



UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN WAS THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD FOUNDED?

Hartford Art School- 1877
Hillyer College- 1879
The Hartt School- 1920
These three joined in 1957 to form the University of Hartford

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

We operate on a rolling admission basis. We can begin processing applications on October 1 and continue to do so for as long as possible. However, please note that this does not mean we can take applications all year round.

WHAT IS THE QUICK RESPONSE APPLICATION?

Students who apply prior to November 15th do not have to pay the \$35 application fee and will get a decision from the Admission Office in about 2 - 3 weeks. (required is the application along with their SAT/ACT scores & high school transcript). This is a NON-BINDING DECISION.

Applicants for the Hartt School must submit both applications, if applying on-line (University app. & Hartt Supp. App.) or the one Hartt School paper application & all required documents by November 1st, in order for the \$70 fee to be waived. Quick Response Hartt Applicants will have an audition date of December 6, 2008; they will then receive a decision by January 1st, provided all required documents were submitted by the deadlines. This decision will include their non-need based aid (if eligible for any) and is NOT binding. Art students who apply through the Quick Response Application and who have completed their portfolio review (& have all required documents sent to the Admission Office) will receive a decision by December 1st. All students have until May 1st to tuition deposit.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE FAFSA?

February 1st

WHAT IS THE TUITION DEPOSIT DEADLINE?

Students must have their deposits postmarked by May 1st in order to guarantee their spot in the incoming class as well as financial aid/housing. Deposits must include \$500 and all forms (housing, orientation, deposit forms).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Tuition for 2008 - 2009: \$26,942., for the year.

WHAT IS THE FULL COST? (FOR AN INCOMING FRESHMAN)

Total cost including tuition, room, board, and fees for 2008 - 2009 is: \$39,554 (based on double occupancy in the residential halls & Premium meal plan). This figure does not include books, travel, and personal expenses.
(Including books, travel/transportation, personal, etc. + \$3300)

CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MEAL PLANS?

Our meal plan gives students a specified number of meals per week, with the exception of freshmen exclusive which is 220 meals for the semester, along with “dining dollars” & guest meals. Residential students may choose from four options, which vary according to student eating habits.

	<u>2008 - 2009 costs</u>	
Premium Plus	\$5,256.	(per year)
Premium	\$4,676.	(per year)
Flex	\$4,548.	(per year)
Freshman Exclusive	\$4,172.	(per year)
Commuter	\$1,516.	(per year; only for Commuter students)

HOW MANY MAJORS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD?

Approximately 80 undergraduate majors.

WHAT SAT SCORES DO I NEED TO GET IN?

The average score (for Bachelor’s programs) is approximately 1070 (CR & M only), but this is not a minimum. It will depend on which college/program the student is applying for as some colleges/programs are more competitive than others.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ARE FROM OUT OF STATE?

Approximately 73% of all freshmen full-time undergraduate students are from out of state. This percentage represents 43 states and over 50 foreign countries.

HOW MANY MEN/WOMEN IN THE UNIVERSITY?

Approximately 47% male, 53% female.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IS INTERNATIONAL? MINORITY?

4% - International 22% - Minority

HOW MANY TOTAL STUDENTS ATTEND?

Approximately 5,637 total undergraduate students; 4,796 full-time, 841 part-time
Approximately 1,653 total graduate students; 539 full-time, 1,114 part-time

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF FRESHMEN STUDENTS LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Close to 93%

IS HOUSING GUARANTEED FOR 4 YEARS?

Yes, as long as the student “does what they are supposed to do” to receive housing each year- this includes depositing on time, remaining a positive citizen of the U of H community, etc. In the past we have been able to house all students who have abided by the rules. Those who did not will have their housing impacted.

APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN EACH COLLEGE? (BASED ON F'05)

<u>College</u>	<u>Number of full-time undergrads</u>	<u>Number of full-time undergrad enrollment</u>
Art	351	8%
A&S	1272	28%
Business	578	12%
Hillyer	578	12%
ENHP	560	12%
CETA – Eng./Ward	627	13%
Hartt	621	13%
University Studies	50	2%
Unassigned	20	--
Total part-time	906 (in all schools)	
Total full-time	4,657 (in all schools)	

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID?

