cubic feet, Energy Star rated) and 1 microwave (not to exceed 700 w) is permitted. Suite: 1 microwave is permitted per suite (not to exceed 700w). 1 refrigerator within the suite is permitted. Note: if using a microwave/refrigerator combination unit, it must be one-plug technology.
- Musical instruments - subject to quiet hours and 24-hour courtesy hours.
- Plants – while there are no specific size restrictions for plants in Central residence hall rooms, residents are encouraged to select plants that are appropriate for the limited space available. Plants should be manageable and fit comfortably without obstructing pathways, creating clutter or tripping hazards, or interfering with university-provided furniture. Smaller, low maintenance plants such as succulents, snake plants, spider plants, and pothos are recommended, as they thrive in limited light and space.
- Plug strip/surge protector - must have built-in circuit breaker & UL approved.
- Radios/Stereos - only one per room due to the power allotment for each room.
- Refrigerators - the unit must be UL approved and draw a maximum of two amps due to power allotment in the rooms. Only one per room.

- Television - due to the power allotment for each room, only one per room. Students are encouraged to bring TVs no larger than 40 inches.
- Vacuums - handhelds only (no uprights or canisters).
- Posters/Wall coverings - must not exceed 50% of wall space.
- Wastebaskets - must be made of metal or plastic (no wicker wastebaskets permitted).

Approved Kitchen Equipment to Be Used Only in the Residence Halls Designated

Kitchens: These items can be kept in students' rooms as storage.

- Blenders
- Electric Kettles
- George Foreman Grills
- Keurig
- Rice Maker
- Panini Press
- Waffle Maker

Safety & Security Policies

Residence Life staff members are trained to respond to campus and residence hall emergencies and to assist with making reports to University Police or the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities as appropriate. Central is supported by fully sanctioned, full-time police officers. The University Police Officers write reports, investigate criminal complaints, issue citations, and make arrests as appropriate. Additionally, University Police Officers provide educational programming for residence hall students and can offer guidance in providing safer residence hall communities.

Central Connecticut State University reports all campus incidents in accordance with the "Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act" of 1990. A report of campus incidents and statistics is available by contacting the Central Connecticut State University Police.

Access to the Residence Halls is restricted to residents, their invited guests, University personnel and authorized visitors. Each resident is issued a Blue Chip ID Card that will provide access into the building. The Residence Halls are locked 24 hours a day. All students must carry their Blue Chip ID Card at all times. To provide privacy and security to our residential students, it is University policy not to release room numbers or personal telephone numbers. Blue Chip ID Card is not given to any other students or visitor guests.

Lost/Stolen Blue Chip ID Card

Report a lost or stolen Blue Chip ID card immediately! You can report your lost card to the Card Office during Card Office hours by calling 860-832-2140. After-hours, call the University Police at 860-832-2375. You can also report your lost card to. When you report your lost Blue Chip ID Card, request a "hold" to be placed on your card. This prevents anyone (even if you find it) from using your card. If you think you left your card in your room, car, or somewhere else, ask us for a temporary card so you can look for your card. You can purchase a new card for a fee.

Door Alarms

For safety, the residence halls have alarms on back and side doors and other doors not the main entrance. All students and their guests must enter through the main entrance door in all buildings. Entering or exiting through other doors will result in alarms sounding and will result in conduct sanctioning.

Lockouts: Once a student has been accessed into their room, they must show their ID or give the location of the missing ID.

Lockouts:

- Residents should first try to locate an RA to gain access to their room.
- If you can't locate an RA, please call your RA Staff Line, 24/7. This building specific number is posted on the Lockout Flyer which you can find on the RA Office Door and throughout the building.
- From 8:00 pm to 8:00 am please call the RA on Duty. This building specific number is posted on the Lockout Flyer which you can find on the RA Office Door and throughout the building.
- If you have tried all of the above and cannot reach anyone, you may call 860-984-5261, 24/7 for assistance.
- Please note if you are locked out you might need to wait for assistance.

