Dear Parent or Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because your son or daughter has expressed interest in or has submitted an application to 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) that they choose to take. Today, over 13,000 students and 1,300 certified instructors in more than 200 high schools are taking part in this academic opportunity annually.

UConn Early College Experience offers over 70 courses in more than 30 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 Early College Experience are equivalent to the courses offered on 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 affiliate faculty members 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 honors level courses. These courses may have an Advanced Placement (AP) designation as well. The instructor of the course teaches the UConn course and may include any additional content to prepare students for the AP test in May. Students may not be able to identify the curriculum differences between the courses, but may 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. Students seeking UConn credit through Early College Experience must apply and enroll in their UConn ECE 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.* 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.* 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. Equilibrium in solutions and qualitative reactions of the common cations and anions in the second semester lab. Fall semester course that earns 4 college credits.

- **High School Environmental Course Name** (UConn NRE1000, Environmental Science) - *High school 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/.

**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 procedure. 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.

**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 2019-2020 academic year, a 3-credit course through UConn ECE costs $150 versus $1,734 on campus; a 4-credit course through UConn ECE costs $200 versus $2,312 on campus.

**How is billing handled?**

Students are billed directly by UConn via the Student Administration System (SAS). Your child will be e-mailed a bill after completing the registration process or can access their bill in their SAS account (studentadmin.uconn.edu). Payment can be made online, by mail, or in person. Detailed payment instructions can be found at ece.uconn.edu/students-parents/-pay-bill. *Fee waivers are available to students on the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch plan. See your guidance 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.)**

- **Prior to April 30, 2019.** 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. Students complete the Consent Form, including approved courses, their own signature, a parent/guardian signature, and UConn ECE Site Representative signature.

- **April 30 - June 7, 2019.** Online Applications Accepted. Students complete applications in the Compass Application System. Students upload an electronic copy of the Consent Form at this time. Students will receive an e-mail when application is successfully submitted.

- **Within one to two weeks after successful application submission.** Activate Net ID (new students only). Students will receive an e-mail with a link to their NetID information.

- **August 15 – September 16, 2019.** Late Application Period. Students complete applications in the Compass Application System. Students upload an electronic copy of the Consent Form at this time. A $25 administrative fee is charged for late applications.
August 15 – September 30, 2019. Online Enrollments Accepted. All students who have successfully applied will receive an email to complete Enrollment in the Compass Enrollment System. Students complete Enrollment. Successful enrollment will prompt a fee bill and students will be financially responsible for all course(s) for which they registered.

November 7, 2019. Fees due for Full Year and Fall semester courses.


Sincerely,

(Insert name)
UConn ECE Site Representative
(High School name)