

May 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because your son or daughter has expressed interest in the UConn Early College Experience program through his or her course requests, which is the first step to earning college credits while in high school.

What is the UConn Early College Experience?

UConn Early College Experience (ECE) is a concurrent enrollment program that allows students to take UConn courses while still in high school. Students can earn both high school and college credits for any ECE course that they choose to take as long as they maintain a C average in the course.

**Chemistry (CHEM 1127Q/CHEM 1128Q): Chemistry is a sequential course. Students must pass the first course of the sequence (CHEM 1127Q) with a "C" (73) or higher in order to continue onto the second course (CHEM1128Q). If a student fails to pass, then he or she is automatically dropped from the second course of the sequence and refunded any course fees paid.

**Biology (BIOL 1107/BIOL 1108): Biology is not a sequential course. UConn credit is awarded by semester. A minimum of a 73 average is required to receive UConn credit by semester. Students must have a minimum of a 73 average for semester 1 (BIOL 1107) in order to be to receive credit. If a student does not earn a 73 for BIOL 1107, he or she is still eligible to earn UConn credit for semester 2 (BIOL 1108) as long as the semester 2 average is a 73.

**RHHS teachers will discuss specific grading policies and requirements with ECE classes in the fall.

About UConn courses earned through UConn ECE:

UConn Early College Experience offers over 60 courses in more than 25 disciplines. The curriculum is designed to offer a variety of general education courses that appeal to a diverse group of students. These challenging courses allow students to preview college work, build confidence in their readiness for college, and earn college credits that provide both an academic and a financial head-start on a college degree.

Courses taken through UConn Early College Experience are equivalent to the courses offered on any of the University of Connecticut campus. Courses are taught at Rocky Hill High School by instructors who have been certified as adjunct faculty members by the University of Connecticut. High school students follow the curriculum and grading rubric that has been designed by UConn. UConn ECE students benefit by taking college courses in a familiar setting with an instructor they know.

What UConn courses are offered at Rocky Hill High School?

At RHHS, all UConn courses are awarded the same weighting as an AP class. The instructor of the course teaches the University course and may include any additional content to prepare students for the AP test in May, if applicable. Students may not be able to identify the curriculum differences between the courses. They

will notice that they are assessed for credit differently. Students earn UConn credit throughout the semester or full academic year through papers, quizzes, presentations, and other assignments. AP is a test in May and credit is determined by universities differently. ECE students are not required to take the AP exam in order to receive UConn credit or AP credit on the transcript.

Rocky Hill High School UConn ECE Courses for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

RHHS Course Title	UConn Course Title/Instructor	Potential UConn credits
FS 940 UConn Individual and Family Development	HDFS 1070: Individual and Family Development (FY) Instructor: Karen Redanz	3 credits
HU 186 UConn Classical Mythology	CAMS 1103: Classical Mythology (FY) Instructor: Matthew Bennett	3 credits
SC 572 UConn Advanced Biology	BIOL 1107 (Fall 2017) and BIOL 1108 (Spring 2018) Instructor: Sharon Parker	4 credits per semester for a total of 8 credits
SC 570 UConn Advanced Chemistry	CHEM 1127Q (Fall 2017) and CHEM 1128Q (Spring 2018) Instructor: Brian Schlosser	4 credits per semester for a total of 8 credits
SC 573 UConn Fundamentals of Horticulture	HORT 1110: Fundamentals of Horticulture (Spring 2018) Instructor: Kimberly Antol	3 credits
WL 227 UConn French IV	FREN 3250: Global Culture in French I (FY) Instructor: Kathleen Lessard	3 credits
WL 230 UConn French V	FREN 3250: Global Culture in French I (FY) Instructor: Kathleen Lessard	3 credits
WL 256 UConn Latin III/IV-Vergil	CAMS 3102: Topics in Advanced Latin (FY) Instructor: Matthew Bennett	3 credits
WL 212 UConn Spanish V	SPAN 3178 (Fall 2017) and SPAN 3179 (Spring 2018) Instructor: Robin Burnham	3 credits per semester for a total of 6 credits

Can I transfer my ECE credits to other colleges?

Your son or daughter does not need to attend UConn in order to use the college credits he/she earns while in high school. College credits earned through the UConn ECE are accepted by many colleges and universities across the country. The UConn ECE website features a transfer database that lets you explore the likelihood of credits transferring to a school of their choice. Information can be found on the following website:

<http://ece.uconn.edu/students/credit-transfer/>

How do the ECE credits transfer from UConn to another college?

Your child will need to go through a regular transcript request and credit transfer process at his/her chosen college for credits to be transferred from UConn to another college. There is information available at <http://ece.uconn.edu/research/> regarding credit transfer instructions. Individual colleges may differ, but generally one should request a transcript from UConn via the UConn ECE website, and the transcript will be printed and mailed to your child and/or their chosen college.

What are the fees associated with the UConn ECE courses and their equivalents if the courses are taken in college?

UConn ECE courses are approximately one-tenth of the cost in comparison to taking the same course at UConn.

The cost for a 3 credit course through ECE is \$125 vs. approximately \$1,544 for the same course taken in college.

The cost for a 4 credit course through ECE is \$160 vs. approximately \$2,316 for the same course taken in college.

The ECE University Resource fee is \$20 vs \$25-\$75 resource fee for college students

Please refer to the enclosed registration packet for program fees

How is billing handled?

Billing is handled directly by UCONN via their Student Administration System. Your child will be emailed an e-bill after they have completed the registration process. Payment should be mailed directly back to UConn, or made through UConn's online billing service via the Student Administration System. Detailed payment instructions can be found on the UConn ECE website. *Fee waivers are available for students who meet specific criteria.*

- **November 22, 2017:** Fees due for Full Year and Fall semester courses.
- **January 8, 2018:** Fees due for spring semester courses.

When and how do I register for ECE courses?

- **April 24th - June 1st:** Regular application time frame for the following academic year. ALL forms must have the ECE Representative or School Counselor signature along with student and parent signatures.
- **June 1st - June 30th:** Course enrollment period. Students must enroll for classes on the UConn's website www.ece.uconn.edu by June 30th. *If students fail to enroll for their ECE courses by June 30th, they can do so during the ECE Add/Drop period but they will be charged a \$25 fee.*

- **August 15th:** ECE Add/Drop period begins. Students who enroll in June and experience a schedule change over the summer may drop the ECE course during the Add/Drop period.
- **September 15th:** Any student who did not successfully submit a 2017-2018 application by June 1st must do so by September 15th (\$25 late fee).
- **September 29th:** Late enrollment deadline for adding or dropping courses with a \$25 add/drop processing fee. Courses dropped after September 29th, will require a WAU (withdrawn audit) form to be completed and all course fees to be paid. *Students are financially responsible for all courses dropped after September 29th.*

Note: The add/drop periods mentioned above refer to the ECE program's add/drop periods. There is no add/drop period at RHHS after the last day of school in June

The following is a summary of steps students must follow to register (as outlined in the registration packet):

- 1) Complete a consent form that includes signatures from Guidance, parent/guardian, student (all students MUST submit a new application and consent form each year)
- 2) Apply through the UCONN ECE website (ece.uconn.edu), which includes uploading that consent form electronically. **DEADLINE: June 1, 2017.**
- 3) Students will receive an email confirming they have applied, and then a follow-up email with information about activating a Net ID. Students must activate their NET ID to continue the process.
- 4) Once students receive a confirmation email that their NET ID is activated, they will need to enroll in classes online. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2017.**

DETAILED, STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ARE OUTLINED IN THE UCONN ECE APPLICATION ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER.

Sincerely,

RHHS Guidance Department