Residence Hall Guest Protocol**Definition of Regular Guests**

- Regular guests include:
- Current students who do not reside in the same residence hall as the host.
- Off-campus visitors between the hours of 4:00 pm and midnight.

Registration and Identification

- All guests must be registered and have a valid photo ID.
- Accepted IDs: Central student, staff, or faculty ID card; state-issued photo ID; Military ID; Passport.
- University staff and faculty on official business must have their ID available at all times and register at the front desk if staffed.
- Childcare or babysitting services are not permitted in the residence halls. Written permission from the Office of Residence Life is required for children visiting for more than one hour.

Visitor Sign-In Policy

- Visitors must enter through the designated front entrance and sign in between 4:00 pm and midnight Monday to Sunday.
- Visitors who arrive before 4:00 pm must sign in at 4:00 pm.

- Visitors must call their host to meet them at the main entrance and be escorted at all times.
- Resident hosts must sign in their visitors and assume responsibility for them.
- Visitors must be 18 years or older.
- A valid physical photo ID is required for all visitors.
- Each resident may have only two guests at a time.
- Visitors must sign out upon leaving.
- Overnight stays must be indicated at sign-in for safety reasons.
- Guests must use only designated guest bathrooms.
- Visitors and residents must abide by university policies, and residents are responsible for their guests' behavior.

Safety and Security

- Residents and visitors must carry their IDs at all times.
- Suspicious activity or safety concerns should be reported to Residence Hall staff or University Police.
- Serious security breaches subject to sanctions include:
 - Propping open doors.
 - Tampering with building protection systems.
 - Entering/exiting through unauthorized doors.
 - Unauthorized entry by non-residents.

Additional Protocols

- A maximum of two guests per resident is allowed. Additional guests (family members only) may be approved by the Resident Director 24 hours in advance.
- Guests require consent from all roommates or suitemates.
- Guests under 18 are not allowed.
- Guests must enter and exit through the main lobby and register upon entry and exit.
- Guests must wait in the front lobby until they sign in.
- Residence Life staff can refuse or request guests to leave at any time for community disruption.
- Community restrooms are for designated genders only. Gender-inclusive bathrooms are available in each building.
- Residents are responsible for all activities and behavior of their guests.
- Regular guests must leave and sign out by midnight.
- Disorderly or intoxicated guests will be removed from campus.

Guest Sign-In Procedure

- Sign in guests at the front desk with an appropriate ID. If no Desk Attendant is present, use the QR code on the guest sign-in flyer to sign in.

Residence Hall Overnight Guest Protocol

GUESTS (OVERNIGHT): Each student is permitted to have a maximum of one overnight guest per night, with a limit of two nights per week (Sunday through Saturday). The consent of all other students assigned to the room is required for any overnight guest. These protocols are in addition to those outlined for regular guests.

1. Only students assigned to the building may register guests, with a maximum of one overnight guest and one regular guest at a time.
2. Overnight guests must park in university-approved visitor designated parking areas.
3. Overnight guests must leave the residence hall by 12:00 p.m. the following day or be signed in again as a regular guest.
4. Roommates have the right to request that an overnight guest not stay in the room. Hosts are responsible for obtaining roommate consent prior to signing in a guest.
5. Students can have up to two overnight guests per room.
6. All overnight guests must be at least 18 years old.
7. Guests who are not current Central students must provide state identification containing their date of birth.
8. There must be mutual agreement between roommates, respecting each other's decision regarding overnight stays.
9. Resident students have the right to deny overnight guests requested by their roommates or suitemates.
10. Having an overnight guest is a privilege. Violations of this policy may result in the loss of this privilege and disciplinary action.
11. Students are responsible for all actions of their guests and may be subject to Student Conduct action if University and Residence Life policies are violated.
12. It is the responsibility of the host student to ensure their guest is correctly checked in with the Desk Attendant staff of the Residence Hall.
13. Cohabitation is prohibited.

