

Our **40th** year!

July 9-14, 2017



CONFRATUTE

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Confratute

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q What is Confratute?

A Confratute is a **CONF**erence and an **insti**TUTE with a lot of **FRAT**ernity in between.

Q When is Confratute?

A Confratute occurs **July 9-14, in 2017**.

Q When does Confratute start?

A On-site registration and check-in begins on **Sunday, July 9 at 3:00 pm** at the Rome Commons Main Lobby.

Q When does Confratute end?

A Confratute ends on **Friday, July 14 at NOON**.

Q Where is Confratute?

A Confratute is held at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut's flagship university, in the rural northeast corner of the state. Classes are held in various buildings located near the South Campus Residence Hall Complex and in the campus core. Details and directions are listed in the Welcome to Confratute Information Packet that will be posted to our website in February, 2017 - http://confratute.uconn.edu/welcome_packet/.

Q What is the daily schedule?

A The strand schedule and descriptions can be found on the webpage at confratute.uconn.edu. Each day begins with a keynote presentation at 8:30 am.

Three daily strands are offered. Strands are mini-courses that meet four times throughout the week at the same time each day.

Strand A - 10:00-12:00, Tuesday-Friday

Strand B - 1:30-3:00 (Monday-Thursday)

Strand C - 3:30-5:00 (Monday-Thursday)

A variety of Special Topic sessions are offered at 3:30 pm, Monday-Thursday and each day ends with Evening Forums at 7:30 pm, consisting of Mini-Keynotes and topics on Arts & Creativity, Key Topics for Classroom Teachers, Key Topics for Leaders, and Technology. A detailed schedule will be posted on our website shortly before Confratute begins and also given out at check in at Confratute.

Q Do I need to **sign up** for the strands that I want to attend throughout the week?

A Pre-registration for specific strands is **not needed**, but you can use the Strand Schedule located on the web page at confratute.uconn.edu to configure your own schedule for the week.

Q How do I sign up for the [Confratute Mobile App](#)?

A Visit <http://53zo3k.m.attendify.com/> to sign up and create a profile to build your personalized schedule, share photos and posts to the activity stream, and network with other Confratute attendees. Opt in to receive push notifications to stay up-to-date with Confratute news and announcements. Use the menu at the top left to access schedules, staff and presenter biographies, the campus map, and more.

Q What do I need to do to get **Contact Hours**?

A You can earn **Contact Hours** by attending a full schedule of keynotes, strands, and special sessions (33.5 hours for one week). A record of the sessions and activities you attend is required. A planning and documentation guide will be provided to you for this purpose. The guide will need to be completed and turned in before the end of Confratute in order to receive the noted contact hours. More details will be available in the Schedule of Events packet that is received upon your arrival as well as at Orientation.

Q What do I need to do to sign up for **graduate credit** for Confratute?

A There is nothing that you need to do before you arrive if you are a non-degree student. See the [Welcome Packet](#) for details on how to apply for graduate credit once you arrive on campus.

COSTS

Q How much does Confratute **cost**?

A The cost for Confratute varies according to the package you choose. We also offer an early bird discount for registrations that arrive before June 1st. For prices on each of the packages, please see the registration page at www.confratute.uconn.edu or email conferences@uconn.edu for more information.

Q How does the **group discount** work?

A Discount prices for groups of **5** or more people attending from **the same school or school district** can be obtained by registering as a group online. Group registrations must be submitted together by **June 1, 2017** in order for the discount to be applied and the group members to be housed together or in close proximity to one another. Group registration payments can be submitted by mailing a check or online with a credit card or purchase order. Contact Conference Services for group prices and procedures – conferences@uconn.edu.

Q Are there **costs other than registration**?

A There are separate costs for graduate credits, airport shuttle, and educational materials for strands that recommend textbooks or manuals. See the [Welcome Packet](#) for more information.

Q Are there any **scholarships available** for Confratute?

A Confratute does not offer any scholarships, but we have compiled a listing of recommended websites for [Grants and Scholarships](#) that may be appropriate for teachers of gifted and talented students. We have also prepared a [Sample Grant Proposal Template](#) for teachers to use as a template for submitting funding requests to school districts.

REGISTRATION & CHECK IN

Q What is the **registration deadline**?

