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ORIENTATION 2009

Information for
New Students and Families

A photograph of three young adults, two men and one woman, smiling and standing in front of a building with large windows. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with a logo and a lanyard. The woman on the right is wearing a light-colored top and a purple backpack. The background shows a brick building with large windows.

Checklist

We know you have lots to do to get ready for college. Here's a checklist to help you get started:

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- REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION BY JUNE 1.** Fill out the form on pages 11–12 and mail it back to us in the envelope provided.
- TAKE THE ONLINE URI MATH PLACEMENT EXAM.** See page 6 for details.
- GET PROOF OF YOUR IMMUNIZATIONS.** The State of Rhode Island requires this for all full-time students. You can download the necessary forms at health.uri.edu (choose “New Student Information”)—or refer to the packet mailed to you in early June. Your primary care provider or secondary school nurse should be able to give you a copy of your immunization history. You may fax this information to 401.874.5772. Please do this as soon as possible. Remember, no immunizations, no classes!
- CHECK ON YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS.** The University of Rhode Island requires all full-time and international students to have health insurance. You are automatically billed for “ACC/SICK INSURANCE” on your tuition bill. If you have comparable insurance, you can waive this fee electronically at health.uri.edu. You’ll get more information about this at Orientation. Meanwhile, please look into your health insurance status so you’ll be ready to fill out the waiver if needed.
- JOIN THE URI CLASS OF 2013 FACEBOOK GROUP.**
- BUY RHODY BLUE SWEATSHIRT.**



Welcome New Students and Families to the URI community. We hope this brochure answers any questions you have about the Orientation Programs.

To help you find a time that fits your schedule, we offer New Student Orientation (and a simultaneous Family Orientation) seven times for incoming freshmen. Additionally, we offer a special session specifically for incoming transfer students and family. Please be assured that students who attend later sessions of Orientation have the same opportunity to choose courses as those who attend earlier sessions.

During Orientation, students

- ☀ Learn about academic programs and co-curricular opportunities
- ☀ Meet with an academic advisor to discuss and register for classes
- ☀ Meet other students in majors
- ☀ Validate username and password for e-Campus and email account
- ☀ Learn about special needs and interests, such as Disability Services, Honors Programs, leadership development programs, community service, and athletics
- ☀ Take care of details like student ID cards and parking permits
- ☀ Better understand what it means to be a part of the URI community
- ☀ Make new friends and have fun!

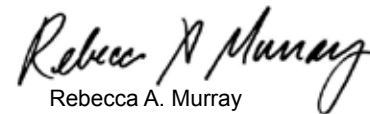
Orientation is an equally important time for families to

- ☀ Learn more about your student's academic curriculum, including classroom expectations for all students and services for undeclared students
- ☀ Learn about academic advising and support programs at University College
- ☀ Meet representatives from campus resources such as Dining Services, Housing and Residential Life, Disability Services, the URI Bookstore, Career Services, Enrollment Services (including Financial Aid and Billing), and more
- ☀ Network with families of other new students
- ☀ Have any of your unanswered questions addressed

Orientation is a time of celebration and welcome. We look forward to hosting you and supporting your entire family's transition. Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions (401.874.5927 or newram@etal.uri.edu). We are committed to doing whatever we can to make your time at URI the best it can be.

Sincerely,


Jayne Richmond
Dean, University College


Rebecca A. Murray
Coordinator, Office of
New Student Programs

For Freshman Students —What happens at Orientation?

Orientation at URI is two full days, including an overnight stay in our residence halls. **Day 1** focuses on meeting other new and upperclass URI students, learning about your academic program and URI culture, and opportunities that can supplement your in-class experiences. **Day 2** focuses on registering for classes and on the social and academic issues that will play a role in your transition from high school to college. You will leave Orientation with a complete schedule of fall classes, new friends, a sense of what the start of college will be like, and your official URI student ID.

Sample activities and schedule for the two days:

DAY 1

- ☀ Student check-in at Barlow Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.
- ☀ Group meeting on the Quad
- ☀ Welcome presentation by the Dean of University College
- ☀ Lunch
- ☀ Academics at URI: Initial class schedule creation
- ☀ Special-interest sessions, including Disability Services for Students, Honors Program, Athletics, student leadership and service, and more
- ☀ An evening of entertainment and fun

DAY 2

- ☀ Rotational workshops on adjusting to college life, academic advising and class registration, getting involved, and using technology
- ☀ Closing celebration and send-off
- ☀ The program ends at 4 p.m.