How to Register an Overnight Guest(s):

- Guests can be signed in as overnight guests between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – midnight at the residence hall front desk.

Guests During Academic Year Breaks

- Only residential students approved to stay during break periods may have guests, who must also be approved to stay.
- No overnight guests are allowed during break periods.
- Failure to properly sign in a guest could result in loss of break housing and conduct action.

Extreme Weather Emergencies

When directed, proceed immediately to the closest shelter area. Specific locations for weather emergencies will be available in each residence hall and reviewed at hall/floor meetings.

Emergency Procedures and Equipment

Residents and their guests are required to comply with university and Residence Life staff during any campus or building drills, alarms, and emergency situations. Failure to properly evacuate and find shelter and/or tampering with or removing any emergency equipment is unacceptable. The university reserves the right to pursue a criminal or judicial complaint for students who fail to comply with emergency evacuation/sheltering instructions. The Office of Residence Life requests that students with permanent or temporary mobility or sensory limitations notify their Resident Directors/Area Coordinators so that we may be prepared to assist in an emergency.

Protect Yourself/ Your Possessions

Take precautions to protect yourself. The Central Police department offers services and programs to prepare and protect residential students. Please visit [University Police](#) for detailed information. Protecting your personal possessions takes a little effort. You have the right to keep your personal possessions within your assigned room, suite, or apartment and have the responsibility to make reasonable measures to ensure their safe keeping. This includes, but is not limited to, locking your room door(s) and window(s), maintaining privacy and appropriate security of valuables, and reporting missing items. The university is not responsible for loss or damage to students' personal property for any cause or reason including but not limited to theft, fires, flood, weather conditions, equipment failures, or acts of God. We recommend the following:

- Before packing your valuables, record identification numbers of appliances, electronics, equipment, and other valuables.
- Check to make sure that property in your residence hall room is covered by your own/your family's homeowner's/renter's insurance. Student insurance is available.
- Do not keep a large amount of cash or valuable jewelry in your room. Keep any cash, jewelry, bank information, and credit cards locked in a safe location. Do not share the location of these items with others.
- Always lock your car and never leave valuables exposed in your vehicle.
- Always keep your laptop computer and books in your possession. Do not leave them unattended even for a few minutes.
- Always lock your bicycle securely through the wheels and frame with a u-lock. Bikes may only be locked to available bike racks on campus.

Proper Identification

All students and guests must carry proper ID with them at all times. Students residing on campus must present their Blue Chip ID upon request by a university official or Residence Life staff member in the performance of their responsibilities. Guests of residential students must always carry a valid ID with them and present an ID to a university official or Residence Life staff member upon request.

Public Area Video Recording

Selected lobbies, lounges, stairwells, and areas immediately adjacent to residence halls are equipped with video recording. Surveillance footage is used by Residence Life staff and University Police to address incidents as appropriate.

Safety Checklist

- Always carry your Blue Chip ID card
- Always lock your car
- Always lock your room/suite door(s)
- Check the Storm Phone for inclement weather cancellations information: 860-832-3333
- Exit the building when a fire alarm sounds
- Have a designated driver and never accept rides from unknown individuals
- Know your alcohol limits
- Listen to your inner voice if you feel something is unsafe and leave the situation
- Never carry your social security card or anything that could make ID theft possible

- Program the University Police non-emergency telephone number in your cell phone: 860-832-2375
- Download the Central LiveSafe App to your cellphone
- Always carry a cell phone if possible
- Walk with friends or use the Safewalk feature on the LiveSafe App at night

Sexual Misconduct

Please visit the Office for Equity and Inclusion to review the [Sexual Misconduct Policy and Protocol](#).

Security Equipment

The removal, tampering with, and/or destruction of residence hall safety equipment is illegal and may result in removal from on-campus housing and judicial action. This includes but is not limited to residence hall cameras, door and window alarms, window screens, smoke detectors and card access systems. Additionally, room doors and bathroom doors may not be propped, and personal shower curtains may not be hung in place of university-issued shower curtains.

