



UConn ECE Upcoming Events

In an effort to keep UConn ECE instructors well informed of upcoming events for UConn Early College Experience, please find events for the spring semester listed below. All events will take place on the UConn Storrs campus unless otherwise noted. Formal invitations will be sent to instructors approximately two months before the event date. The UConn ECE Program Office staff looks forward to welcoming you to campus!

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

*UConn ECE Annual Site
Representative Conference
8:30 - 2:30pm, Rome Ballroom*

MARCH 17, 2008

ECE Physics Workshop, time & place TBA

MARCH 26, 2008

*UConn ECE Globalization Conference
"Globalization: AB Double Sided Coin
or a Double Edged Sword"
UConn Stamford Campus*

MAY 14, 2008

*UConn ECE Math Workshop
CUE Building, room 320
9:00 - 12:30pm*

MAY 14, 2008

*UConn ECE Statistics Workshop
1:00 - 4:00pm*

MAY 5, 2008

*UConn ECE French Workshop
CUE Building, room 320*

MAY 22, 2008

*UConn ECE New Instructor Orientation
8:30 - 2:30pm, Rome Ballroom*

JUNE 5, 2008

*UConn ECE Annual Transition to
College Conference
8:30 - 2:30pm, Rome Ballroom*

JUNE 6, 2008

*UConn ECE Biology Workshop
10:00 - 3:00pm, TLS room 154*

UConn Early College Experience Gains NACEP Accreditation

UConn Early College Experience has become the first public university in the northeast to obtain accreditation through the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). UConn ECE will join NACEP as the twenty-fifth institution to become accredited as a concurrent enrollment program in the nation.

NACEP is the national accrediting body for concurrent enrollment courses that "support all members by providing standards of excellence, research, communication, and advocacy." NACEP was established in 1999 and created its national standards in 2002.

When asked about what this victory meant to the program, Jill Thorne, UConn ECE Director, said, "This is a very positive, important step in our continued growth, and it really puts us in the vanguard of the national movement toward concurrent enrollment programs."

Thank you to all partner high schools, principals, site representatives and certified instructors. Your support and ability to adhere to NACEP standards allowed accreditation to become possible.

If you are interested in finding out more information regarding NACEP or reading the standards, please visit www.nacep.org.

UConn Course Renumbering Affects UConn Early College Experience

On March 14, 2005, the University Senate overwhelmingly approved a course renumbering proposal that would change the current three-digit course numbers to four digits. The 2008-09 academic year will mark the first year that the new course numbers will take effect. According to *The Advance*, "the new system allots the numbers 1000-1999 to freshman courses; 2000-2999 for sophomores; 3000-3999 to juniors, and 4000-4999 for seniors." Adding a digit to the current numbering system will allow for additional courses to be included in a department with greater ease.

UConn Early College Experience will change its course numbers at the same time as the University. New course numbers will be reflected on the 2008-09 student registration form and on the UConn ECE website. The UConn ECE program office plans to publish a course conversion chart that will be sent to all certified instructors, site representatives and principals to avoid any confusion. The course renumbering system will also be a topic at this year's annual Site Representative Conference, scheduled for February 26, 2008.

Windsor High School Takes First Place in French Quiz Bowl



Windsor High School students proudly stand with their first place trophy. Congrats Windsor!

Windsor High School left the UConn Storrs Campus on November 8th as the proud winners of this year's UConn ECE French Quiz Bowl. Approximately 130 students from Coventry High School, E.O Smith High School, Enrico Fermi High School, Fairfield Warde High School, Glastonbury High School, Southington High School and Windsor High School enjoyed a full day of French activities. Shelton High School, new to UConn ECE, joined in the festivities as the eighth participating school at the quiz bowl.

Students spent the morning at the University's newly renovated Student Union in French conversation groups, led by UConn's French Teaching Assistants. They were then treated to lunch at the South Campus Dining Hall before beginning the Quiz Bowl. The Quiz Bowl took place in the Konover Auditorium at the Dodd Research Center.

The French Quiz Bowl was started by former Faculty Coordinator for French, Ed Benson, in 2000 as a fun reason to bring high school students to campus. This year's Quiz Bowl was led by UConn ECE Faculty Coordinator, Florence Marsal.

"The French Quiz Bowl is always an extraordinary day for the French section at UConn. It's a pleasure to chat with the instructors and strengthen the links between the high schools and the University. The TAs, who lead the student conversation classes, admire their enthusiasm and their language skills. And we all love to see their energy and ambition during the quiz bowl. There is nothing like a little competition to bring out the best in everybody!" said Marsal.



