Welcome to SOAR
STUDENT ORIENTATION ADVISING & REGISTRATION
The Student Experience

Our approach
Exceptional, distinctive and transformational experience!

What students can expect?
• Co-curricular Opportunities
• Career Readiness Opportunities
• Recognition & Celebration
• Holistic Care
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT
Why Do We Value Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The University of New Haven embraces diversity and recognizes our responsibility to foster a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming environment.

The Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion serves as a resource in the charger community to celebrate our commonalities and our differences in ways that bring us together.

We appreciate the individuality of our students and welcome all identities.
Student Engagement

Student engagement is a key element of a positive campus climate and is linked to academic and social achievement.

• Student engagement significantly positively affects student growth

• A student’s major and career interests can create a need to participate in co-curricular programs

• The academic and personal connection can create and sustain co-curricular involvement

• The benefits of co-curricular involvement are related to community, personal growth, and personal interests
Student Participation

Why is it important to encourage student participation outside of the classroom?

• Choices can be exciting and fulfilling
• Diverse programs
• Make connections, build confidence and strength relationships.
• Programs are designed to create opportunities to educate, enlighten, challenge,
• Students to have FUN!

Types of Student Engagement
• Recognized Student Organization
• Fraternity and Sorority Life
• Late Night Programming
• Civic Engagement
• University Recreation Program
• Residence Life Programming
Career Development Center (CDC)

College and Career Readiness

Top Outcomes Expected from a College Education

• Get a job after graduation
• Get a solid foundation for an entire career
• Gain practical career skills

Top Important Experiences In College

• Interactions with other students
• Internships
• Participate in clubs/activities
• Employment
The CDC is **YOUR** place for anything internships and career related!

We bring career information and preparation to you.
College and Career Readiness

University of New Haven Employment Outcomes for 2022

Employment Outcomes - University of New Haven
Student Support Resources

The University of New Haven provides a robust system that supports, connects, and empowers all students as they navigate their academic and personal journeys.

We aspire to create welcoming and inclusive environments by helping students navigate the University, develop resilience, and make meaning of their unique experiences.

We welcome students and family members to reach out to the Dean of Students Office if you are experiencing a crisis or just need someone to talk through a problem or experience you are having (academics, social or emotional).
Establishing Holistic Care for Students
Providing Support For Students

Students deserve safe and supportive environments that are conducive to academic and personal growth.

- **Dean of Students Office**
  - Case Management Approach to student support

- **Accessibility Resources Center**
  - Providing support for students with disability

- **Office of Residence Life**
  - Supportive resources for students living on campus

- **The Student Health Center**
  - Medical services provided to students

- **Counseling and Psychological Services**
  - Supporting students’ mental health
All students are encouraged to be proactive in practicing self-care and building their community of support through the various student activities and programs offered by the university.
On-Campus Dining Experience

Your nutrition is our top priority

Meal Plan - Charger Pride
• 21 meal swipes per week at resident dining locations
• 2 meal swipes may be used at the Food Trucks + $50 Dine+ Dollars
• 6 Guest passes for visitors/friends
• $200 Dining Dollars for retail shops

Large array of dining options
• 2 Resident Dining locations
• Allergen-friendly fare
• Vegan & Plant-based options
• 9 Retail Dining locations
• Order-ahead & grab-n-go options
• Feedback opportunities

Here to support students' food & nutrition needs

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Available for Nutrition Counseling!
Before You Leave Today
Things You Should know!

Student Support Programs
- FLEx Program: August 20 - 22
- DREAM Program: August 21 - 22
- BUILD Program: August 21 - 23

The Welcome Experience (August 28 - Sept 9)
- Involvement Fair
- Facebook Live Events for Families
- Residence Life & Myatt Center Events
- "Chargers After Dark" - Late Night Event
- Recognized Student Organization Events

Student Engagement & Move –In
- Roommate Assignment- 2nd week in July
- When is move in for Residents?
  - Wednesday, August 23
- When do Commuters return to campus?
  - Thursday, August 24
- Charge In: August 24 - 27

IMPORTANT DATES
- Family Day: Saturday, October 7
- Homecoming: Saturday, October 14
DAY TWO REMINDERS

SOAR Sessions

- Understanding Healthcare at the University of New Haven
- Resource Fair
- Accessibility Resources
- BUILD Program
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