

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

SELF GUIDED TOUR

Thank you for visiting! The University of Rhode Island is a truly special place. We are a medium-sized university 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.

Cynthia L. Bonn
Dean of Admission

From the Visitors Information Center/ Parking Lot (107, D6), walk left on Upper College road until you come to a four way stop. Take a right, crossing the street. Walk down Campus Ave until you get to the stop sign. Take a right on Lower College Rd and head towards the bus circle and Memorial Union (64, C4). Start the tour under the clock tower.

From the Admission Office, Newman Hall (61, E6) walk left on Upper College Rd until you come to a four way stop. Take a left onto Campus Ave. Walk down Campus Ave until you get to the stop sign. Take a right on Lower College Rd and head towards the bus circle and Memorial Union (64, C4). Start the tour under the clock tower.

From the Memorial Union (64, C4) Information Desk, walk towards the Ram's Den Dining Facility. Before entering the dining hall, take a right, walking towards the outside doors. Start the tour as you are walking down the ramp.

Begin your tour of The University of Rhode Island:

Quick Facts:

- The University of Rhode Island (URI) is the flagship institution for the state of Rhode Island and is a land, sea, and urban grant university.
- URI was founded in 1892.
- Located in Kingston, Rhode Island, a village in South Kingstown
- Beautiful beaches in close proximity to campus
- 20 minutes from Newport—a beautiful tourist town
- 45 minute drive to Providence to get the city experience
- Boston and New York are just a few hours away
- Amtrak train station is about a mile from campus
- 13,000 undergraduates and 3,500 graduate students.
- 47 states and D.C. represented
- 64 nations represented
- 3,150 freshmen entered URI in the fall of 2008
- Over 80 majors which are divided into seven degree-granting colleges:
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - College of Business Administration
 - College of Engineering
 - College of the Environment and Life Sciences
 - College of Human Science and Services
 - College of Nursing
 - College of Pharmacy

Walk left to the Multicultural Center (96, C4)

Multicultural Center (96, C4)

- Is the heart of diversity on-campus.
- Diversity Week is held every fall semester. It is a week devoted to celebrating diversity.
- The statue in front of the Multicultural Center is of Reverend Hardge, who was a civil rights leader and the first director of our Talent Development program which recruits multicultural Rhode Island students.

Walk to the Quadrangle

The Quadrangle

- The Quad is where you start and end your University of Rhode Island experience—you come here for summer orientation and you will culminate your URI experience on the Quad with a beautiful commencement ceremony.
- Students frequent the Quad to study, catch some sun, play Frisbee, build snowmen and relax. The Quad is the common answer to the question of “where is a student’s favorite spot on campus”?
- Our campus, including the Quad, has wireless internet access.
- A short distance from the Quad is our plaza of shops and restaurants called the Emporium. Here, you will find restaurants (Subway, International Pizza, Calzones, sandwich shops, Dunkin Donuts, etc.)
- Other stores include a URI spirit store selling URI monogrammed merchandise, a tanning salon, bookstore, CVS, laundromat, convenience store and hair salons.

Walk north to Ballentine Hall (11, B5)

Classroom Statistics

- Student to Faculty ratio is 14:1.
- 66% of classes have 29 students or fewer.
- 30 honor societies
- 75% of faculty members have doctorates.
 - Our lecture classes are accompanied by recitations—a supplemental class to a lecture where material is reviewed, expanded upon, and in-depth discussions are held.
 - It is an opportunity for you to meet small groups of classmates, overseen by a Ph.D. student, Master’s student, or professor to review the week’s topics, form study groups, take quizzes and exams, hand in papers, etc. The recitation is a helpful complement to most classes.
 - Larger lecture classes, though few, are popular and often fulfill a general education requirement.

Ballentine Hall is home to The College of Business Administration (CBA)

- Princeton Review named CBA one of the best 290 business schools in the country.
- Accredited by the AACSB.
- This building includes:
 - A simulated stock exchange room connected in real time to the New York Stock Exchange.
 - A class called “The Ram Fund” where students can invest real money every semester. 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 the Center for Biotechnology and Life Science (CBLS)

- This is a new research and classroom building for biotechnology and life sciences.
- 140,000 sq. ft building opened in the spring of 2009.
- Students attend classes and conduct research in this state-of-the-art facility.
- Scientists in the CBLS work on research projects aimed at making RI and the nation a healthier, safer, and more prosperous place to live.
- The construction of this building is as energy efficient as possible to make ensure that its environmental impact is minimal.
- Special windows on the building are designed with energy efficient glass, a “green” roof that uses bio-filters and heat flow regulators.
- A specially designed “rain garden” which collects runoff, cleanses this water of impurities, and empties it into the URI aquifer, which provides all of the water to our campus.

Walk between Davis Hall and Taft Hall

Taft Hall (92, B4)

- The office of International Education welcomes students from other countries and helps students choose a study abroad program.
- The University of Rhode Island offers its students the opportunity to study in more than 200 affiliated study-abroad programs in over 40 different countries.
- Popular places of study include Australia, Spain, London, and Italy
- Students have the option to study abroad for the full semester, year, or during summer.

Walk to the Library (60, B4)

The University Library

- 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 allow each affiliate to borrow books and 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 for group projects from Sunday through Thursday during the regular academic year. Enjoy the 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 by which students, faculty, and staff can word process, access email, the Internet, and utilize various 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 each major are available in this building.
- If you're undecided about which major to pursue, University College advisors are there to help you explore your interest and skills, help you in choosing your classes, and ultimately declare a major.
- You will meet with advisors every semester to make sure you are taking courses that count toward your major and that you are on the right track for graduation.