Surveillance Cameras

All residence hall lobbies, and other locations are equipped with surveillance cameras. Cameras are not continuously monitored but are used to assist with criminal and/or conduct investigations.

Roommate Bill of Rights

Introduction to Community Living at Central

At Central, the Office of Residence Life is dedicated to more than just providing a place to sleep; we aim to enhance your overall college experience by fostering a community where personal and professional growth is encouraged. We view our role as part of a partnership with the university community, equipping you with the tools and opportunities necessary for success. Living on campus is an experience filled with learning opportunities about yourself and others, and we hope it will be a memorable part of your college life.

Your Role in the Community

As a community member, you significantly influence the communal spirit in your residence. We encourage you to build positive relationships with your roommates, suitemates, floor members, and Residence Life staff. Sharing not only your room but also communal areas like bathrooms requires a commitment to abide by community rules and contribute to an environment conducive to both study and social interaction. When issues arise, we urge you to engage with Residence Life staff for guidance and support.

Guidelines for a Positive Residence Life Experience

Your experience in Residence Life largely depends on mutual respect and understanding. To

foster positive relationships, each resident should:

- Treat and be treated with respect.
- Remain open-minded to differing ideas, cultures, and perspectives.
- Listen actively and consider others' viewpoints seriously.
- Take responsibility for personal actions.
- Express personal feelings respectfully, without compromising others' dignity.
- Comfortably say "no" without guilt.
- Share preferences without fear of ridicule.
- Participate in constructive and intentional discourse.

Resident Rights

While residing on campus, you have the right to:

- Study and read without disruption.
- Enjoy uninterrupted sleep.
- Equitably share space.
- Live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment.
- Privacy and respect for personal belongings.

Resident Responsibilities

While living on campus, you are accountable for:

- The actions of your guests.
- Activities within your living space.
- Any damage occurring in your area.
- Securing your personal belongings.
- Shaping the college experience you desire.

Conflict Resolution Guidelines

Should conflicts arise, ensure that:

- The issue remains between you and the involved resident.
- You discuss the situation directly and consider mutually acceptable solutions, possibly referring to your roommate agreement.
- You seek mediation if needed by contacting a Resident Assistant.

Coordinating a Mediation

To initiate mediation, you should:

- Contact your Resident Assistant via their preferred method or visit the front desk during active-duty hours (8 PM - 12 AM).
- Respond promptly to your Resident Assistant regarding your availability for mediation.
- Approach mediation with a willingness to find solutions and an open mindset.

By adhering to these principles and guidelines, you can contribute positively to your community

and ensure a rewarding living experience at Central.

Room Selection Process

POLICIES REGARDING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

All the housing assignments are done through MyHousing software. By using MyHousing, students can apply for housing, choose their own roommates and make room switches during the times provided by the Office of Residence Life.

Room Vacancies

Room vacancies can occur at any time during the academic year. The university reserves the right to assign a new student to the vacancy without notice. The vacancy must remain available to be filled at any point. Residents assigned to the room occupying a vacancy may be charged an additional fee if it is determined that the space is not available to another student.

Consolidation of Rooms/Room Change

The university reserves the right to change your room assignment for the following reasons, including but not limited to:

- If your preferred roommate(s) is/are no longer assigned to the room and vacancies exist in the same room type and residence hall.
- If you have no roommate preference(s), your room assignment may be changed to consolidate rooms to make space for students with roommate requests (during or after a room selection process).
- If the gender of the room or floor needs to be changed to accommodate university needs.
- To consolidate room types to maximize room capacity.
- To resolve a roommate problem.
- To address a conduct issue.

