

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Thank you for visiting! The University of Rhode Island is truly a special place. With approximately 13,000 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students, we are a **Land, Sea, and Urban Grant public research university**.

What does that mean for you?

Our status as a major research center provides you with opportunities to work closely with professors who are national experts. They offer you numerous hands-on learning experiences. We are pioneers in interdisciplinary studies and encourage you to enhance your education through internships, double majors, and study abroad. We also have a dedicated advising college to help you navigate your way and stay on track to meet your goals.

We hope you enjoy your visit. Please visit us again, in person or online at **uri.edu**.

Cynthia L. Bonn
Dean of Admission



Begin your tour of The University of Rhode Island:

From the Visitors Center (107, D6*), go left on Upper College Road until you come to an intersection with four-way stop signs. Take a right, crossing the street. Go down Campus Avenue until you get to another stop sign. Take a right on Lower College Road and head towards the bus circle and Memorial Union (64, C4*). Start the tour under the clock tower.

From the Undergraduate Admission Office, Newman Hall (61, E6*) walk left on Upper College Road until you come to an intersection with four-way stop signs. Take a left onto Campus Avenue and follow the directions above.

From the Memorial Union (64, C4*) Information Desk, go north towards the Ram's Den Dining Facility. Before entering the dining hall, take a right and exit the building. Start the tour as you are going down the ramp.

Quick Facts about URI:

- Flagship institution for Rhode Island, the smallest state in the union at 1,545 square miles and approximately 1,000,000 residents
- We're over 115 years old, URI was founded in 1892
- Located in Kingston, RI, a village in the town of South Kingstown
- Beautiful beaches 10 minutes away
- 20 minutes from Newport, a world-famous tourist town
- 45 minutes to Providence, RI's largest and capital city
- RIPTA bus service from campus to points all over the state
- Boston and NYC are not far (Amtrak station a mile west of campus)
- 13,000 Undergraduates and 3,500 Graduate Students
- 47 states and D.C. represented
- 64 nations represented
- 3,000+ freshmen enter URI every fall
- Approx. 80 majors, divided among the seven degree-granting colleges:
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - College of Business Administration
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Environment and Life Sciences
 - College of Human Science and Services
 - College of Nursing
 - College of Pharmacy

The Memorial Union (64, C4*)



- As the heart of campus, the Union is where students are supported through programs, dining, retail, and support services
- Great place to meet friends or get involved in a student organization
- First level: University's mailroom, pool tables, hair salon, flower shop, computer store, copy and design center, bank, optometrist, convenience store, school newspaper, and the URI bookstore
- Second level: the Ram's Den (dining hall), the Information Desk, a student lounge, the Center for Student Leadership, Campus Access (ID Cards and RAM account), and various other student offices
- Third level: computer lab, commuter services office, disability services office, the office of Student Life, and the student senate chambers

Facing away from the Union, go left (north) to the Multicultural Center.

Multicultural Center (96, C4*)



*Refer to map. For easier navigation, detach last page of this packet.

- Gathering place for leisure, meetings, workshops, counseling, and other programs
- Diversity Week, held every fall semester, is devoted to celebrating diversity through performances (such as movies and concerts), lectures, discussions, and other activities
- The statue in front of the Multicultural Center is of Reverend Hardge, a civil rights leader and the first director of our Talent Development program, which recruits and helps retain multicultural Rhode Island students

Facing away from the Multicultural Center, go straight ahead (east) along Ranger Road to the Quadrangle.

The Quadrangle



- The Quad is where you start and end your URI experience. You'll come here for orientation the summer before your freshman year; then, after four years, your URI experience culminates in a beautiful commencement ceremony on the Quad.
- Students frequent the Quad to study, catch some sun, play Frisbee, build snowmen, and relax. The Quad is a common answer to the question of where is a student's favorite spot on campus.
- Our campus, including the Quad, has wireless Internet access.
- To the east of the Quad is our plaza called the Emporium, where you'll find restaurants (Subway, Bagelz, International Pizza, calzones, sandwich shops, Chinese food, Dunkin Donuts, etc.) and retail shops (spirit store with URI gear, tanning salon, bookstore, CVS, copy shop, laundromat, convenience store, and hair salons).

Go north to Ballentine Hall (11, B5*).

Classroom Statistics:

- Student to Faculty Ratio is 19:1
- 66% of classes have 29 students or fewer
- 30 honor societies
- 75% of faculty members have doctorates
- Our lecture classes are accompanied by weekly recitations
 - A recitation is an opportunity for you to meet with a small group of classmates overseen by a Ph.D. student, Master's student, or the professor him/herself and go over the week's topics, form study groups, take quizzes, exams, hand in papers, etc. It is a required complement to the class.
 - Lecture classes, although few, are popular because the course is in high demand, a lot of students want to take it, and it fulfills a general education requirement.

