

To: **U.S. Embassy or Consulate, U.S. Department of State OR
U.S. Port of Entry, Customs and Border Protection**

Dear Officer,

This letter confirms the operational plan for the **University of Connecticut** for the Spring 2021 semester, which begins January 19, 2021. This letter applies to the following campuses: Storrs, Stamford, Waterbury, Avery Point, Hartford, Law School and the Graduate Business Learning Center. We ask your consideration to allow our student or exchange visitor, who holds a valid Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, to obtain a visa and enter the U.S. as an F-1 student or a J-1 exchange visitor at UConn.

For Spring 2021 semester, the University of Connecticut plans to operate on a hybrid model, offering a mixture of courses fully in-person, hybrid-blended, and fully online, to minimize potential risk for student, faculty and staff exposure to COVID-19 while allowing some benefits of in-person education. The University will not operate entirely online.

International students who are traveling to the U.S. require presence at UConn to fulfill their in-person course obligations. Courses listed as In-Person, Hybrid, Split and By-Arrangement, are considered by the university as in-person. In addition, some students may have responsibilities that require physical presence outside of coursework, that are critical to the University's mission and operations. This includes international students who hold research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and student athletes. For our visiting staff and researchers, the University has resumed in-person research, and with department permission, staff and faculty may work on campus. Training and screening protocols are in place for University research, teaching and administrative staff, including any exchange visitors who conduct their programs on campus.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and if you require any further information please contact me at Rae Alexander, rae.alexander@uconn.edu, 860-486-3855.

Sincerely,



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