



University of Connecticut

*Undergraduate Education & Instruction
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EcoHouse

Residential Learning Community Opening Fall 2009!

EcoHouse is a residential learning community that will open its doors in a central location on campus beginning in Fall 2009. The community of approximately 120 students, including freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will engage in an experiential investigation of a wide spectrum of environmental and sustainability issues on local, regional, and global scales. Members of the EcoHouse community at UConn will act as environmental stewards for our campus, helping to improve the general environmental literacy of the campus community.

We hope to attract participants from a wide range of academic disciplines to expose students to the many perspectives that come into play when considering environmental matters. Like other learning communities, EcoHouse will promote the continual exchange of ideas, both informally and in academic settings that will be integral to the community. EcoHouse students will be enrolled in a 1-2 credit seminar focusing on a wide range of environmental and sustainability issues. Advising and tutoring will be available in the residence hall, and EcoHouse will provide an excellent “in” to exploring undergraduate research and independent study options on campus. There is the possibility of first year students being able to enroll in an ENGL 1010 or 1011 class with a focus on nature/environmental writing.

These academic opportunities will extend naturally into the co-curricular activities and community features that will make living in EcoHouse a truly immersive experience. The community will be located in Hollister, a self-contained residence hall near the center of campus. Renovations will be done before the students move in to help initiate greening of the building’s infrastructure and operation. There will also be ample opportunities for students to take ownership of what they’d like to see in the building and develop additional renovation plans. Additionally, EcoHouse students will have organized opportunities to work closely with many of the student environmental organizations across campus, use their passion and creativity to advance local environmental initiatives, and enjoy each other’s company on field trips and other outdoor excursions.

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