International students often ask us where to go to open a bank account, shop for groceries, purchase furniture, and find an apartment and so much more. We believe that it is not wise to recommend only one place for each need. Rather, we refer you to a number of places and advise that you visit or contact at least three different businesses to gather information before making a final decision. For each entry you should also do an internet search for other shops or businesses in our area which could help you. The mention of a particular business, service or product on this site does not indicate an endorsement by either the International Center or the University of Hartford.

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Rental Furniture

Rent-A-Center
1051 Blue Hills Ave.
Bloomfield, Ct
860-243-8266

Colortyme
9 Maple Ave.
Hartford
860-956-1099

American Furniture Rental
299 Dividend Rd
Rocky Hill
860-256-472

Cort Furniture Rentals
50 Berlin Road
Cromwell, Ct
877-673-2138

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The insurance carrier that you choose MUST be physically located in the U.S. and issued by a U.S. provider. Insurance coverage issued by a company located outside the U.S. (for instance, a company located in your home country) is not acceptable.

* Many rental agencies require a U.S. driver's license, a bank credit card, and proof that the driver is 25 years or older.

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Automobiles can be a major problem for University of Hartford students. Thus, you must be very realistic and responsible in your decision to buy an automobile. Whether you purchase a new or previously owned auto, you must be prepared to pay for the cost of the car, the cost of insurance, and the cost of gasoline and upkeep. Automobiles may be purchased from a variety of sources, including new and used automotive dealers, from friends, or from others who may be selling their vehicles. Below is a list of some car dealers and service centers. There are many, many others. You should look in the "Yellow" pages of your telephone book to find other dealers, or look in the Hartford Courant newspaper for a daily listing of used cars for sale by private individuals.
Hartford and the surrounding area has a number of fine ethnic restaurants to satisfy anyone's tastes. There are also many stores selling products that are not typically found in an Anglo-American kitchen. Due to the rich diversity of Hartford's ethnic population, international students can readily find Indian spices, tropical fruits and vegetables, Japanese noodles, West Indies baked goods and other products familiar to people from around the world. The restaurants and stores listed below are only a few of many places you may eat and shop.

**Puerto Vallarta (Mexican)**
980 Farmington Ave West
West Hartford, CT
860-231-7513

**Cosmos International**
770 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford
860-232-6600

**Thai Binh Market (Thai)**
439 New Park Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-231-9166
Taste of India
139 South Main St
West Hartford, CT
860-561-2221

Tisane Tea & Coffee House
537 Farmington Ave.
Hartford, CT 860-523-5417

Ichiban (Korean)
530 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-233-5384

Shish Kebab House (Afghan)
36 LaSalle Rd
West Hartford, CT
860-231-8400

Tapas (Mediterranean)
1150 New Britain Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-521-4609

Osaka (Japanese)
962 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-233-1877

Tisane Tea & Coffee House
537 Farmington Ave.
Hartford, CT 860-523-5417

Shish Kebab House (Afghan)
36 LaSalle Rd
West Hartford, CT
860-231-8400

Tapas (Mediterranean)
1150 New Britain Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-521-4609

Ichiban (Korean)
530 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
860-233-5384

China House (Asian)
498 Farmington Ave
Hartford, CT
860-523-5839

Hibachi Grill Buffet (Asian)
52 Kane St.
Hartford, CT
860-332-9998

Lena’s Pizza (Italian)
1053 Park St.
Hartford, CT
860-296-0353

Olive Garden (Italian)
1441 New Britain Ave
West Hartford, CT
860-521-9049

Bombay Olive (Indian)
450 south Main St.
West Hartford, CT
860-561-3000

Costa Del Sol (Spanish/Portuguese)
901 Wethersfield Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-296-1714

Max Oyster Bar (Seafood)
964 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT
860-236-6299

Treva (Italian)
980 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT
860-232-0407

Chipotle Mexican Grille
966 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT
860-899-1350

Tangiers (Middle Eastern)
668 Farmington Ave
Hartford, CT
860-233-8168

Sakura Garden (Japanese)
345 North Main St
West Hartford, CT
860-231-8889

Salute Restaurant (Italian/British)
100 Trumbull St.
Hartford, CT
860-899-1350

Find more Restaurants in Connecticut here

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Movie Theaters

Criterion Cinemas (Blue Back Square)
42 South Main St
West Hartford CT

Cinema City
330 New Park Ave
Hartford, CT

Real Arts Way
56 Arbor St.
Hartford, CT

Bloomfield Movie Theater
863 Park Ave.
Bloomfield, CT

Cinstudio Theater
300 Summit St.
Hartford, CT

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Shopping Mall and Factory Outlets

Westfarms Mall
500 West Farms Mall
Farmington
860-561-3024

Buckland Hills Mall
194 Buckland Hills Dr.
Manchester
860-644-1450

Clinton Outlets
Clinton, CT
860-664-0700

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Thrift Shops

Thrift Shops sell used merchandise at inexpensive prices. Proceeds generally are given to charities. Thrift shops offer clothing, appliances, furniture, and linens. They are often listed in an internet search under such headings as, "Second Hand Stores," "Thrift Shops," "Clothing Bought and Sold." Some well-known area shops are:

