THE UNIVERSITY of RHODE ISLAND

Self-Guided Tour

KINGSTON CAMPUS
Welcome

URI has a beautiful campus near the ocean, an inclusive community, and countless opportunities to Think Big. We’re excited you’re here! Enjoy exploring some of the main sites on our Kingston Campus while learning more about all URI has to offer.

1 Begin your tour at the Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center at 45 Upper College Road, using the enclosed center fold-out map. We recommend navigating the numbered route sequentially in order to mirror our traditional tour. You also may choose to explore some of the additional campus sites if you have time.

Digital Tour

Scan the QR code to access the podcast version of our self-guided tour on your phone as you explore campus. It’s narrated by our expert tour guide Imani, who shares inside tips about URI and the surrounding area. Read more on page 9.

Traditional Tour

The Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, our 11,000-square-foot gateway to the University, is named for a banking industry leader, alumnus, and longtime URI supporter. Visitors enjoy this immersive space that includes a history wall highlighting alumni, student life, and academic programs.

2 Ranger Hall houses the Harrington School of Communication and Media, where students learn in interactive classrooms with access to the latest digital media equipment and software. It also features premier studios, editing suites, and a career center so students are well-prepared to share their stories with the world.

3 Quinn Hall is home to the Graduate School, the College of Health Sciences, and the Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design. It also features a gallery of historic textiles and costumes—20,000 items from around the world—considered one of the best university collections of its kind in the country.

4 The Memorial Student Union is the heart of campus life and home to more than 300+ clubs and organizations, the URI Campus Store, Campus Dining, Center for Student Leadership, and more. Here, students are able to find a sense of belonging by meeting friends, getting involved, and staying connected.

We respectfully acknowledge that the University of Rhode Island is on the land and territories of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People.
The Quadrangle is the focal point of our beautiful campus, a much-loved gathering place surrounded by historic academic buildings. With Wi-Fi access and plenty of space, students socialize, study, and enjoy four seasons of outdoor activities here. Movies, lobster bakes, farmers markets, new student Orientation, and Commencement are some of the events that take place here.

The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering is our newly constructed engineering complex. Showcasing ultramodern architectural design, the building is home to students in our biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, industrial and systems, mechanical, and ocean engineering programs. It offers immersive, active-learning classrooms and conference rooms, as well as premier labs and an interdisciplinary loft space for experiential and computational research.

The Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons is a renovated, expansive building where students and the greater community can study, research, and innovate. It features collaborative work spaces, a 24-hour study room, and a Media Resource Center. It’s also home to our Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab and Makerspace, providing students with shared access to a Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) server, AI workstations, 3D printers, and virtual reality tools.

Lippitt Hall is one of the oldest buildings on campus. It houses the Department of Mathematics and the University Honors Program which offers innovative courses, dedicated faculty, and national scholarship advising. A thriving intellectual hub for undergraduates, our Honors Program space includes an Opportunity Zone with computer labs, conference room, office, workroom, and auditorium. The program also presents our popular fall Honors Colloquium, URI’s leading public lecture series.

Avedisian Hall is home to the College of Pharmacy, which offers competitive, specialized training for the pharmaceutical and life science industries. Our students work alongside nationally and internationally renowned researchers in high-tech classrooms and simulation labs using 3D printing, projection, and animation to learn real-life applications of their work. Students also enjoy excellent research funding and, as of 2022, the most postdoctoral residency placements in the Northeast.

Ballentine Hall houses the College of Business, offering programs in finance, global business, innovation and entrepreneurship, textile merchandising, and more. Practical internships with such industry leaders as Merrill Lynch, Marie Claire, and BMW ensure that students are prepared to work in a rapidly changing global marketplace. Students are able to develop their skills through a real-time stock exchange room on site.
The Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences, a gold-rated example of energy efficiency and environmental design, houses teaching and research facilities for the College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS). Students also take immersive classes at East Farm, Peckham Farm, and the Narragansett Bay Campus to collaborate on sustainable solutions and help improve the quality of life for future generations.

Roosevelt Hall is home to University College for Academic Success, the advising college for all new students. Here, students will find important support services, including: academic advising, tutoring, counseling, career and internship guidance, and transfer student resources.

The Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences is a modern facility housing the Department of Chemistry, featuring 14 teaching labs and 18 research labs. Here, students prepare for careers in health sciences, biotechnology, energy, life sciences, and more. Beaupre also boasts an award-winning, interdisciplinary art installation called “GeNeSiS,” a floor-to-ceiling LED periodic table, where users can build poems from element symbols.

Hope Commons provides our community with a variety of healthy, fresh foods, including seasonal, locally sourced seafood and organic, hydroponic greens grown on-site. Sustainability is also a top priority—our cooking oil is recycled into biofuel, and our dining hall waste is composted for regional farmers. Mainfare and Butterfield halls are designed for sit-down dining, while Rhody Market was created for grabbing a quick snack. The Rhody Eatz food truck provides another dining option.