Summer Start

During Summer Session 2, this program is designed especially for incoming first-year students to take courses in a small classroom setting at a reduced cost! Between June 22–July 24 on the Kingston Campus, you also have housing and dining available if needed. Go to uri.edu/summer for more details and look for “freshman friendly” courses.



How do I get the Orientation session I want?

You can select your top three choices on the registration form (page 11). Reservations can be made only via mail with this form. We will do our best to assign you to your first choice. The earlier we receive your registration materials, the better chance you have of getting your first choice.

How do I know what session I've been assigned to?

You will receive a confirmation postcard. If you have not heard from us 10 days prior to your first choice, call 401.874.5927.

Can I bring a car to Orientation or leave early?

You are welcome to bring a car to Orientation. However, we ask that upon arrival you park it in a designated student parking lot. Because of the nature of Orientation, students may not leave early or at any time during the program.

Can I arrive the night before?

If you find it difficult to get to URI before 8:30 a.m., you can arrange to check in to the residence hall the night before. While no formal programming will take place on this evening, you will be able to participate in activities with Orientation Leaders. If you would like to register for early arrival, please be sure to check the appropriate box on the registration form and include an additional \$20 with your registration. Early arrival check-in will take place at Barlow Hall between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

What should I bring to Orientation?

- ☀ Casual clothes and comfortable shoes (*athletic shoes recommended*)
- ☀ Rain gear
- ☀ Alarm clock
- ☀ Towels, soap, and other toiletries
- ☀ Linens and a pillow for a twin bed, or a sleeping bag (*Remember, you're staying in a residence hall!!*)
- ☀ A small amount of money for snacks, souvenirs, and other purchases

Can I request a refund if I'm unable to attend?

Requests for refunds must be received in writing at least three business days prior to the session. Students and family members who fail to submit a written request in advance will not receive a refund even if they do not attend, as program costs will already have been incurred. (*Fax your request to 401.874.4320 or email it to newram@etal.uri.edu.*)

Do I have to take any placement exams?

We require a math placement exam. *Please see page 6 for more information.*

Orientation Q & A



Family Orientation



We strongly encourage you to join your student at Orientation. Fill out and return the registration form on page 12 no later than June 1. *It's worth it!*

For Families of First-Year Students

A university education is a family experience. We encourage you to come to Orientation with your student and participate in a two-day program designed especially for you.

- ☀ **Day 1 focuses on welcoming your family.** You will learn about the academic programs and make contact with student support services.
- ☀ **Day 2 focuses on the detailed questions:** What can you anticipate for yourself and your student in the transition to college? What is it like to take a class at URI? What role can you play in helping your student think about a potential career?

Accommodation Options for Families during Orientation

Your student will be staying with the Orientation staff and other students in Barlow or Weldin residence hall. For your overnight stay, we recommend the following options:

- ☀ *On-campus accommodation:* Experience first-hand one of URI's residence halls. At a rate of \$40 per room per night, our suite-style arrangement gives you a private bedroom and a semi-private bathroom. Additional amenities include wireless Internet and continental breakfast on Day 2. To reserve a room in Eddy Hall, contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life at 401.874.5162. *(Please note: the overnight accommodation fee is payable directly to the Office of Housing and Residence Life when you check in. It is separate from the \$35 per person Orientation Program fee.)*
- ☀ *Holiday Inn of South Kingstown*, approximately five miles from campus, offers special rates of \$99/night. Call 877.805.9008 or 401.789.1051 and be sure to ask for the "URI Orientation" rate. HolidayInn.com/SKingstownRI
- ☀ *Hampton Inn* of South Kingstown, also five miles from campus, offers a 15% discount. Call 401.788.3500 and be sure to ask for the "URI Orientation" rate. hamptoninn1.hilton.com
- ☀ *Bed and Breakfast Referrals:* Visit bandbsocoastri.com.
- ☀ *South County Tourism Council:* Visit southcountyri.com.