**Salvation Army Family Store**
217 Washington St.
Hartford, CT 860-543-8415

**Goodwill Retail Store**
15 Park Ave
Hartford, CT 860-856-2280

**The Clothes Horse**
175 Park Road
West Hartford
860-233-1411

Bookstores

Besides the University of Hartford Bookstore located in the Harry Jack Gray Center, you may wish to visit the stores below. If you cannot find a specific book and wish to order it, talk with one of the staff at the University of Hartford Bookstore. They are usually able to make a special order for you, at little or no extra cost:

**Barnes & Noble**
61 Isham Road
West Hartford
860-236-9900

**Atticus Bookstore and Cafe**
1082 Chapel St.
New Haven CT
203-776-4040

Newspapers

**The Hartford Courant** (daily) Check out each Thursday's "Calendar of Events" for the Greater Hartford area.

**USA Today** (daily) National and international news, sports, business, and leisure.

**The New York Times** (daily) One of the best daily papers in the U.S.


**Foreign Newspapers and Journals** - The University library carries many foreign newspapers and journals. You may also find foreign newspapers and journals at the Connecticut State Library on Main St., Hartford.

Medical Services / Pharmacies / Insurance

**University of Hartford Health Services**
Sports Center 860-768-6601

**University of Hartford Counseling & Development**
GSU 313 860-768-4482

**University of Hartford Student Insurance Program**
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For a list of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals, please consult with University Health Services

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<td>People's Bank</td>
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<td>Old State House</td>
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<td>800 Main St.</td>
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<td>Hartford, CT 860-522-6766</td>
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<td>Essex, CT 860-767-8269</td>
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Theaters and Concert Halls

**Lincoln Theater**
University of Hartford
860-768-4228

**Bushnell Memorial**
166 Capitol Ave., Hartford
860-987-5500

**Hartford Stage Company**
50 Church St., Hartford
860-527-5151

**Comcast Theater** *(Concerts)*
Hartford, 548-7370

**Theater Works** *(off-Broadway)*
233 Pearl St., Hartford
860-527-7838

**Webster Theatre** *(Concerts)*
31 Webster St, Hartford
860-525-5553

State Parks

**West Hartford Reservoir**, West Hartford - A great place for a hike. [Directions]

**Talcott Mountain**, Simsbury - Easy mountain hiking - on a clear day you can see up to 60 [Directions]

**Stratton Brook**, Simsbury - A beautiful park with fresh water swimming. [Directions]

**Penwood Park**, Bloomfield - A great place for an easy walk and a picnic. [Directions]

**Dinosaur State Park**, Rocky Hill - Dinosaur footprints and museum. [Directions]

**People's Forest**, Barkhamsted - Large park area, great hiking and river fishing (with a CT. fishing license!). [Directions]

**Kent Falls State Park**, Kent - Large cascading waterfall with numerous hiking areas. [Directions]

Some Interesting Places to go in Connecticut

**Mystic Seaport**, Mystic - Home of the Mystic Marine life Aquarium.

**Science Center of Connecticut**, West Hartford - A great way to spend an afternoon.

**Peabody Museum of Natural History**, Yale University, one of the great museums of the world.

**New England Air Museum**, Windsor Locks - If you like airplanes and history, this is the place.

**Ski Sundown**, The closet place to ski to the University of Hartford

**Six Flags Amusement Park**, West Springfield, MA - Amusement park.

**Hammonasset Beach State Park**, Madison - Ocean beach swimming and recreation.

**Lime Rock Park**, Lime Rock - Professional and amateur road racing, auto shows.

**Mt. Tom State Park** Litchfield - A good local ski resort.

**Haight Vineyard & Winery**, Litchfield - Winery tours and wine tasting.

**Quassy Amusement Park**, Middlebury - Amusement rides, shows and swim

**Old New-Gate Prison**, East Granby - Tour the site of Connecticut's first copper mine and prison (1773!)
## Local Apartment Complexes and Online Apartment Search Services

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<td><strong>600 Apartments</strong></td>
<td>675 Cottage Grove Road.</td>
<td>866-412-8473</td>
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<td><strong>Park View Towers</strong></td>
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<td>860-278-2181</td>
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<td><strong>Manor House Apartments</strong></td>
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<td><strong>West Gate Apartments</strong></td>
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Looking for an apartment - try these on-line locator sites:
- **Craigslist**: is always a helpful apartment hunting source
- **Zillow**: a good resource for apartment hunting
- **Hotpads**: on-line housing search
- **Apartment Guide**: a helpful apartment hunting resource
- **MyCheapApartments**: a good resource for apartment hunting
- **MyApartmentMap**: on-line housing search

## State and Federal Agencies

- **Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles**
- **U.S. Social Security Administration**
- **U.S. Customs Service**
- **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service**
- **U.S. Internal Revenue Service**

## Other Useful Resources

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<td><strong>Fed Ex Office Print and Shipping Center</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Office Max</strong> (Office &amp; School Supplies)</td>
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