Orientation Dates
Welcome New Students and Families to the URI community.

We cordially invite you to our June orientation program.

We offer New Student and Family Orientation eight times for incoming freshmen. Please be assured that students who attend later sessions of orientation have the same opportunity to choose courses as those who attend earlier sessions.

**Orientation Dates**

- June 4–5
- June 8–9
- June 11–12
- June 15–16
- June 18–19
- June 22–23
- June 25–26
- June 29–30

During orientation, students:
- Learn about academic programs and co-curricular opportunities.
- Meet with an academic advisor to register for classes.
- Meet other students in the same major.
- Learn about special needs and interests, such as disability services, leadership development programs, community service, athletics, and many honors program opportunities.
- Obtain student ID cards.
- Learn 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.
- Meet representatives from campus resources such as Honors Program, Dining Services, Housing and Residential Life, Disability Services for Students, the URI Bookstore, Center for Career and Experiential Education, Enrollment Services (including financial aid and billing), and more.
- Network with families of other new students.
- Address any unanswered questions.

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 helping to make your time at URI the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Jayne Richmond
Dean, University College for Academic Success

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Director, New Student Programs

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**The Student Orientation Advantage**

- Meet friends and upperclassmen.
- Learn about campus life and activities.
- Gain a sense of what college life will be like.
- Learn about opportunities to supplement your in-class experiences.
- Leave orientation with a complete fall class schedule and your official URI ID card.

**Register online**

[uri.edu/newstudent/orientation](uri.edu/newstudent/orientation)

**Review a preliminary schedule**

[uri.edu/newstudent/orientation](uri.edu/newstudent/orientation)

**Cost of orientation**

$200 includes four meals, overnight stay, printed materials, placement testing, and giveaways.

Please add $20 extra if arriving the evening before.

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@newrhodyram
Important Tasks Prior to Orientation

- Complete ASAP but no later than May 29.
- Register online and view a new student checklist. uri.edu/newstudent/orientation
- Take the online URI Math Placement Exam, details on page 4.
- Create your eCampus user name. uri.edu/ecampus
- Buy a Rhody Sweatshirt.
- Follow us on Twitter and Instagram. @NewRhodyRam

New Student Orientation Q & A

How do I register?
Register by May 29 at uri.edu/newstudent/orientation. Space is limited, so register early!

Can I bring a car to orientation or leave early?
You are welcome to bring a car to orientation. Students are required to stay until 4 p.m. on the second day.

Can I arrive the night before?
Yes. Early arrival check-in will take place at Barlow Hall between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. the evening before your scheduled session.

Can I request a refund if I’m unable to attend?
Refunds will be granted only if written requests are received in advance and at least three business days prior to the session. Fax your request to 401.874.5525 or email newram@etal.uri.edu.

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
- a small amount of money for snacks, souvenirs, and other purchases

How can I change my scheduled session?
Visit uri.edu/newstudent/orientation to log back into the online registration system. You can make changes up to 48 hours before your session is to begin.
Course Placement Q & A
Do I need to take any placement exams? Yes, completing an online math placement exam prior to orientation is required. Starting in April, visit uri.edu/newstudent/orientation, choose “math placement” and be sure to complete the exam at least one week prior to your orientation session. Any student wishing to enroll in any calculus course, including precalculus, is required to take a proctored math placement test to be administered during summer orientation. Any students considering a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics are required to take the proctored exam. The purpose is for appropriate course placement for the fall 2015 semester. More information will be included in your orientation registration confirmation email message.

What about Advanced Placement (AP) scores? AP scores are discussed at orientation at one-on-one appointments with your advisor. We understand that 2015 AP scores will not be available at this time. Please instruct College Board 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 orientation sessions have the same opportunity to choose courses as those who attend earlier sessions. Participation students not only take select courses through the program, but also become part of the Honors community. Through this interdisciplinary program, you will meet students and faculty from across the University, receive advising through Honors (in addition to advising in your major/s), and access opportunities to broaden and enrich your undergraduate experience.

Who is eligible? Incoming freshmen are automatically eligible to take an Honors course in their first semester if they have earned either (1) a 3.8+ high school GPA or (2) a 3.5+ high school GPA with a 1200+ combined critical reading and mathematics SAT score (or 27+ ACT composite score). Transfer students with a 3.4+ cumulative GPA from their previous institution are also eligible. Once enrolled, students can begin or continue to participate in the Honors Program by earning a cumulative URI GPA of 3.4 or higher.

