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Division of Student Affairs
Residential Life

GLOBAL HOUSE

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Residential Learning Community established Fall 2007

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The Global House learning community was created to promote the internationalization of the UConn campus, to provide support for incoming international students and for those returning from Study Abroad. About 120 students, half domestic and half international, occupy this community which is housed in the McMahon residence hall. Students have exclusive access to an activity room (for meetings, activities, and to use as a study lounge), a small classroom, and staff offices.

Global House academic programs include a Mentoring course to support freshmen and international students adjusting to living and learning at UConn, and the Global House Scholars program to support students who require challenge beyond their coursework, and who exhibit a heightened sense of inquiry. Learning outcomes include facilitating social connections between students, developing collaborative skills; facilitating appreciation for cultural diversity; enhancing ability to recognize and appreciate multiple perspectives; developing of organizational skills for learning success; increasing goal-directedness and self-regulation skills; developing awareness of campus recourses; enhancing analytical and creative problem-solving skills; fostering leadership and moral reasoning abilities; and encouraging community service participation.

Global House staff and the Global House Council (made up of elected student officers) plan ongoing enrichment activities to expose students to different cultural activities, to connect students with university staff and resources, and to promote social and intellectual interaction between students. Students participate in study nights to promote a supportive learning environment; game and movie nights; attend cultural, educational and athletic events on campus; take trips to New England cities and New York to participate in cultural activities such as museum visits; and plan their own cultural events sharing international foods, customs and activities.



Student Testimonials:

"It's just a great place to be for anyone who has interest in other cultures and languages" ~International student

"The Global House living community helps a student to create an identity on a large campus, connect with those different from him or herself and creates positive opportunities." ~Domestic student

"It has been one of the best experiences of my life, finding so much in common with people that one would assume to be very different from me ... I absolutely loved this year and I wish it wasn't already over!" ~Domestic student

"What I enjoyed most were the people, activities and academic opportunities provided by the amazing staff. Also, the freedom we had when it came to shaping the actual activities. It made us all feel that our input was appreciated." ~International student

Application – http://www.globalhouse.uconn.edu/Global_House/Apply.html

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