In addition, for the fall semester the university reserves the right to convert doubles to triples to accommodate instances of exceeding capacity for the current configuration. If a room is converted to a triple to accommodate exceeding capacity, the residents of the converted room will pay a reduced rate consistent with the standard triple rate. Conversely, for the spring semester, the university reserves the right to convert triple rooms to double rooms based on the demand for housing. If a room is converted to a double, the current occupants have the option of staying in the room and assuming the difference in cost consistent with a standard double room, or of requesting to be moved to a consolidated triple room at the current triple rate.

Criteria for students living on campus

- All residents are assigned individually. Only matriculated undergraduate students with satisfactory academic progress are eligible to live on campus. Housing is available to graduate students if space is available on a semester-to-semester basis.

- All students with a disability, seeking accommodation, are required to be registered with the Office of Accessibility Services. Reasonable notification is requested. For additional information, please visit the Office of Accessibility Services.
- All students living in the Residence Halls must be on a meal plan. Your meal plan can be changed, up until the first day of classes each semester, by visiting the Residence Life Office in Mid-Campus Residence Hall, Room 118. Please refer to Bursar's website for price listings and to the food services website for more details about the meal plan and the menus.
 - Bursars: [Fees for Full-time Students](#)
 - [Central Dining Services](#)

Residents who are: student teaching, military deployment, participating in Co-op or in the Exchange Program who do not need housing for all, or portions of the following semester must notify the Office of Residence Life so adjustments can be made to the e-bill. Additionally, if residents wish to return to the Residence Hall for the following semester, they must complete a new housing application indicating their intentions before leaving the Residence Hall. Please note, the Office of Residence Life will try to honor the request for students seeking a specific room, based on available space.

Roommate Changes

Students are encouraged to try to work with their roommate or to seek help from the Residence Life staff. Contact the Resident Director/Area Coordinator if the roommate situation is not resolved or is detrimental to your health and safety. The Resident Director/Area Coordinator may move or reassign one or both residents if the conflict cannot be resolved amicably and if space allows. All the necessary paperwork must be filled out with the RA or Resident Director/ Area Coordinator at the time of checking out of the Residence Hall. All room changes must be approved by the Office of Residence Life prior to moving. Unauthorized room changes may result in disciplinary action.

Housing during the Breaks

During all holidays and breaks between semesters, residents may apply through MyHousing to get approval to remain on campus during breaks including Spring Break.

Leaving the Residence Hall Check-Out Procedures

Anytime a student intends to move out of the Residence Hall, the student must notify the Office of Residence Life of their intentions.

- Remove all personal belongings from the room, clean the room, and have the Residence Hall staff check the room for damages.
- The student must complete the Room Condition Report with the Residence Hall staff.
- If withdrawing from university housing, the student must fill out a housing cancellation request form by logging into MyHousing.

Housing Fees & Refund Policies

Housing Deposits

The housing deposit for the Fall and Spring semesters is due March 1 (for current resident students)/May 1 (for new students to housing). Information for room selection is provided in March for the Fall Semester housing and in October for Spring Semester housing. Students can stay in their current room assignment or change the housing assignment for the next semester. The non-refundable housing deposit must be paid for a student to be considered for housing.

Social Fee

Each student assigned to a Residence Hall pays a \$44.00 annually (\$22.00/semester) Social Fee to assist the Residence Hall Councils and Inter Residence Council with activities and programs put on throughout the academic year. This money is used to enhance the college experience of the students. Programs such as trips to Boston, New York City, Lake Compounce, hockey games, ice skating trips, laser tag to name a few. Multiple on-campus events are held throughout the academic year.