Ballentine Hall



- Ballentine Hall is the home of the College of Business Administration.
- *Princeton Review* named CBA one of the best 290 business schools in the country.
- Accredited by the AACSB
- Inside the building ...
 - Mock stock exchange room that's connected to real time with the New York Stock Exchange
 - Business students can take a class called "The Ram Fund" and invest real money every semester in the stock market. This class was made possible by an initial investment of \$100,000 made by the URI Alumni Association.

Behind Ballentine Hall on the north end of campus is our new research and classroom building called the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.

Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (145, A4*):



- 140,000 sq. ft. building opened January 2009
- Used for research and classes
- Scientists in CBLS work on research projects aimed at making RI and the nation a healthier, safer, greener, and more prosperous place to live.
- The building was designed with many green features to minimize environmental impact: energy-efficient window glass, a green roof with a bio filter and heat sync, and a rain garden.

Back to Ballentine, face the building. To your left (west of Ballentine) is Taft Hall.

Taft Hall (92, B4*)



- Office of International Education, welcoming students from abroad and helping students study away
- URI offers its students the opportunity to study in more than 200 affiliated study abroad programs in over 40 different countries
- Popular places students study: Australia, Spain, London, Italy
- Semester, Year, or Summer programs available

From Taft, go west again to the Library (60, B4*).

The Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons



- Renamed in 2009 for the retiring University President, the library has over 1 million books and 8,000 journal and magazine subscriptions
- The Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN) is a group of colleges and universities that have agreed to band together and allow each affiliate to borrow books and other resources from one another.

Currently, HELIN is made up of Brown University, Bryant University, Community College of Rhode Island, Johnson and Wales University, Providence College, Roger Williams University, Rhode Island College, Salve Regina University, URI, and Wheaton College. As a student at URI, you can borrow books from any one of these libraries using your URI library card

- The 24-Hour Room is available to students for study and group projects including 24-hour periods from Sunday through Thursday during the regular academic year. There is a coffee cart where light refreshments are sold
- In the Media Resource Center you'll find the library's collection of video recordings and other audiovisual materials. Students can borrow videos, DVDs, and CDs
- The Library Student Computer Lab provides over 100 computers for students, faculty, and staff to access email and the Internet, type papers, and use software applications

Once you exit the University Library, go down the main staircase and continue right. On your left will be Roosevelt Hall (84, C4*) the home of University College.

University College



- Academic Advisors for EVERY major are in this building
- If you're undecided, there are specialized advisors who will help you explore your interest and skills, choose classes and help you declare a major
- You'll meet with them every semester to make sure you're taking courses that count for your major and to make sure you're on the right track to graduation
- All first and second year students are advised here even if they know their major

Academic Enhancement Center

- Free tutoring
- Offers Supplemental Instruction that helps students learn material and study more effectively for challenging classes.
- Students may become tutors if they maintain an A in the course they wish to tutor for

Writing Center helps you

- Brainstorm a topic
- Organize and develop your ideas
- Understand the assignment
- Learn some proofreading strategies
- Practice a specific grammatical concept

Career Services

- Hosts career services events every month for all students and Alumni
- Career Fair and Internship Fair every semester in the Ryan Center
- Helps you build a resume and cover letter
- Mock interviews
- Brings companies on-campus to interview students for employment
- Assists you in finding on-campus and off-campus jobs while you're in college and after graduation

Office of Internships and Experiential Education

- A way to get hands-on learning experience outside of the classroom
- Devoted staff to help you find an internship that works best for you
- The internship can be right on-campus, in Rhode Island, in the United States, or anywhere in the world
- You can receive up to 15 credits for one internship, which is an entire semester's worth of classes

New Student Programs

- During the Orientation Program, students will have an opportunity to meet and work with students in their major, as well as their academic advisor
- Students will register for courses and leave with a class schedule and URI ID
- Students will learn about ways to become involved on-campus and be introduced to the many offices and services designed to support academic and personal success

URI 101

- One credit course taken in the first semester of freshman year
- An amazing course taught by an instructor and a student mentor
- Small classes, designed for each and every major even for students who are undeclared!

- URI 101 is built into a learning community, a cluster of classes selected for you by major where you'll meet classmates that you'll see in several of your other classes
- Undecided sections of URI 101 with an exploration learning community are available

Proceed down the walkway with Roosevelt on your left until you come to Hope Commons (50, B3*)

Hope Commons



- In the Main Fare dining hall at Hope Commons there are many different stations for students to use their unlimited meal plans
 - *Astro's*, the retro-styled burger station, a selection of char-grilled burgers, hot dogs, soy dogs, Boca burgers, french fries, and onion rings
 - *Fusion bar* consists of a large salad bar and toppings to add to an Asian stir-fry or Pasta-to-order selections.
 - *Deli Creations* station offers a wide variety of breads, fresh deli meats and cheese, and over 20 toppings and fillings
 - *Homestyle* main entrée station has new and exciting dishes each day
 - *Rhody Market*, Starbucks Coffee in Common Grounds, a fire place lounge, a quick meal in Upper Crust or a smoothie in Freshens
 - *Corner Store* was rated the Best in the Business for Product Mix and Variety, offering fresh popcorn, organic and gluten-free foods, health and beauty supplies, prepared entrees, make-your-own-cereal, nuts and dried fruit combinations and convenience items

Go out the bottom level of Hope Commons. Take a left onto Butterfield Road and proceed to Health Services in the Potter Building on your right (77, C3*)

Health Services



- Conveniently located right near the residence halls
- Pharmacy, Women's Clinic, Immunizations, Diagnostic Imaging and Lab services, and Specialty Clinics
- South County Hospital is 5 minutes away

Continue straight ahead you will see Freshman Village which is where the 6 largest freshmen residence halls (Barlow Hall (12, D3*), Weldin Hall (105, D3*), Butterfield Hall (19, C4*), Bressler Hall (16, D4*), Browning Hall (17, C3*), Adams Hall (1, D3*)*) are located.