Stay Connected—Rhode Rules

Delivered to your email, *Rhode Rules for Parents*, an electronic newsletter, gives you insights and tips to help your student make the most of his or her freshman year. Covering topics such as “High School vs. College,” “Keys to Success in University Life,” and “The First Semester Parenting Curve,” as well as notices of significant dates and URI events, the program allows you to stay involved without infringing on your student’s new-found freedoms. For more information, be sure to include your email address on the Orientation registration form.

For Families of Transfer Students

If you are interested in joining your student for the June 24 Transfer Orientation, we offer a brief program where you will have the chance to meet with the Dean of University College, attend a student services resource fair, and have lunch in one of our on-campus dining facilities. The cost is \$10 per family member. *Sign up on page 11.*



You will be walking to various locations on campus. Please dress comfortably and come prepared for inclement weather. If you need assistance with transportation on campus, please be sure to call ahead so we can be prepared to assist you.

Course Placement Q & A

Do I need to take any placement exams?

Yes: an online **math placement exam**. This will help us properly advise you into an appropriate math course. Every new student should take Part 1. If you are interested in one of the following majors, you should also take Part 2:

- ☀ Pharmacy
- ☀ Engineering
- ☀ Business
- ☀ All majors in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences
- ☀ All sciences (e.g. biology, chemistry, physics, premed, mathematics, computer science, marine biology, animal science, etc.)

If you are undeclared but leaning toward one of the above majors, be sure to take Part 2.

Nursing students *do not* need to take Part 2.

To take the exam, please visit uri.edu/univcol/orientation and choose "Math Placement." You will need your nine-digit URI e-Campus ID number (listed in your letter of admission).

Please be sure to complete the exam at least 48 hours prior to your Orientation session.

What about Advanced Placement (AP) scores?

AP scores are discussed at Orientation when you have one-on-one appointments with your advisor. We understand that AP scores will not be available at this time. Please make sure the College Board has instructions to send all of your AP scores to URI.

Do I have to come to the first few Orientation sessions to have the best selection of classes?

No. Students who attend later sessions of Orientation have the same opportunity to choose courses as those who attend earlier sessions.

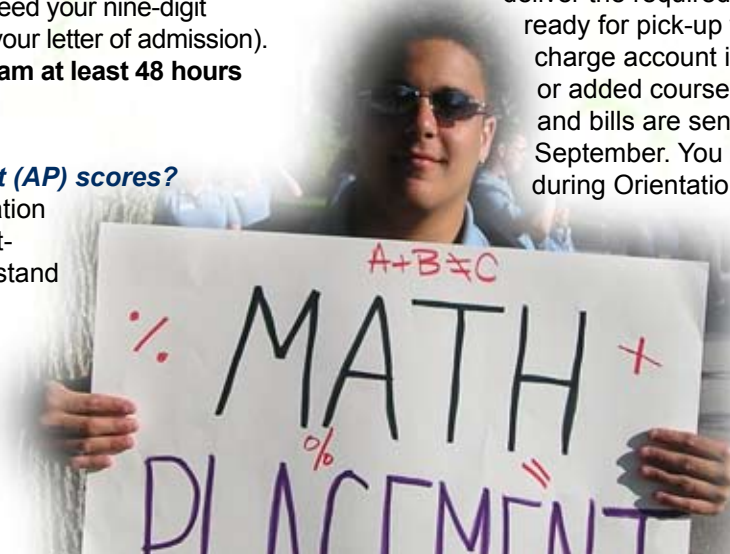
What if I am not sure what I want to major in?

No problem! We will encourage you to meet with advisors in the area that most interests you. If you are really unsure, we will have advisors available specifically for you. They will work with you to choose courses that meet your potential interests and fulfill general education requirements, as well as make you aware of the resources available to undeclared students.

How will I purchase books?

Most freshmen and nearly half our undergraduates use the URI Bookstore's convenient **Box & Carry Textbook** program.

Once you sign up, URI Bookstore staff will box and deliver the required textbooks for your classes, ready for pick-up when you arrive. A bookstore charge account is set up to allow for dropped or added courses or late-arriving books, and bills are sent out the last week of September. You can register for this program during Orientation or sign up online at bookstore.uri.edu.