Damage Billing

Individual Rooms

- Prior to a student moving into their room, the Residence Life staff completes a thorough inspection of each room and records its condition on the Room Condition Report.
- When a student moves into their room, the student should review the Room Condition Report and make additions that may have been overlooked by the Residence Life staff.
- After a student has checked out with a Residence Life staff member, and moved out of their room, the Area Coordinator/Resident Director will compare the move-in condition of the room, as noted on the Room Condition Report, to the move out condition of the room. Any damage noticed after moving out that was not mentioned in the Room Condition Report at move-in will be considered damage and may result in a damage bill.
- Resident Assistants (RAs) do not determine the room's condition; they check the resident out and make sure the Room Condition Report is completed and signed. Being checked out by a RA does not mean that a student will not receive any room or hall damage charges.
- Students will be notified via email sent to their Central account or may check MyHousing to see the damage charges. The email will include the damage the student is being billed for, along with the process for appealing the damage, if it is believed they were billed in error.
- All appeals must be submitted by email, by the posted deadline, in order to be considered.
- Students will be notified by email if the appeal was granted, or if the charges will remain on their account.

- Students may only appeal a damage bill that occurred in their room/suite. Damage that occurred in communal areas (i.e., hallways, floor bathrooms, lounges, kitchens, and computer labs) may not be appealed.
- Due to the volume of damage billing done at the end of each semester and the time necessary to receive price quotes from Facilities Department, it may take several weeks after the close of the semester for the damage bills to appear on each student's account.

Common Space Damage

When damage/vandalism occurs or excessive cleaning is needed in the residence hall communal areas (i.e., lounges, kitchens, hallways, bathrooms) the Residence Life staff members will investigate to determine the responsible individual(s) involved who will be responsible for paying the repair costs. If the individual(s) responsible cannot be determined by the Area Coordinator/Resident Director of the building, the Area Coordinator/Resident Director will bill students living on a section of a floor, the entire floor, or the entire residence hall. In turn, students will be notified by email that they have been billed for communal area damage. Communal area damage bills cannot be appealed.

Examples of damage charge incidents (including but not limited to):

- Any damage that goes beyond the normal, expected wear and tear of items
- Excessive cleaning required, failure to remove garbage, etc.
- Bodily fluids (blood, urine, mucous, feces, and vomit) in the halls, bathrooms, or other communal areas
- Broken exit signs
- Broken windows or glass or ripped/missing window screens
- Inverted or incorrectly assembled beds
- Broken lounge or room/suite furniture
- Damage to carpet and upholstery
- Food or trash left in sinks or water fountains
- Trash or trash bags not properly disposed (i.e., room trash found in stairwell or bathroom/lounge trash can)
- Smoke detectors that are missing or have been tampered with
- Removal of any university furniture from its designated location
- Holes in walls and doors or painting of walls required because of excessive marks
- Sprinkler head discharges due to causes other than fire
- Graffiti

Housing Refund Policy

- The \$250.00 Housing Deposit is **non-refundable**.
- No refunds will be given to students removed from on-campus housing due to disciplinary sanctions for violation of policies.
- Any student wishing to withdraw from the meal plan must indicate this on the Residence Hall Withdrawal Form.
- The meal portion fee is refundable, on a prorated basis, upon withdrawal from the University, or upon withdrawal from university housing at the request of the

student and contingent upon the concurrence of the University. The discretionary cash component of the food service fee, if any, will be refunded according to procedures established at each University.

Students who withdraw from the University

- Upon withdrawal from the University, up to and including the first day of University-wide classes as defined by the published University calendar, 100% of the balance paid less the housing deposit will be refunded.
- 90% of the balance, less the housing deposit, will be refunded during the first week of university-wide classes.
- 60% of the balance, less the housing deposit, will be refunded during the second week of university-wide classes.
- 40% of the balance, less the housing deposit, will be refunded during the third and fourth weeks of university-wide classes.
- No refund after the fourth week of university-wide classes.

Students who remain enrolled but withdraw from University Housing

- Upon withdrawal from university housing up to and including June 30th, 100% housing charges, less the housing deposit, will be removed from the student's account.
- No refunds for students who withdraw from university housing on or after July 1 (academic year) or December 1 (spring term for those students who planned to enter housing for the first time in spring), unless otherwise approved.