Residential Life

- The University offers 23 traditional residence halls and 2 apartment complexes exclusively for undergraduate students
 - Freshmen will reside in one of the 6 long corridor style residence halls, or one of two other suite style halls
 - All rooms come supplied with a bed, desk, and dresser, for each student
 - All residence halls have wireless internet
 - All residence halls are smoke free and equipped with smoke detectors; regular fire safety drills are conducted
 - Internet hubs in each room allow access for up to three connections, and cable TV connections with up to 80 channels
 - Each room has one phone line with individual voice mailboxes
- Mini-refrigerators and microwaves are available for rent

- Laundry machines, a common kitchen area, and lounges equipped with TVs, couches, chairs, internet ports, pool/ ping-pong/foosball tables are all available for students
- Lounges in each residence hall are the location for hall meetings, study breaks, and Resident Assistant run hall programs
- Corridor style halls have a shared communal hallway bathroom, while suite style dorms have semi-private bathrooms that are shared with student's suitemates
- In each residence hall there is a Resident Assistant (RA*) office. RAs are undergraduate students living in the residence halls, trained and paid to enforce rules and regulations, provide support and resources to students, maintain security and create a "homelike" atmosphere in their residence halls
- Student ID cards gain residents access into their dorm and dining halls

Cross the street and continue going down the path with Health Services (77, C3*) to your right. This will bring you to URI's athletic facilities.

Bradford R. Boss Ice Arena (142, E1*)



- Home to the Rhode Island men's and women's club ice hockey teams, and can hold up to 2,500 fans.
- Skating and figure skating lessons are available here, as well as daily public skating sessions for URI students and the surrounding community.

Enter Mackal Field House (134, D2*)

Mackal Field House



- Mackal Field House is a recreational facility for all students.
- Mackal Field House contains a fitness center, cardio room, and new flooring for the indoor track and courts. The courts in Mackal are used for playing basketball, volleyball and tennis.
- The Mackal field house annually hosts the Atlantic 10 Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Follow the hallway that will lead you to the Keaney Gymnasium Lobby.

Frank W. Keaney Gymnasium (57, C2*)



- Men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams practice.
- Keaney Gymnasium is used as a venue for entertainment and other University events.

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- Keaney Complex hosts the Women's Varsity Volleyball and Men's Club Volleyball teams, intramural sports office, ROTC offices, team locker rooms for men's soccer, baseball, tennis and track, and women's gymnastics, tennis, volleyball and track, and the NCAA compliance office.

Now continue down the hallway to the Tootell Aquatic Center. You will come to a staircase on your left. After climbing that staircase, you will see a dance studio to your left and the pools to your right.

Tootell Physical Education and Aquatic Center (98, C2*)



- Pools
 - Recreational, lap, and diving pools
 - Home of URI Swimming and Diving Team
 - Life guarding is one of many jobs on-campus
- Dance Studio
- Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Tae Bo, Pilates, Cycling, and Yoga classes available

Turn around and head back down the stairs. Exit out of the door in front of you and head back to the top of campus on the pathway by which you arrived. You will pass The Ryan Center and Meade Stadium.

The Ryan Center (120, C2*)



- Holds approximately 9,000 people, and is the home of the Men's and Women's basketball teams.
- Hosts up to 85 other events throughout the year including concerts, career fairs, lectures, exhibitions, trade shows, banquets, and family entertainment events.
- Named in honor of Thomas M. Ryan, URI Alumni and Chairman and CEO of CVS
- Artists who've performed recently at The Ryan Center: Carrie Underwood, Akon, Kanye West, Vince Gill, Third Eye Blind, Colbie Caillat, OAR, Mr. Belding from Saved by the Bell, Bill Cosby, Dane Cook, Will Ferrell, Jay Leno

The Meade Football Stadium (63, B2*)



- Holds approximately 5,500 people
- The west stands provide fans access to the Ryan Center's concourse, and a new scoreboard has been added.

As you proceed back up the hill, head back towards the Memorial Union (64, C4*)

Conclude your tour by going to the second floor of the Memorial Union. If you need further directions, feel free to ask at the Information Desk.

Thank you for visiting the University of Rhode Island.

For more information visit www.uri.edu/admission or contact our Admission Office at 401-874-7000.

Our office is located in Newman Hall on 14 Upper College Road and is open from 8:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.