85% of all students receive some sort of financial aid. – scholarships, grants and/or loans.

DO YOU HAVE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes, the President’s Scholarship is for students who are in the top ½ of their class with 1140+ SATs (CR & M) and the Regents’ Scholarship is for students in the top 10% of their class with 1270+ SATs (CR & M). Health Professions Scholarships have the same parameters as President’s and or Regents’. Premedical Professions Scholarship are for students in the pre-med track or pre-professional track- 1140+ SATs (CR & M) and top 25% of class. Students who are not eligible for these scholarships will be reviewed for Alumni Grants, money based on past academic performance. Not all students qualify for scholarship/grant money.

I'D LIKE TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE. HOW CAN I GET A SCHOLARSHIP?

Prospective student athletes should begin by either writing or phoning the Athletics Department to contact the appropriate coach. They should also send any literature or video of the athlete that reflects their talents and skills. A prospective athlete should also begin the NCAA Clearinghouse process. Athletic scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the coaches.

WHAT SPORTS TEAMS DO YOU HAVE?

We have 18 Division I varsity teams:
18 Varsity Teams: baseball (M), basketball (M&W), cross-country (M&W), golf (M&W), lacrosse (M), soccer (M&W), softball (W), tennis (M&W), outdoor track (M&W), volleyball (W), and indoor track (M&W).

Club sports (as well as intramural sports) are offered.

WHAT COLLEGES DOES UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD PLAY AGAINST IN THE AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE?

University at Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Maryland (Baltimore County), University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Stony Brook University & University of Vermont.

DO I NEED A PORTFOLIO TO BE AN ART MAJOR?

Yes! Students will need to have a portfolio review as part of the admission process. Portfolios should consist of a minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 pieces of original work from the past two years, with half of the work from observational drawing. Students can include 3-D work, photography, films & videos. Sketchbooks are also recommended as a supplement. Art students must have a decision on their portfolio review before a University decision will be made.

CAN STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE HARTFORD ART SCHOOL TAKE ART CLASSES?

Yes, classes (and minors) within the Art School are open to non-art majors. Minors within Art do not require a portfolio review.

WHAT EXTRA ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE TO GET INTO THE HARTT SCHOOL?

In addition to the University application, high school transcript & SAT/ACT scores, Hartt applicants must complete a Supplemental Hartt Application, if applying on-line or the Hartt application, if applying via paper and arrange for an audition/interview through the Hartt School. Auditions/interviews are scheduled by the submission of the Hartt Supp App. There are other various documents required depending on whether they are music, dance or theater majors (refer to supp. app. for details).

CAN STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE HARTT SCHOOL TAKE PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES?

While all UHa students are welcome to audition for Hartt's performing organizations (orchestra, bands, and choral ensembles), most Hartt School classes are limited to music, dance, or theatre majors. Hartt also offers minors in music, dance, performing arts management, and music education, and welcomes all UHa students into some music theory and music history courses. Private vocal or instrumental lessons can be arranged (additional fees apply) both in the collegiate division for credit (audition required), or through the Community Division, which offers a wide variety of non-credit and ensemble opportunities.

ARE HILLYER STUDENTS SEPARATED FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION AT ALL?

No, Hillyer is one of the largest schools on campus and its students are an active part of the University. They live in the same housing facilities as other students and are members of our clubs and sports teams. Only in their classes will they be amongst solely Hillyer students. Hillyer College is one of the University's seven schools/colleges and is very much an integral part of the University of Hartford.

DOES THE UNIVERSITY OFFER ANY LEARNING DISABLED SERVICES?