To learn more, students are encouraged to attend the Honors Program information session at orientation. Honors isn’t “harder,” it’s different. The University Honors Program creates an environment for under-graduates to realize their full intellectual and potential and diagnostic facilities, and a pharmacy. health.uri.edu

RAM Computers
The Rhody Ready program supplies incoming freshmen with powerful and affordable computer systems, including delivery, set-up, testing, in-room service and support, and loaner laptops. Bringing your own computer with you? Take advantage of the RAMCare service and support program.

URI Bookstore
Offering a unique textbook reservation program called “Box & Carry,” the URI Bookstore is the most convenient location for all course material needs.

www.bookstore.uri.edu
The Family Orientation Advantage
A university education is a family experience. We encourage you to attend orientation with your student and participate in a two-day program designed especially for you.

- Meet your student’s academic dean to learn about specific majors.
- Meet with representatives from all of URI’s student support services, including Enrollment Services, Housing, Dining, and Disability Services for Students.
- Network with families of other new URI students.
- Learn about the family transition to supporting a college student.
- Experience a mock college class taught by one of URI’s award-winning faculty.
- Leave orientation with a better sense of your student’s new academic home.

You will be walking throughout campus. Please dress comfortably and prepare for inclement weather.

Review a preliminary schedule
uri.edu/newstudent/orientation

Accommodation Options for Families
Students will stay overnight on campus. Families in need of overnight accommodations can find recommendations at uri.edu/newstudent/accommodations.

How to Register:
Register as a guest in your student’s account at uri.edu/newstudent/orientation, any time before your student’s scheduled session. If you need assistance with transportation on campus, please indicate this when you register.

Arrival
- Enter campus via Upper College Road or Lower College Road. Orientation personnel and signage will greet and direct you.
- Students: Report to Barlow Hall between 8–9 a.m. on Day 1 of orientation.
- Families: After dropping off your student at Barlow Hall, park in the Visitors Lot off Upper College Road.
- Families: Check in at Edwards Auditorium between 8–9:15 a.m. Family Orientation begins at 9:30 a.m.
- Families: Join us for a classroom experience taught by URI’s favorite professors.
- We ask that families staying overnight on campus check into their accommodations at the end of Day 1. Please proceed directly to the Family Orientation at Edwards Auditorium for the morning program. Eddy Hall is the on-campus accommodation for families.

Departure
Students can be picked up at 4 p.m. at Barlow Hall on the second day.

uri.edu/newstudent/orientation
newram@etal.uri.edu
To Register
Visit uri.edu/newstudent/orientation and click on the REGISTER NOW icon. You will need your 9-digit URI ID.

Please use the email address that you check most frequently. We prefer the student’s email address. Family email addresses can be included in the guest registration pages.

Payment can be made either online with a credit/debit card (MC, Visa, AmEx, or Discover), or an electronic check. OR you can mail a check. Note: your session registration is not confirmed until payment is received. Paying online will allow for instant confirmation.

If mailing payment, please complete the online registration form and simply save the registration at the point where you are prompted to make payment. Then submit the form below, with your check payable to the University of Rhode Island, to:

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS
University of Rhode Island
80 Lower College Road
225 Roosevelt Hall
Kingston, RI 02881

Once we receive payment, you will receive email confirmation.

Fill in all applicable fees for student and family members:

- Student Orientation $200 $________
- Early Arrival for Students add $20 $________
- Family Orientation: $35 per person $________

Total Enclosed* $________

*Note: session registration is not confirmed until payment is received.

Living Learning Communities (LLC)
Our living learning communities enable students to live and learn with other students who share their academic area of interest. Students residing in an LLC attend some classes together, form study and academic support groups, have access to an academic mentor, and attend faculty-sponsored programs, all within their residential community. The LLC experience cultivates a support network and facilitates academic success.

For the fall of 2015, we will offer living learning communities for:
- College of Arts and Sciences (Harrington School of Communication and Media; Psychology)
- College of Engineering
- College of Environmental and Life Sciences
- College of Human Science and Services
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- University College for Academic Success and Undeclared Students
- International Students, including the Chinese Language Program
- Gender, Equity, and Leadership in Sexuality Living Learning Community

Students are automatically assigned in a living learning community based upon their academic program. Students are assigned by date of receipt of their enrollment and housing deposits. Once both of your deposits are received, you have completed all the necessary steps.

For additional information regarding on-campus housing visit housing.uri.edu.

This form is only needed if you plan to mail your orientation fee payment.
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