A The deadline for Confratute registration is **July 1**, but your registration must arrive by June 1st to receive the early bird discount. Registering as early as possible is encouraged to allow for confirmation to be mailed to you before you arrive. It is possible that Confratute will be filled prior to July 1st.

Q Can I register by **phone**?

A Online registration is required for individuals and groups. This option is available through www.regonline.com/confratute2017. If you are not able to register using the online process, please contact Conference Services at 860-486-1723 or conferences@uconn.edu.

Q Can I **pay by credit card**?

A Credit Card and Purchase Orders can be entered in the online registration system.

Q When should I **arrive** to Confratute?

A Participants are expected to register and check into the residence halls on **Sunday, July 9** beginning at **3:00 pm**. See the [Welcome Packet](#) for Arrival Details. Commuters are expected to arrive on Monday, July 10 between 7:30–8:30 am for registration and check-in. Strand counseling is also available Sunday evening, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Q When is **check-in** and **onsite registration**?

A You should plan to arrive on **Sunday, July 9 between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm** to check-in, register, and pick up your Confratute materials. Orientation and keynote presentation begins at 7:30 pm on Sunday. If you have registered for a resident package, your housing and meals begin Sunday evening. See the [Welcome Packet](#) for details.

Q What is **Strand Counseling**?

A Participants who would like some help choosing strands and classes that meet their professional goals can meet with strand counselors on **Sunday, July 9, 5:00-7:00 PM** in the Rome Commons main lobby and on the patio (weather permitting).

Q What if I **miss the Sunday or Monday registration**?

A If you miss both registration times you must go to Command Central in Rome Commons for instructions on how to check-in and receive your registration materials.

Q What if I need to **cancel** my registration? Will I receive a **refund**?

A For a full refund, cancellations must be received by **July 1, 2017** or a \$50 cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds will be processed and discounts will not apply if registrations are received after July 1, 2017.

HOUSING

Q What is the campus **housing** like?

A Resident packages include premium housing in the South Campus Residence Hall. The dorms are comfortable and **air conditioned**. For detailed information about these accommodations, please see the [Welcome Packet](#).

Q Are there **hotels** in the area?

A For participants who want to stay in accommodations other than the South Campus Dorms, there is a listing of local and airport hotels and inns on our [Welcome Packet](#) website.

The Nathan Hale Inn is located on campus next to Rome Commons and offers a discounted rate for Confratute participants. Reservations can be made online at www.nathanhaleinn.com using the group code **CONFRA**. Rates increase after June 9, 2017.

***Note:** if you choose to stay anywhere other than the residence dorms you will have to register for Confratute as a commuter and pay for your hotel expenses separately.

Q Can I **choose my roommate**?

A You may indicate your roommate preference in the registration system. If no preferred roommate is listed on your registration, you will be assigned a roommate and/or suitemates.

Q Are there any campus housing options for people with **special needs**?

A We have a limited number of handicap accessible rooms available in the residence halls. Please contact the [Conference Services](#) office if you have a medical condition or disability that requires special housing considerations.

Q Can my **spouse** or **partner** come if he/she is not participating in Confratute?

A Spouses or partners of participants may register for Confratute with a housing and meal plan only. Please contact the [Conference Services](#) office for spouse package costs or to register online.

Q Can my **children** come?

A Children are not permitted to stay in campus housing, and Confratute does not offer any programs or options for children. However, if you are housed off-campus and would like information about summer programs and camps near UConn, see our listing of information at http://confratute.uconn.edu/helpful_links_info/.

MEALS

Q What **meals** are provided for participants?

A Meals start on Sunday evening with a light dinner and end Friday noon with lunch. Attendees should indicate dietary restrictions when registering. For commuters without a meal package there will be a listing of local restaurants available in Command Central.

TRANSPORTATION

Q Is there **shuttle service** available from the airport or bus/train station?

A Shuttles are available from Bradley Airport to Storrs beginning at 12 noon on Sunday, July 9, and will run every other hour until 8:00 PM. Shuttles will also be available on Friday, July 14, at 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM. The Airport Shuttle Reservation Form is located at http://confratute.uconn.edu/welcome_packet/ which must be submitted by **July 1**. A link to reserve the shuttle is also available when you register online at <http://confratute.uconn.edu/registration/>. Shuttle fees are non-refundable. A listing of transportation companies who provide alternative transportation is located on our [Welcome Packet](#) website.