Transfer Student Orientation

Wednesday, June 24

We are glad you have chosen URI. If you are bringing fewer than 24 credits from your previous school, we encourage you to select one of the seven 2-day orientation sessions described on previous pages. If you are transferring 24 or more credits, we have a specific orientation session planned just for you—please join us on **Wednesday, June 24**. You will meet with a faculty advisor to learn about your major and register for classes, as well as meet other new transfer students and get to know URI.

Orientation for Families of Transfer Students
For information, please turn to page 5.

Housing Information for Transfer Students
Housing for transfer students in residence halls is limited. For information on options and availability, visit housing.uri.edu or call 401.874.4151. Additional housing resources:

- ☀ *Fraternity Managers Association:* The fraternity and sorority housing adjacent to campus has limited available space for non-members. Please call FMA at 401.874.4667 for more information.
- ☀ *Commuter Housing Office:* Located in the Memorial Union, the Commuter Housing Office maintains a listing of available off-campus rental properties and a roommate matching database. Visit uri.edu/commuter_housing.

Transfer Resource Center and Transfer Credit Evaluations
The Transfer Resource Center helps connect you to the resources and services that you need. Visit uri.edu/univcol/transfer, email transfer@etal.uri.edu, or call 401.874.4972. The Center evaluates transfer credits for students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and undeclared students. All other transfer credits are evaluated by the college for your major. If you are transferring from RIC or CCRI, you can find your course equivalencies at ribghe.org/transferguide.htm. Once your transcript has been evaluated, you will receive a transfer credit report in the mail. You can also view your transfer credit report in your e-Campus account.



University Life

All first-year students and many transfer students are admitted to **University College (UC)**. UC's mission is to help make a successful transition to college and enhance learning experiences. UC offers academic advising for all majors through a mix of faculty advisors in each department and professional advisors who offer services to undeclared students. Once program requirements for a major are met, students will transfer to a degree-granting college: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Environment and Life Sciences, Human Science and Services, Nursing, or Pharmacy.

Additionally, we offer programs designed to make the college experience more meaningful and satisfying. Through our service-learning, study away, academic support, and internship programs, students will enhance classroom learning with practical and hands-on experience.



URI 101 Seminar During the fall semester, new students take *URI 101: Traditions and Transformations*, a seminar designed to acquaint you with your major and the University. You will be introduced to the skills you will need to excel in academics and become involved in the campus community.

Leadership Institute for First-Year Students

The Leadership Institute is designed for freshmen who want to become active leaders at URI. Held over Labor Day weekend, the Institute features interactive workshops and activities led by upperclassmen and designed to promote trust, communication, diversity awareness, advocacy, and interpersonal relationships. Students work together

to examine civic, community, and social change, as well as participate in a ropes course. Open to all new students, the Institute is a great way to become familiar with the minor in leadership studies. Dates: Friday, September 4 to Sunday, September 6. Cost: \$125. Limited scholarships are available. Apply online at mu.uri.edu/leadership by July 18.



Academic Enhancement Center: Through offerings of supplemental instruction, peer tutoring, workshops, homework help, and a place to relax and study, the AEC supports the academic achievement of all students. uri.edu/aec

Career Services: Start early on planning your career with advising, workshops, self-assessment tools, and a library of job-related resources. Take advantage of RhodyNet, an online tool to help you find on- and off-campus jobs, internships, and/or full-time positions. career.uri.edu

Counseling Center: To support students' holistic development, the Counseling Center offers comprehensive mental health services of individual and group counseling, outreach education, psychological assessment, and educational testing. uri.edu/counseling

Health Services: To keep you healthy in mind and body, Health Services offers outpatient and emergency care, clinical and diagnostic facilities, and a pharmacy. health.uri.edu

Honors Program: Dedicated to providing learning enrichment, Honors Program features small classes with outstanding faculty, a nationally renowned honors colloquium, national scholarship advising, and in-depth study and research with faculty mentors. uri.edu/hpr

Multicultural Center: A gathering place for meetings, workshops, and social activities, the Center houses special interest groups representing the wide range of ethnic and cultural heritages at URI. uri.edu/mcc

