

University of Connecticut
Land Acknowledgement Statement:
Suggested Guidelines

A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Native peoples as traditional stewards of lands. The statement highlights the enduring relationship between Native peoples and their traditional territories.

At the University of Connecticut the Land Acknowledgement Statement can be read aloud or distributed by anyone who wishes to use it -- at public or private events -- on University property.

All land in the State of Connecticut was once Native territory, so the statement may be used on any UCONN campus.

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We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the territory of the Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke (ska-teh-COKE), Golden Hill Paugussett (paw-GUS-it) and Nipmuc Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.

Pronunciations:

Mohegan (Mo-he-gan)

Mashantucket Pequot (Mash-un-tuck-it Pea-kwaht)

Eastern Pequot (Pea-kwaht)

Schaghticoke (ska-teh-COKE)

Golden Hill Paugussett (paw-GUS-it)

Nipmuc (Nip-muck)

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