Housing Contract Cancellation

- I. Students who wish to cancel their Housing Contract/Assignment must do so via MyHousing by adhering to the Housing Withdrawal process for their respective University.
- II. Students who request to cancel their Housing Contract/Assignment will automatically be released for the following reasons:
 - The student is participating in an internship, co-op, study abroad, student teaching, or other academic obligation that reduces or eliminates their need for on-campus housing.
 - The student has medical reasons for cancellation that are verified by University Health Service Staff.
 - The student has graduated from the University before the end of the contract period.
 - The student is academically suspended before the end of the contract period.
 - The student has officially withdrawn or taken an official leave of absence from the University.
- III. Students who request a Housing Contract Cancellation for reasons other than those noted in section II will have their Housing Cancellation request reviewed through a process to be established by each University.
- IV. Students who are approved to have their Housing Contract cancelled for reasons other than those noted in section II will forfeit the Housing Deposit that they have paid if their cancellation is before or during their initial contracted term of occupancy.

- V. Students who are not approved to have their Housing Contract cancelled shall remain responsible for the fees associated with the duration of their Housing Contract and retain the right to occupy their assigned room.
- VI. Students who have their Housing Contract cancelled for the convenience of the university will not be required to pay any housing fee associated with the contract period.
- VII. Students who have their Housing Contract cancelled for judicial/disciplinary reasons will be responsible for paying for the duration of the semester in which their contract was cancelled and are not entitled to a refund.

Housing Contract Cancellation Review Process

- A. The Vice President for Student Affairs (or Vice President to whom Residence Life reports) at each university will establish a process to review and decide upon student requests to cancel their housing contract when the student does not meet any of the conditions identified in section II above and the student requests relief from their obligation to pay the full academic-year housing fee.
- B. Under the process, each university may define conditions under which it will waive or refund any portion of the housing fee, with the exception of the housing deposit. In cases where the Committee agrees to cancel the housing contract during the fall term (or first term of occupancy), the student forfeits their housing deposit.

An Annual Housing Contract Cancellation request form must be submitted via MyHousing. This request form can be obtained on the Residence Life [website](#).

Housing Bill Charge Dispute Procedures

Any housing bill charge dispute must be submitted in writing to the Director of Residence Life.

- Must include the student's full name and ID number
- Brief statement as to reason for disputing the billing charges
- Must include the amount disputing

Amenities & Services

Living on campus has great rewards included within the price of your residence hall room. This section covers all the great services the Office of Residence Life can offer.

Blue TV

Apogee is the cable provider for the Central campus. Basic cable, along with HBOMax and Showtime Anytime, is provided in all student rooms and is included in your housing fee. Televisions and cable cords are not provided, so please bring your own. Refer to **Campus Television** for the Central campus cable lineup. Report any concerns regarding your cable service to your Resident Director/Area Coordinator.

Internet Connection

Wired and wireless internet access is available through a residential computing network. If you need any computer assistance, call the IT Help Desk at (860) 832-1720 or visit the Walk-In Center in Marcus White Tech Central. Data jacks are in each resident's room and can be

activated upon request, <https://itrequests.ccsu.edu>. Students are encouraged to bring their personal computers. Gaming/streaming devices also need to be registered, <https://mydevices.ccsu.edu>. Wireless Routers are prohibited in the Residence Halls. To see all the policies involving student computers on campus and computer labs, see the Student Handbook's Computer Use Policy section.

Computer Labs in the Residence Halls

Each Residence Hall has a computer lab with printer access. Students are responsible for providing their own paper. Software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint are available.

Laundry

All the Residence Halls have a laundry room with several washers and dryers. Your Blue Chip ID Card is required to do laundry. Report any problems with washers and dryers to your Resident Director/Area Coordinator. As a student living on campus, you can monitor the availability of all washers and dryers in your residence hall. You can also monitor the time left on laundry loads and receive email alerts notifying you when your laundry is finished. To utilize laundry tracker, follow these simple steps:

- Visit www.laundrytrackerconnect.com
- Enter location ID: Central
- Click on your Residence Hall to display washer and dryer availability

Reporting Maintenance Issues

Critical issues such as water, flooding, fire or burning smell and bugs of any type must be reported to the Residence Life staff immediately in person. If there are recurring non-emergency maintenance issues, report it by using MyHousing. Do not wait until the end of the semester; report the maintenance issue right away so it can be taken care of. Follow up with your Resident Director/Area Coordinator if the maintenance issue has not been resolved within one week.