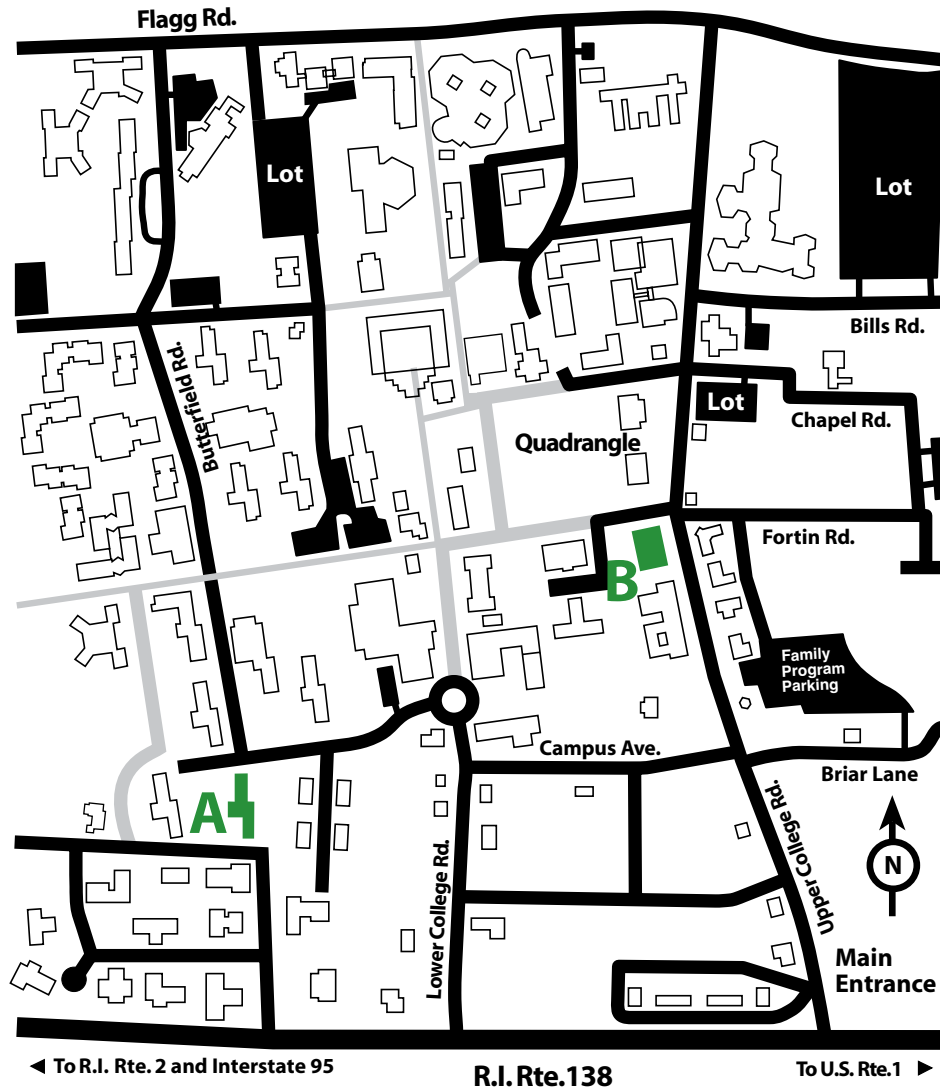
RAM Computers sells Rhody Ready Computers: custom laptop configurations from Apple, Dell, HP, and IBM/Lenovo, including delivery, setup, testing, in-room service and support, and laptop loans if yours is in for repair. If you already have a laptop, consider RAM Computers' RAMCare service and support program. For more information, go to uri.edu/ramcomputers after June 1.

Campus Services

Disability Services for Students: DSS works with students with identified learning or physical disabilities to recommend and coordinate reasonable accommodations necessary for an inclusive and accessible environment of success. Visit us on Day 1 during Orientation. uri.edu/disability_services



Where to Go for Orientation



Students: Report to Barlow Hall (A) upon arrival on campus, between 8:30 and 9 a.m. on Day 1 of Orientation.

