Dear Parent or Guardian: Date

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

**What is UConn Early College Experience?**

Established in 1955, UConn Early College Experience (ECE) is a concurrent enrollment (CE) program. This CE program offers students the opportunity to enroll in UConn courses while still in high school. Students can earn both high school and college credits for any UConn course offered at **(insert HS name)** thatthey choose to take. Today, over 15,000 students and 1,600 certified instructors in more than 180 high schools are taking part in this academic opportunity annually.

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### UConn ECE offers over 87 courses in more than 36 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 engage in 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 ECE are equivalent to the courses offered through any of the University of Connecticut campuses. Courses are taught on the high school campus by high school instructors who have been certified as UConn ECE affiliates by the University of Connecticut. High school students follow the curriculum and grading rubric that has been designed by the UConn academic department. UConn ECE students benefit by taking college courses in a familiar setting with an instructor they know.

**What UConn courses are offered at (insert HS name) High School? The example below is similar for most high schools. Please alter text if not.**

At (insert HS name), all UConn courses are considered college courses. The UConn course may include additional content to prepare students for the AP test in May, however they are separate programs. Students may not be able to identify the curriculum differences between the courses, but may notice that they are assessed differently. Students earn UConn credit throughout the semester or full academic year through papers, quizzes, presentations, exams, and other assignments. An AP course culminates with a test in May and universities determine credit differently. Students seeking UConn credit through Early College Experience must apply and enroll in their UConn courses by the established deadlines and follow all program policies.

**(Insert HS name) High School UConn Courses offered through UConn ECE for the 20XX-20XX Academic Year:**

Note to High School: Preferred naming convention: High School Course Name (UConn Course Name). Please refer to ece.uconn.edu/courses for course descriptions, semester offered, and credit value.

* *High School Bio Course Name* (UConn BIOL1107, Principals of Biology I and UConn BIOL1108 Principals of Biology II) - *High school course description.* (UConn course description: Designed to provide a foundation for more advanced courses in Biology and related sciences. Topics covered include molecular and cell biology, animal anatomy and physiology (BIOL 1107); ecology, evolution, genetics, and plant biology (BIOL 1108). Laboratory exercises in BIOL 1107 include dissection of preserved animals. Full year high school course that earns 8 college credits (4 credits for BIOL 1107 in the Fall and 4 credits for BIOL1108 in the Spring).)
* *High School Chem Course Name* (UConn CHEM1127Q, General Chemistry) - *High school course description.* (UConn course description: Designed to provide a foundation for more advanced courses in chemistry. Atomic theory; laws and theories concerning the physical and chemical behavior of gases, liquids, solids, and solutions. Properties of some of the more familiar elements and their compounds. Quantitative measurements illustrating the laws of chemical combination in the first semester lab. Fall semester course that earns 4 college credits.)
* *High School Environmental Course Name* (UConn NRE1000E, Environmental Science) - *High school course description.* (UConn course description: An introduction to basic concepts and areas of environmental concern and how these problems can be effectively addressed. Topics include human population; ecological principles; conservation of biological resources; biodiversity; croplands, rangelands, forestlands, soil and water conservation; pollution and water management; and wildlife and fisheries conservation. Full-year course that earns 3 college credits.)
* *High School European History Course Name* (UConn HIST1400, Modern European Traditions) - *High school course description.* History of political institutions, economic systems, social structures, and cultures in the modern Western world. Spring course that earns 3 college credits.

**Can I transfer my UConn credits earned through UConn ECE to another college/ university?**

Students do not need to attend UConn in order to use these credits. UConn credits earned through Early College Experience are accepted by colleges and universities across the country 87% of the time. A credit transfer database is available on the UConn ECE website which can be used as a tool to help determine the likelihood of these credits transferring to the institution of their choice. Information is available at [eceapps.uconn.edu/credit\_transfer\_database/.](https://eceapps.uconn.edu/credit_transfer_database/)

**How do the UConn credits earned through UConn ECE transfer from UConn to another college/ university?**

Students should review their chosen college/university’s transfer credit policies and procedures. In most cases, the college/university will request that the transcript be sent directly to them or to the student in a sealed envelope. Students can request a UConn transcript through the Student Administration System (studentadmin.uconn.edu) and enter the recipient address. More information is available at [ece.uconn.edu/students-parents/transfer-credit-info](https://ece.uconn.edu/students-parents/transfer-credit-info).

**What is the cost of a course through UConn ECE and the equivalent if the course is taken on a UConn campus?**

Courses taken through UConn ECE are approximately one-tenth of the cost of taking the same course as an undergraduate at UConn. During the 2023-2024 academic year, a 3-credit course through UConn ECE costs $150 versus $2,043 on campus; a 4-credit course through UConn ECE costs $200 versus $2,724 on campus.

**How is billing handled?**

Program consent and payment requests are e-mailed directly to the Parent/Guardian listed in the student application upon (1) successful submission and (2) high school approval of the student registration request. Parent/Guardian consent and payment (if applicable) are requested via e-mail/ text per course request. (Ex: If a student requests enrollment in two UConn courses, the Parent/Guardian will receive two separate e-mails for consent and payment per course). Payments are made by Credit Card or e-Check only using the unique link provided in the consent and payment e-mail. Detailed payment instructions can be found at [ece.uconn.edu/students-parents/student-registration/payment-info/](https://ece.uconn.edu/students-parents/student-registration/payment-info/). *Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk in accordance with the Income Guidelines for the National School Lunch Program or deemed “categorically eligible” are eligible for fee waivers. See your school counselor for instructions on how to apply for this waiver.*

**When and how do I register for UConn courses through UConn ECE? (This section will need to be modified by school procedure/ UConn ECE deadlines updated yearly.)**

* **Spring 2023.** Students meet with their school counselor and UConn ECE Coordinator/ UConn ECE Site Representative, (insert Site Rep name), to select their UConn courses for the following year.
* **August 28, 2023-October 6, 2023.** Students register for their UConn course via [UConn.DualEnroll.com](https://uconn.dualenroll.com/login). Drops, without penalty are accepted during this time.
* Parent/Guardian consent and payment (if applicable) are due upon receipt of e-mail/ text request.
* **October 7-December 12, 2023. Fall course withdrawals accepted (course fees non-refundable).**
* **February 10-May 1, 2024. Spring and Full-year course withdrawals accepted (course fees non-refundable).**

Sincerely,

(Insert name)

UConn ECE Site Representative

(High School name)