Telephones

Central Connecticut State University no longer provides telephone service or voice mail service in student residence hall rooms except in those student rooms designated to conform to ADA requirements. House phones are on each residence hall floor which may be used for incoming calls and to place 911, campus, local and toll-free access calls. Students may use their own cellular phone service, or internet phone provider using a PC.

Vending Machines

Each Residence Hall has soda and snack vending machines. Your Blue Chip ID Card, credit/debit card, or cash is required to make purchases. For information concerning refunds due to vending issues contact the Card Office at 860-832-2140 during their office hours.

Residence Halls Building Information

All the Residence Hall rooms are standard double rooms except a few single and triple rooms. For the list of pricing for each Residence Hall, please refer to the Bursar's webpage at

www.ccsu.edu/bursar. For the Residence Hall profile information or other specific and general housing information, including the most current updates, please see the Residence Life [website](#).

Traditional Style Residence Halls

Beecher Hall – Home of the Bandits. Co-ed by floor. One communal bathroom on each floor, computer lab, large multipurpose/study space, kitchen, and laundry facilities.

Seth North Hall – Home of the Vikings. First year residence hall. Co-ed by floor. One communal bathroom on each floor, computer lab, large multipurpose/study space, kitchen, and laundry facilities.

Sam May Hall – Home of the Bulldogs. Co-ed by floor. One communal bathroom on each floor, computer lab, large multipurpose/ study space, kitchen, and laundry facilities.

Quad Style Residence Halls

Barrows Hall – Home of the Bobcats. All female residence hall focused on contemporary themes and programs related to women. Every three rooms share a bathroom. Kitchen on each floor, TV lounge, computer lab, study lounge, recreation room, and laundry facilities. Limited single rooms available, first-come, first served.

Gallaudet Hall – Home of the Gators. 21+ Residence Hall. Co-ed by floor. Three rooms share a bathroom. Kitchen and lounge on each floor, computer lab, TV lounge and laundry facilities.

Sheridan Hall – Home of the Sharks. Co-ed by floor. Three rooms share a bathroom. Kitchen and lounge on each floor, computer lab, TV lounge and laundry facilities.

Vance Hall – Home of the Spartans. Co-ed by quad areas. Five rooms share a bathroom. Kitchen and lounge on each floor, computer lab, multipurpose room, and laundry facilities. Limited single rooms available, first-come, first served.

Suite Style Residence Halls

James Hall – Home of the Jaguars. 21+ Residence Hall. Co-ed by suites. Three to four bedrooms share a bathroom and furnished living room. Kitchen on each floor, two computer labs, TV lounge and laundry facilities. Limited single bedrooms are available, first come, first serve.

Mid-Campus Residence Hall – Home of the Raptors. Co-ed by suites. Two to three bedrooms share a bathroom and furnished living room. TV lounge and kitchenette area on each floor, computer lab, community kitchen and fireplace lounge, multipurpose room, and laundry facilities. Limited single bedrooms are available, first come, first serve.

Alma Mater

*Let us praise her glorious name,
Alma Mater, blue and white.
Gather round the sacred flame,
of Alma Mater's nurt'ring light.
Though we wander from her side,
In our hearts she'll e'er abide.
Let her sons and daughters sing
Of Alma Mater triumphing.*

Text by Professor Emeritus David Gerstein
Department of English

Tune "Madrid" arranged by
Professor Emeritus B. Glenn
Chandler Department of Music

Campus Map

An interactive map can be found at www.ccsu.edu/campusMap

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