College of Engineering

Transfer Fact Sheet

Engineering Admission Criteria

The best preparation for studying engineering at the University of Rhode Island is academic success in high school and college including a strong background in math and science. Competitive applicants for transfer admission will have:

- Demonstrated success in previously attempted math, science, and engineering courses
- Pre-Calculus at the college level with a “B” or better

All transfer students will initially work to complete 23 credits from the College of Engineering foundational curriculum:

- General Chemistry I (lecture and lab)
- Foundations of Engineering I
- Foundations of Engineering II
- Introductory Calculus with Analytic Geometry
- Intermediate Calculus with Analytic Geometry
- Elementary Physics I (calculus based with lab and lecture)
- Elementary Physics II (calculus based with lab and lecture) or General Chemistry II (lecture and lab)

When the foundational curriculum has been completed, students will be admitted to the College of Engineering and become eligible for upper division courses in their degree program. Students who have completed the foundational courses prior to transferring to URI will be directly admitted to the College of Engineering.

Credit Transferability

Acceptance of courses and credits deemed suitable for transfer to the University is determined by the Assistant Dean of Engineering. Among the factors influencing the determination of acceptability are accreditation status, comparable academic quality, and the grade earned in the course (only grades of “C” or better may be accepted for transfer). It should be noted that for students transferring into an engineering program, it may take up to four years to complete the Bachelor degree.

ABET (http://www.abet.org/) accredits both Engineering programs and Engineering Technology programs. However, these two programs are different and distinct. Therefore, the College of Engineering will not accept any engineering technology courses for transfer credits toward a Bachelor of Science Engineering degree.