Yes, Learning Plus is a support service for students with a diagnosed learning disability. Learning specialists will aid students in developing learning strategies, time management, study skills and can accommodate testing needs. Learning Plus is NOT a comprehensive program and, therefore, does NOT provide tutorial services in subject matter; nor is the University able to modify curriculum due to a learning disability. LD students can be in ANY of the University's schools/colleges- we do not have a college specific to learning disabled students. All LD students are reviewed "as otherwise qualified" meaning all students who apply to the University must meet our admission requirements for admittance.

CAN I WORK ON CAMPUS? GET INVOLVED IN CO-OP/INTERNSHIPS?

Yes. The Career Center is located in the student union and has listings of jobs that are available both on and off campus. Generally, there are more jobs than there are students to work. Co-ops and internships are available and encouraged. Students can visit the Career Center or talk with their advisor for more information.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS?

Math tutorial lab, Center for Reading & Writing, Counseling & Personal Development Center, Office of Multicultural Programs, Women's Center, Student Affairs and The Career Center are all examples of support services available for ALL students. Use of any of the facilities is incorporated into the Student Support fee that all full-time undergraduates pay.

DO I HAVE TO BRING MY OWN COMPUTER?

It is certainly an option for a student to bring a computer with them; however, there are various computer labs on campus with over 350 computers for student usage. All students will be assigned an email account and all housing facilities are equipped for Internet hookup. There is a computer requirement for the Hartt School - Mac computers

DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS? WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Freshmen typically live in the complexes (with minimal exceptions) &/or the new Residence Hall (Hawk Hall). Generally, the residential halls (complexes) are a mini floors environment consisting of four/eight rooms, one/two bathrooms, and a common living area or a traditional dorm-like setting. Rooms are single, double or triple occupancy, but first semester freshman usually do not have the opportunity to live in a single room. The New Hall is a traditional double loaded corridor.

ARE THE COMPLEXES EQUIPPED WITH SPRINKLERS?

Yes, all complexes & Hawk Hall (freshmen residence halls) are equipped with sprinklers and ACs.

WHAT IS THERE TO DO ON THE WEEKENDS? IS IT A "SUITCASE" COLLEGE?

No, it is not a "suitcase" school. The University of Hartford offers over 65 clubs and organizations, ranging from social, religious, cultural and athletic. Student organizations, as well as administrative programs offer a wide variety of entertainment, including movies, concerts, comedians, dramatic performances, parties, dances, lectures, etc. The Student Government spends over half a million dollars a year on student events. There are many athletic and intramural opportunities as well.

HOW LARGE IS OUR CAMPUS? HOW FAR IS IT FROM THE CITY?

Our campus is 320 acres and is located a few miles from downtown Hartford and about two hours from Boston and New York City.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A CAR?

No. Shuttle buses are available on campus as well as pre-arranged shuttles to local shopping areas. Campus is approximately 10 minutes away from the downtown bus (Peter Pan/Greyhound) and train (Amtrak) station and 20-25 minutes away from Bradley International Airport.

CAN FRESHMEN HAVE CARS?

Yes. Students should be aware that the parking fee is \$470 for the year and parking is first-come, first-serve.

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CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

Yes, students may spend a semester or two abroad. Students have the opportunity to choose from over 50 countries throughout the world and students will not lose their financial aid during their absence from the University, if their program is directly affiliated with University of Hartford.

I AM INTERESTED IN EITHER TV OR RADIO BROADCASTING. IS THERE A STATION I COULD GET EXPERIENCE AT?

Interested students, within all majors, can take part in our radio stations- WSAM (105.3 FM alternative station, run completely by University of Hartford students), or WWUH (91.3 FM, managed by students & community volunteers) or take part in our campus wide Channel 2 News broadcast. There is a state of the art studio for both radio and TV. In addition, all studios are located on campus.

WHAT PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN GREEK LIFE?

11% of the students are involved in Greek Life. There are 7 Pan-Hellenic (sororities) groups and 7 inter-fraternity (fraternities) counsel groups. In addition, the University has 8 charters for historically African-American and Hispanic/Latino groups.