



# URI Freshman Orientation 2008 Confirmation Information

*Now that you're registered for Orientation...what is there to remember?*

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A postcard will come from the Orientation office confirming your exact registration date. Please look for this postcard 10 – 14 days after you send in your registration forms.

## Reminders for Students

### ***It Starts Now – Orientation Brochure***

Your Orientation brochure contains important information about the program. Make sure you read it again before you come to campus. You may also access this information on our website: [www.uri.edu/univcol/orientation](http://www.uri.edu/univcol/orientation).

Check-in for Orientation is at Barlow Hall between 8:00am and 8:30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of your scheduled session. If you are taking advantage of the early arrival option, you should check-in the evening before your scheduled session between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in Barlow Hall.

### **Math Placement Exam**

Remember to complete your online Math Placement Exam 48 hours before you arrive for Orientation. This will allow your academic advisor to give the best advice on the appropriate math course for your skills and your major. For more information, to access the placement exam, visit [www.uri.edu/univcol/orientation](http://www.uri.edu/univcol/orientation) and click on the “Math Placement” tab on the left side of the page.

### **e-Campus User ID and Password**

e-Campus ([www.uri.edu/ecampus](http://www.uri.edu/ecampus)) is URI's online student information system that allows you to register for classes, view your term bill and/or financial aid, verify your contact information, and much, much more. Many of you used eCampus to check your admission status – it is this same internet portal that you will use to register for classes at Orientation and beyond. Bring your username and password with you to Orientation. If you have not set-up an eCampus account yet, visit [www.uri.edu/ecampus](http://www.uri.edu/ecampus) and click on “First Time Users Register Here” BEFORE you arrive for Orientation.

### **Orientation Rules**

Orientation has been carefully designed just for you, so you are expected to stay with the program at all times. Remember that you are not permitted to leave campus during Orientation. You must stay on campus until the end of session (4 p.m. on Day Two) to receive your schedule of

classes and ID card for the fall semester. See your Orientation brochure for more information on policies regarding the use of cell phones/pagers, alcohol and drug use, and smoking.

### Helpful hints

By now you may have a vague idea of what you might be doing at Orientation, but here are hints from current URI students to help you prepare:

- Orientation is a great time to meet new people – make sure to meet at least 5 new people.
- No major? No problem. Your Orientation Leader and academic advisor will help you build your course schedule and show you all the resources available to help you decide on a major.
- Find out about clubs and organizations you can join so that you come back in the fall with a plan for involvement!
- You'll be kicking yourself with your heels if you don't wear comfortable shoes.
- Leave your cell phone at home and make new friends.
- Come with an open mind. You'll meet new people from all walks of life.
- Orientation is an exciting experience, so come prepared to learn about URI, your classmates, and yourself.



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## Reminders for Family Members attending Orientation

We're glad that you will join us for URI's Family Orientation program. We look forward to meeting you.

### Family Orientation

New Student Orientation and Family Orientation programs run simultaneously, but separately – be sure to pack separate bags. After the student arrives to Barlow Hall for the Student Program Check-in, there will not be an opportunity to meet with your student during Orientation until the conclusion of the program (4p.m. on Day Two).

### Staying on Campus

If you would like to stay overnight in a residence hall on campus, the cost is \$40 per room per night and accommodations will be in Eddy Hall. This fee should be made upon checking in to the residence hall and is separate from the Orientation program fee of \$35 per person. Reservations are required. Please call the University's Department of Housing and Residential Life at 401-874-5162 to make reservations.

For those families that elect to stay in Eddy Hall, you will be able to check-in to your accommodations at the conclusion of Orientation Day 1 activities.

### Contacting Your Student during Orientation

While we know it may be tempting for you to see your student or call and text message his or her cell phone, please remember that **student cell phone is prohibited during Orientation**. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated. If you need to get a message to your student, the Orientation staff will make this happen, quickly and easily. Please see your student's Orientation brochure for more information on policies during Orientation.

### Answering Your Questions

We want to ensure that your Orientation experience is rewarding and provides you with information and resources to make your family's transition into the URI community as smooth as possible. We know you have lots of questions about academics, student life, adjustment to college and more. During your orientation session feel free to stop any member of our staff to ask questions.

### Participate!

We strongly encourage you to participate *fully* in all workshops offered during Family Orientation. Both days of the program have been specifically designed to provide information and resources you will need as the parent of a URI student. Bring a notebook and a pen- you'll want to take notes on information that will be useful to you for years to come.



## GETTING TO CAMPUS

### Arriving by bus, train, or plane

Please visit [www.uri.edu/home/visitors/Map/kingston\\_direction.html](http://www.uri.edu/home/visitors/Map/kingston_direction.html) for best directions.

### Driving Directions

#### From the North

Take I-95 South to Exit 9 (Route 4 South) in Rhode Island, follow route 4 to route 1 South. Stay on Route 1 until the intersection of Route 138 West. Route 138 West will bring you to the University. We suggest that you enter the University campus at the junction of Route 138 and Upper College Road, at the traffic light.

#### From the South

Take I-95 North to Exit 3A (Route 138 East). Continue east on Route 138 to the University. We suggest that you enter the University campus at the junction of Route 138 and Upper College Road, at the traffic light.

### **From Newport, RI**

Follow Route 138 West over the Newport and Jamestown bridges to Route 1. Take Route 1 South to Route 138 West. Follow Route 138 West to the University. We suggest that you enter the University campus at the junction of Route 138 and Upper College Road, at the traffic light.

When you arrive on Upper College Road, turn left on Campus Avenue and continue until you reach Barlow Hall (A). Students attending Orientation will report here on Day One between 8:00 and 8:30a.m. All participants in the family program should proceed to Edwards Auditorium (C) to check in the Family Orientation Program.

### **Parking**

There will be clearly marked signs on campus with directions to the appropriate parking facility for students and family members. Orientation Leaders will also be available to direct you.



## **Additional Questions – Contact the Office of New Student Programs**



### **Cancellations for Refunds**

Any Orientation cancellations need to be received in writing at least 3 business days prior to the start of the student's scheduled Orientation session. Cancellations can be e-mailed ([newram@etal.uri.edu](mailto:newram@etal.uri.edu)), faxed (401-874-4320) or sent via mail (see address below).

### **Changing a Scheduled Session**

We will do our best to accommodate student and family needs for individual Orientation sessions – but please note that sessions are assigned on a space available basis. To request a change in Orientation session, please contact us at 401-874-5927 or [newram@etal.uri.edu](mailto:newram@etal.uri.edu).

**We look forward to meeting you this summer!  
Welcome to the University of Rhode Island!**