

WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCES

Multi-Purpose Reading Room:

A collaborative study/meeting space with AV capabilities and a small collection of magazines and books related to gender equity.

Program Room:

A large space with tables, seating, and AV capabilities for programs, meetings, classes, events.

Conference Room/Lactation Space:

A space for small meetings with AV capabilities and a private lactation room.

Drop in, study or just hang out and get to know our staff!

Our space is wheelchair accessible and has an all gender restroom.
Reserve any of these rooms at womenscenter.uconn.edu/reserve-the-

"I'm so thankful to be in an environment that supports the development of my self-advocacy and education."

- Steph Goebel, Class of 2019

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Check out our programs and attend upcoming events!

<https://womenscenter.uconn.edu/programs-services/calendar/>

Subscribe to our weekly listserv to receive updates on weekly events and programs at womenscenter.uconn.edu/ mailing-list/

Students

Join our staff, a group or volunteer committee!

Work Study | Student Labor | Volunteer | Internships

Enroll in **WGSS 3271**, the pre-requisite course to become a peer facilitator in VAWPP (Contact our VAWPP Director).

Staff/Faculty

Join a committee or group!

Women's Affinity Group | Women of Color Collective | Moms4Moms | Women's Advance Conference Planning

More information at womenscenter.uconn.edu/get-involved

If you require an accommodation to participate in any of our programs, please contact us at least 5 days in advance.



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Location:

Women's Center

University of Connecticut
Student Union, 4th Floor, Room 421
2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3118
Storrs, CT 06269-3118

Hours:

Semester hours:

9:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Thursday.
9:00am to 5:00pm, Friday.

Summer and break hours:

9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

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OUR MISSION

Established in 1972, the Women's Center strives to create a community which celebrates women's diversity and strengths, while actively confronting societal challenges and obstacles. Our programs are available to university staff, faculty, students, and community members. From support groups to educational programs, the Women's Center is the place where all of the pieces come together.

Our mission is to educate, advocate, and provide support services for the achievement of women's equity at the University and within the community at large.

More specifically, we promote an anti-racist feminist perspective which includes an analysis of the intersectionality between various forms of oppression; challenges the power structure/status quo that reinforces inequality based on race and gender simultaneously; and foregrounds the understanding of how racial discrimination impacts the analysis of gender discrimination.

WHAT IS FEMINISM?

We define feminism as the belief that all women have the right to control their bodies and destinies; the right to live a life free of violence and abuse; the right to equal protection under the law, including equal access to education, employment, and power.

"I have never, before this experience, been so immersed in a culture of progressive people who want to dedicate time to making society and their environments a more positive place."

- Jackie Nappo, Class of 2018

GROUPS & INITIATIVES

Between Women: A discussion group for women who like women. Discussing fun topics, watching movies, and more. Closed to only LGBTQIA+ women.

Don't Cancel Your Class: The Women's Center staff is available to provide guest lectures on a variety of topics when faculty are unavailable to teach.

Greeks Against Sexual Assault (GASA): Greek-affiliated students discuss issues of gender, sexuality, violence, and privilege in a safe space, and analyze how rape culture has manifested on our campus.

Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP): A peer education program that trains students to speak out against sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and other issues of gender-based violence.

Women in STEM Mentoring Program: An initiative designed to support underclasswomen pursuing STEM degrees through the mentorship of their upperclasswomen peers.

Men's Project: A space for men to explore masculinity, gender, and education about gender-based violence.

100 Years of Women Scholarship: Honors a current UConn undergraduate, graduate student, or high school senior planning to enroll who demonstrates a commitment to women's issues through service to their community.

In-Power: Student-led support group dedicated to building a gender-inclusive community that welcomes victim-survivors of sexual assault, stalking, and/or intimate partner violence at any point in their healing process.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

New Women Faculty Luncheon: An opportunity for new faculty to meet, network within/across departments, and identify strategies to support women scholars.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Events throughout the month of October; includes The Clothesline Project, a traveling display of t-shirts made by survivors of sexual assault and/or relationship violence.

Start Smart Salary Negotiation: Teaches the confidence and skills needed to enter the job market, including the gender wage gap and how to negotiate your first salary out of college.

Elect Her: Campaign training designed to diminish the political leadership gender gap.

Women's Herstory Month: Features events and programs throughout the month of March.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Events throughout the month of April; includes Take Back the Night, an event featuring live speakers followed by a candlelight campus march and a speak out session.

LUNAFEST: A traveling film festival of award-winning short films by, for, and about diverse women.

Outstanding Senior Women Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony: Recognizes graduating women who have excelled academically and demonstrated dedication to research and service to the University community.

UConn Women's Advance Conference: A professional development opportunity for women staff and faculty at all levels of the University.

"The Women's Center influenced my understanding of feminism, sexism, and racism by learning more about social movements and how an individual can make a big difference."

- Tahreem Ali, Class of 2019

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Women's Center provides assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination.

Our focus is to provide a safe setting, as well as

information and support that will help empower victims/survivors to choose what feels most healing for them. We assist victims/survivors **regardless of their gender identity and/or expression**. Women's Center staff members assist individuals through their knowledge regarding policy and awareness of on-campus and local community resources.

Gender-based violence (GBV) is an umbrella term used to reflect the idea that violence, often motivated by hegemonic masculinity, serves to maintain structural gender inequities. GBV includes rape, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, sex trafficking, and sexual harassment, and is most frequently committed against women and/or individuals whose perceived gender expression challenges normative stereotypes.

Specific examples of assistance we provide include:

- Information regarding steps that can be taken following a sexual assault or incident of relationship violence, including through the University, with the police, and/or medical assistance.
- Serving as support people for victims/survivors in sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and/or stalking investigations and/or hearings.
- Going with and/or advocating for individuals during procedures in a hospital emergency situation, with filling out a police report, or as a victim/survivor goes through a criminal court case.
- Making referrals to other resources, both on and off campus, as needed.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Our advocacy work is based on the principles of reinforcing the survivor's autonomy and self-determination as a way to increase their safety and sense of empowerment. The Women's Center provides advocacy and support to victims/survivors. While recognizing the trauma involved in the advocacy work we do, our role is not to provide comprehensive mental health treatment. Individuals who present concerns that are beyond the scope of our role, will be referred to the appropriate on or off-campus provider.

The Women's Center staff are exempt from reporting disclosures of gender-based violence to the Office for Institutional Equity under the University's Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence.* This means we will only report the information shared with us to the University if the student and/or employee requests that the information be shared or unless someone is in imminent risk of serious harm or a minor.

*This policy can be found at <https://policy.uconn.edu/?p=6592>