Enrico Fermi students show off their second place trophy



Glastonbury High School's team took home their third place trophy



Team Fairfield Warde sported matching tee shirts at this year's quiz bowl



Students in the audience cheer on their schools' teams

UConn ECE Staff Attends Annual NACEP Conference

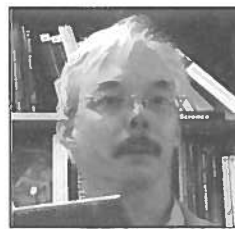
Brian Boecherer, Erin Blanchette and Heather Bull of the UConn ECE Program Office, along with Larry Rich, Guidance Director and UConn ECE Site Representative for Norwich Free Academy, headed to Salt Lake City, Utah for the 2007 NACEP conference. This year's conference titled "Solving the Concurrent Enrollment Puzzle," focused on blending the distinct cultures of high school and college with the goal of sharing ideas, soliciting strategies and determining concurrent enrollment best practices. UConn ECE staff members enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with other programs and gained useful information in regards to analyzing statistical information and marketing programs.

When asked about being part of this year's NACEP conference, Larry Rich replied, "Participating in the NACEP conference gave me a greater appreciation of what it truly means to be accredited by this organization. This alliance truly looks for top concurrent enrollment programs who work collaboratively with both high school and college partners. The accreditation of the UCONN ECE program is a win for all of the schools who participate, but even more for all of the students who participate."



Larry Rich, Brian Boecherer, Erin Blanchette and Heather Bull stop to pose with one of Salt Lake's classic bear statues.

U.S. History Added to UConn ECE Curriculum



Professor Robert Forbes,
UConn ECE Faculty
Coordinator for U.S. History

High School students will soon have the opportunity to take U.S. History through UConn Early College Experience beginning in fall 2008. UConn ECE plans to offer the course as a pilot program for the 2008-09 academic year with hopes to open it to all partner high schools in 2009-10. U.S. History will be added to the curriculum in five high schools in 2008. Robert Forbes, Assistant Professor of History and American Studies at UConn's Torrington campus, will serve as the Faculty Coordinator for U.S. History. "I'm delighted that American History has been added to the ECE curriculum. I think that there is tremendous demand for it from teachers and students, and I'm glad to be a part of making it happen," said Forbes.

If you are interested in taking part in the pilot program for U.S. History, please contact Brian Boecherer at brian.boecherer@uconn.edu or at 860-486-1045. Instructors who are interested in becoming certified to teach U.S. History through UConn ECE may contact Jennifer Griffin at jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu. UConn ECE instructors who are currently certified to teach History 100 & 101 will need to apply separately for certification in U.S. History.



UConn ECE students taking American Studies at Manchester High School visited the UConn Storrs campus on October 16th. Students toured campus, ate lunch at a campus dining hall and visited the Homer Babbidge Library.

Environmental Science Sprouts New Leaves

Environmental Science successfully began its first year as a UConn ECE course in Greenwich High School, Bridgeport Vocational Regional Aquaculture School, Fairfield Warde High School and the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering.

If you are interested in finding out information regarding course content, please contact Faculty Coordinator Morty Ortega at morty.ortega@uconn.edu. If you are interested in becoming a certified Environmental Science instructor for UConn ECE, please contact Jennifer Griffin at jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu.

Bulkeley High School Trip to the United Nations

by *Andreina Torres*

On Thursday, November 1st, students from the UConn ECE/ Honors International Relations class at Bulkeley High School visited United Nations headquarters in New York City. The World Affairs Council of Connecticut sponsored the trip, paying for a luxury coach, providing lunch in the UN cafeteria, and arranging for students to meet with diplomats from Saudi Arabia. In January, the students will represent Saudi Arabia at the model United Nations held at the University of Hartford, so that it was very useful to question the actual Saudi representatives at the United Nations about current policies, cultural orientations and tough issues that may arise at the model United Nations.

Visiting the United Nations post office, students sent postcards with United Nations stamps to friends and family, as well as to Mrs. Taylor, the principal of the school. A week after the trip, Dr. Turner, the teacher who organized the trip, was surprised to see in his Bulkeley mailbox that students had thoughtfully all signed and sent a postcard to him as well.

After the briefings, a short tour, and a fine meal at the United Nations, students walked to the Harvard Club of New York City, where one of the Saudi diplomats was joined by a Saudi lawyer to continue discussing Saudi history and policies in a

more informal setting. The representatives of the kingdom stressed that it has a strong orientation for peace, defense against terrorism, and using oil wealth to promote a high standard of living for all citizens.



UConn ECE students at Bulkeley High School stand in front of the New York Public Library.

Before returning to the United Nations for the bus trip back to Hartford, students had a chance to walk around New York City on a sunny and surprisingly warm November afternoon. Stops included the New York Public Library, Grand Central Station, and Brooks Brothers. Walking across town and down 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue, students could sample the flavor of the city.

The students who went to the United Nations are earning credit for Political Science 132, Introduction to International Relations, at the University of Connecticut under the Early College Experience (ECE) program.

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