White Hall houses the College of Nursing, where modern simulation labs and programmable mannequins offer students opportunities to build diagnostic and treatment skills. URI nursing majors begin their hands-on clinical rotations as sophomores, giving them more practical experience early in their careers. Advanced students study at the R.I. Nursing Education Center in Providence, where the facilities are among the finest in the nation.

The International Center welcomes degree-seeking and visiting students from around the world to our global-minded campus community. The Office of International Education and National Student Exchange is housed here. Our students can choose from more than 700 programs in more than 65 countries worldwide or select a program in another part of the United States to broaden their personal perspective, enhance their college experience, and globalize their degrees.
Hi! My name is Imani Fleming. I am from Chicago, Illinois, and am currently studying journalism and political science. I know I made the right decision to attend URI because I’ve gained a sense of independence, taken incredible courses in subjects I am passionate about, and met lifelong friends from all over the country. My friends and I love stargazing on the Quad, watching the sunset at Narragansett Town Beach, and heading into Providence to catch a movie or go ice-skating.

As a reporter for the university newspaper, The Good 5 Cent Cigar, and editor of its companion newscast, I have applied the skills I have learned in all my journalism classes. I have even anchored our university newscast and attended a journalism conference in New York City. By joining the tour-guiding team and taking on leadership roles like president of URI’s Black Student Union, I have grown as a student and as a person. I hope you enjoy hearing about all URI has to offer and the amazing opportunities that come with being a part of our Rhody family!
The Ryan Center is URI’s leading entertainment venue. It seats 7,700 people and is home to the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Concerts, career fairs, lectures, exhibitions, trade shows, banquets, and family entertainment events are featured here. Performers and speakers have included: Leslie Odom Jr., Lil Baby, Kesha, Khalid, Migos, Lil Wayne, Post Malone, Brett Eldredge, Cole Swindell, Justin Moore, Chris Young, Matt and Kim, Bill Nye, Jane Goodall, Seth Meyers, John Mulaney, and more.

Athletics and Recreation includes 18 men’s and women’s NCAA Division I varsity teams, 20 competitive club teams, and 26 intramural sports offerings. In addition, Campus Recreation offers informal recreation, fitness and wellness, aquatics, and sailing opportunities. Students participate in a variety of group exercise classes on campus, including TRX®, Zumba, BODYPUMP™, yoga, cycling, and Pilates.

Peckham Farm is a 300-acre working farm located on R.I. Route 138 across from the URI athletic facilities. It includes pasture areas, woodlands, wetlands, turf fields, and barns that house sheep, cows, pigs, donkeys, chickens, and goats. Students engage in valuable hands-on learning here through internships, special projects, and as part of the University’s animal science and pre-veterinary classes.

Greek Life at URI is a Northeast Greek Leadership Association award-winner, exemplifying fellowship, scholarship, leadership, community service, and philanthropy. Composed of fraternities, sororities, and one alumni and two undergraduate governing boards, its members account for approximately 24% of URI’s undergraduate population.

Religious Life includes a variety of religious services and organizations, including the Catholic Center, Episcopal Center, Hillel, and the Muslim Community Center. Additional campus prayer and meditation locations are also available. The URI Chaplains Association assists students in finding communities on campus, as well as other places of worship in Kingston and the surrounding area.

Student Diversity and Inclusion are supported by the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity, the Gender and Sexuality Center, the Women’s Center, and the Multicultural Student Services Center. URI promotes a campus culture where students are welcomed, respected, and valued and prioritizes building a community that embraces equity and diversity.

Housing and Residential Life offers students many options to study, meet friends, and build a strong foundation in college. Currently 95% of first-year students live on campus.
Health Services offers a general medicine clinic as well as education, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, and specialty clinics. Services include allergy shots and immunizations, nutrition, internal medicine, psychiatry, gynecology, dermatology, and free or low-cost over-the-counter medications. All full-time students can take advantage of these services, regardless of their insurance.

The Fine Arts Center houses a concert hall, theaters, and galleries featuring the works of students, faculty, and world-class guest artists. Through the years, outstanding concerts, plays, musicals, and exhibitions have enriched the lives of students, faculty, staff, and community members. Students are welcome to participate in musical organizations and theatrical productions regardless of their majors.

Why Imani Loves URI

From professors and academic advisors, to counselors and student mentors, I’ve had an excellent support system at URI. And because I’ve also had access to countless hands-on learning opportunities since my first semester, I know I’ll be more than prepared for whatever roles I step into after my college career comes to an end.

Thank you for visiting the University of Rhode Island!
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