Academic Enhancement Center

- Opportunities for free tutoring.
- Supplemental Instruction available to help students study more effectively in challenging classes.
- Students may become tutors if they maintain an A in the course they wish to tutor.

Writing Center helps to:

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

Career Services

- Host to career service events every month for students and alumni
- Schedule career and internship fairs every semester at the Ryan Center
- Help students construct resumes and cover letters
- Provide opportunities for practice interviews
- Invite potential employers to URI to interview students
- Assist students in finding on-campus and off-campus jobs, both in college and after graduation.

Office of Internships and Experiential Education

- Allows hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom.
- Assists students in obtaining internship opportunities.
- Arranges internships on-campus, around the country, or around the world. These internships can begin as early as the student's freshman year.

New Student Programs

- During the orientation program, new students have an opportunity to discuss their academic plans with specific advisors and with current students.
- Matriculated students will register for courses, arrange class schedules, and receive their official URI identification card.
- 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.
- Orientation Program provides fun and interactive sessions on campus culture.

URI 101

- All new students are required to take this one-credit acclamation course taught by a faculty instructor with a student mentor.
- Specific classes designed for each and every major are offered, even for students who are haven't decided on a their major!
- URI 101 is designed to be a learning community with classes selected for your course of study. You will meet classmates and new friends in this course.
- 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 (includes Mainfare Dining Hall) (50, B3)

- Unlimited meal plans are available for many different dining selections in the Mainfare dining hall.
- Examples:
 - *Astro's*, a retro-styled burger station offers a selection of char-grilled burgers, hot dogs, soy dogs, Boca burgers, French fries and onion rings
 - *Fusion bar* offers salads and toppings as well as Asian stir-fry and pasta-to-order selections.
 - *Deli Creations* offers a wide variety of breads, fresh deli meats, cheeses, and over 20 sandwich toppings.
 - *Homestyle* provides various hot meal entrees.
 - *Rhody Market* includes Starbucks Coffee in a fire place lounge setting.
 - *Corner Store* offers 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.

Exit the bottom level of Hope Commons. Take a left onto Butterfield Road. You will see the Potter Building on your right housing Health Services (77, C3)

Health Services

- Conveniently located near the residence halls.
- Includes pharmacy, women's clinic, and X-ray labs.
- Provides free over-the-counter medication.
- For emergencies, South County Hospital is 5 miles away.

Continue straight ahead. You will see Freshman Village, location of the six 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)).

Residential Life

- URI offers 23 traditional residence halls and 2 apartment complexes exclusively for undergraduate students. Freshmen reside in one of six long corridor-style residence halls, or in one of two suite style halls.
- All rooms are supplied with a bed, desk, and dresser for each student.
- All residence halls have wireless internet.
- All residence halls are equipped with smoke detectors and regular fire safety drills are conducted.
- Mini-refrigerators and microwaves are permitted and available for rent.
- All residence halls are smoke free.
- Each room provides internet jacks and cable TV connections with up to 80 channels.
- Each room has one phone line with individual voice mailboxes.
- Laundry machines, a common kitchen area, and recreation lounges are available for students.
- Corridor style halls share communal bathrooms, while suite-style residences have semi-private bathrooms shared with a student's suitemates.
- Each residence hall has a Resident Assistant (RA) office. RAs are selected upper-class undergraduates who maintain security and create a "homelike" atmosphere in their residence halls.
- Identification cards are provided for access to residence and dining halls.
- Identification cards are also used as a credit account for purchases of laundry machine use in the residences, as well as at various other shops and restaurants on-campus and off-campus.

Cross the street and continue walking down the path with Health Services (77, C3) to your right.

Bradford R. Boss Ice Arena (142, E1)

- Home to the Rhode Island's men and women's club ice hockey teams.
- Ice arena accommodates 2,500 fans
- Skating and figure skating lessons are available
- Daily public skating sessions for URI students and surrounding community

Enter Mackal Field House

Mackal Field House (134, D2)

- A recreational facility for all students
- Contains fitness center, cardio room, and indoor track and courts. The courts in Mackal are used for playing basketball, volleyball and tennis.
- Hosts the annual Atlantic 10 Conference men and women's indoor track and field championships.

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

Frank W. Keaney Gymnasium (57, C2)

- A venue for entertainment and other URI events.
- Home of Women's Varsity Volleyball and Men's Club Volleyball teams.
- Houses offices for intramural sports, ROTC, team locker rooms, and 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
- On-campus lifeguarding employment opportunities
- 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
- Home of the men and women's basketball teams
- Hosts up to 85 other events including concerts, career fairs, lectures, exhibitions, trade shows, banquets, and family entertainment events
- Named in honor of Thomas M. Ryan, URI alumnus, Chairman and CEO of CVS.
- Artists recently at The Ryan Center include: Jason Mraz, 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, and Jay Leno.

The Meade Football Stadium (63, B2)

- Home of the URI Rams!
- Accommodates 5,500 fans
- The west stands provide direct access to the Ryan Center's concourse

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

Memorial Union

- The heart of our campus is the Union— a great place to meet friends, relax, share a meal in the Ram's Den, or have informal conversations.
- Houses the URI mailroom as well as the hair salon, flower shop, computer store, copy and design center, and the URI bookstore.
- The second level is where the Ram's Den dining hall is located, as well as the information desk, a student lounge, Center for Student Leadership, and various other student offices.
- On the third level there is a computer lab, commuter services office, disability services office, the office of Student Life and the student senate chambers.

Conclude your tour by walking 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.