Families: Check in at Edwards Auditorium (B) between 8:45 and 9:30 a.m., after you drop your student off at Barlow. The Family Orientation Program begins approximately at 9:30 a.m.

We ask that families staying overnight on campus check in to their accommodations at the end of Day 1. Please proceed to Family Orientation check-in at Edwards Auditorium for the morning program.

Key to Campus Map

- A. Barlow Hall
- B. Edwards Auditorium



Student Orientation Registration Form

This form must be returned by all incoming students.

Please fill out this form carefully and return it with payment no later than **June 1** in the enclosed envelope. Please do not fax this form. Sessions fill up rapidly, and early respondents are more likely to get their session of choice—so respond soon!

Make your check or money order (no cash, please) payable to **University of Rhode Island**.

Please Print

Student's Name _____ URI ID# _____
(nine digits, listed in your Admission letter)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Student's email _____

Family member's email _____
(for correspondence from the University)

Female Male Intended Major _____
(If you are undecided but are thinking of a possible major, please list it here.)



Requests for refunds must be received in writing at least three business days prior to the session. Students and parents who fail to submit a written request in advance will not receive a refund even if they do not attend, as program costs will have already been incurred. Refund requests can be faxed to 401.874.4320 or emailed to newram@etal.uri.edu.

Please number your session dates in order of preference (1–3):

- ___ June 8–9 (Monday–Tuesday)
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Fill in all applicable fees for student and family members:

- Student Orientation **\$160** \$ _____
- Early Arrival for Students **add \$20** \$ _____
- Family Orientation: **\$35 per person**
x ___ persons \$ _____
- Total Enclosed** \$ _____

Please also complete the form on the back of this page.

Transfer Student Orientation
(Wednesday, June 24):

Students **\$30** \$ _____

Families **\$10 /person**
x ___ persons \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Office Use Only
Method of payment:
CK # _____
CA or MO
Amount _____
Staff Initials _____

Please check here if you need physical assistance during Orientation.

Call us at 401.874.5927, or email us at newram@etal.uri.edu so that we can make arrangements for you.

For TTY access, call R.I. Relay at 800.745.5555.

Family Orientation Registration Form



Please fill out and return this form with your payment no later than **June 1** in the enclosed envelope. Please do not fax this form.

Overnight accommodations for families:
Please see page 5.

Make your check or money order (no cash, please) payable to University of Rhode Island. The cost, including program, continental breakfast, lunch, and reception, is \$35 per person.

Number of family members attending (excluding URI students) _____

Name(s) of Family Member(s) attending _____

Address _____
(if different from student's)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Family email address _____

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Important Dates & Contacts

For More Information About:	Call	Area Code 401
Orientation	New Student Programs	874.5927
Academics, advising, requirements	University College	874.2993
Admission	Admission	874.7100
Billing	Enrollment Services	874.9500
Financial aid, loans, grants, work-study	Enrollment Services	874.9500
Residence hall assignments and policies	Housing and Residential Life	874.5374
Meal plans, ID cards	Dining Services	874.2055
Campus life, Greek system	Student Life	874.2427
Student activities and leadership program	Memorial Union	874.2726
Varsity Athletics	Athletics	874.5926
Counseling services	Counseling Center	874.2288
Health services, fees, insurance	Health Services	874.2246
Career services	Career Services	874.2311
Women's issues	Women's Center	874.2097
Multicultural student needs	Multicultural Center	874.2851
Banking services on campus	State Employee Credit Union	789.0253
Commuter services	Commuter Housing office	874.2828
Emergencies and security	Campus Police	874.2121
Books and URI gear	URI Bookstore	874.2722
Computers and services	RAM Computers	874.2679
Disability services for students	Disability Services	874.2098
TTY access	R.I. Relay	800.745.5555
Club sports, intramurals, and fitness	Recreational Services	874.5926

Important Dates for Fall 2009

September 5 and 6

- ☀ New students move in to residence halls
- ☀ First Night activities for all new students

September 9

- ☀ Classes begin

October 16–17

- ☀ Homecoming

October 27

- ☀ Mid-semester reports available to students on eCampus

October 30–November 1

- ☀ Family Weekend

November 26–29

- ☀ Thanksgiving break

December 15–22

- ☀ Final exams

Calendar subject to change.

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