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UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT STUDENT TUITION

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You asked several questions regarding undocumented immigrant students at the University of Connecticut (UConn). Your questions and the respective answers follow.

Does UConn admit undocumented immigrants? How many undocumented immigrant students currently attend?

It is possible for UConn to admit undocumented immigrants. The school does not consider a student's citizenship status during the admission process.

On average, UConn admits two undocumented immigrant students from Connecticut per year. There are currently six undocumented students from Connecticut enrolled in UConn for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Do the current undocumented immigrant students at UConn pay in-state or out-of-state tuition?

Undocumented immigrants pay the out-of-state tuition rate at UConn. Table 1 shows the current in-state and out-of-state undergraduate tuition and required fees for UConn.

Table 1: In-State and Out-Of-State Undergraduate Tuition and Fees (2010-11 Academic Year)

	<i>In-State Tuition and Required Fees</i>	<i>Out-of-State Tuition and Required Fees</i>
UConn-Storrs	\$10,416.00	\$26,880.00
UConn-regional campuses	\$8,664.00	\$25,128.00

Source: http://www.financialaid.uconn.edu/index.php/Estimated_Cost_of_Attendance#Undergraduate.2C_Storrs_Campus

What is the cost if these students were to pay in-state instead of out-of-state tuition?

If the current undocumented immigrant students from Connecticut were to pay in-state instead of out-of-state tuition, the cost would be \$98,784.00, or \$16,464.00 per student. However, a UConn representative indicated that the school would not suffer a cost (i.e. revenue loss) because enrollment is not based on individual students but on percentages (see below).

Does UConn require admission of a certain number or percentage of students that will pay out-of-state tuition? Would that number or percentage remain the same if undocumented immigrant students paid in-state instead of out-of-state tuition?

UConn expects to enroll 30% out-of-state students and 70% in-state students for all campuses. These percentages are not requirements, but enrollment goals for the school and would remain the same if undocumented immigrant students from Connecticut paid in-state tuition.

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