Welcome

The University of Rhode Island offers you a welcoming community, a beautiful campus near the ocean, and countless options to help you Think Big about your future.

We are pleased to introduce you to a few of the many opportunities our Kingston Campus has to offer. We hope you’ll come see us again.

The Tour

**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.

1. **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. Watched over by mascot Rhody the Ram, more than 50,000 visitors enjoy this interactive, immersive space annually.

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 premiere 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 the setting of our yearly First Night Block Party for new students. Home to more than 180 clubs and organizations, the URI Campus Store, Campus Dining, Center for Student Leadership, and more, it’s an excellent place to meet friends, get involved, and stay connected.
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 just some events held on the Quad.

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 premiere labs and an interdisciplinary research loft 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 workspaces, a 24-hour study room, and a Media Resource Center. It’s also home to our Artificial Intelligence Lab and Makerspace, providing students with shared access to new technologies, like 3D printers and virtual reality devices.

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 enhance their visual learning and real-life applications of their work.

Ballentine Hall houses the College of Business, offering programs in finance, global business, innovation and entrepreneurship, textile merchandising, and more. Practical internships with industry leaders like Merrill Lynch, Marie Claire, and BMW ensure that students are prepared to work in a rapidly changing global marketplace. Students also oversee a real-time stock exchange room on site, managing The RAM Fund investment portfolio built with alumni donations.
Roosevelt Hall is home to the University College for Academic Success (UCAS), which houses the Center for Career and Experiential Education, New Student Programs, and the Transfer Resource Center. Here students find support for every step of their journey, including Orientation, academic advising, tutoring, career guidance, and internship assistance.

Hope Commons provides our community with a variety of healthy, fresh foods, including seasonal, locally sourced seafood and organic, terraponic vegetables 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. Enjoy a sit-down meal in Mainfare and Butterfield dining halls or grab a snack to go at the Rhody Market.

The International Center welcomes degree-seeking and visiting students from around the world to our global-minded campus community. The Study Abroad and National Student Exchange offices are also housed here. Our students can choose from 900 programs in more than 80 countries worldwide or select a program in another part of the United States to enhance their college experience and globalize their degrees.
You’ll love our location.

URI was ranked #3 on Best Value Schools’ list of the “30 Most Beautiful Coastal College Campuses” in the nation. We’re located 15 minutes from beautiful beaches, 35 minutes from Providence, an hour and a half from Boston, and only two and a half hours from New York City.
Main Route for Self-Guided Tour

1. Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center ★ (Begin Tour)
2. Ranger Hall
3. Quinn Hall
4. Memorial Student Union
5. The Quadrangle
6. Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering
7. Lippitt Hall
8. Ballentine Hall
9. Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons
10. Avedisian Hall
11. Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences
12. Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences
13. White Hall
14. Roosevelt Hall
15. Hope Commons
16. International Center

Additional Campus Sites

A. Ryan Center
B. Athletics and Recreation
C. Peckham Farm
D. Greek Life
E. Religious Life
F. Student Diversity and Inclusion
G. Housing and Residential Life
H. Health Services
I. Fine Arts Center
**A** 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 have included: Leslie Odom Jr., Lil Baby, Khalid, Migos, Lil Wayne, Post Malone, Brett Eldredge, Cole Swindell, Justin Moore, Chris Young, Matt & Kim, Bill Nye, Jane Goodall, Kevin Hart, Seth Meyers, John Mulaney, and more.

**B** Athletics and Recreation has 18 men’s and women’s NCAA Division I varsity teams, 17 competitive club teams, and 22 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.

**C** Peckham Farm is located on Route 138 across from the URI athletic facilities. This working farm is home to sheep, cows, pigs, donkeys, and goats that are used for hands-on learning as part of the University’s animal science and pre-veterinary classes.

**D** Greek Life at URI is a Northeast Greek Leadership Association award-winner, exemplifying fellowship, scholarship, leadership, community service, and philanthropy. It is composed of fraternities, sororities, and one alumni and two undergraduate governing boards. Its 3,000 active members account for approximately 23% of URI’s undergraduate population.

**E** 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.

**F** 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 and community where students are welcomed, respected, and valued. One of the four primary goals of the University is to build a community that values and embraces equity and diversity.
**Housing and Residential Life** offers a variety of living options, allowing students to feel at home while embracing new friendships, opportunities, and experiences. Approximately 6,000 students live on campus in 30 residence halls.

**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. Throughout the year, outstanding concerts, plays, musicals, and exhibitions enrich the lives of students, faculty, staff, and community members. Students are welcome to participate in musical organizations and theatrical productions regardless of their majors.

**Bay Campus**

Our 153-acre **Narragansett Bay Campus** overlooks the West Passage of Narragansett Bay and is home to URI’s highly acclaimed Graduate School of Oceanography, one of the top five oceanographic institutions in the country. It also houses the University’s Coastal Institute on Narragansett Bay, which features an interactive coastal environment exhibit and conference center.

**What Sets URI Apart?**

As the largest university in the smallest state, our students study among big thinkers and are inspired every day by faculty who care. With more than 90 undergraduate majors, 100 minors, 80-plus graduate programs, and numerous research and internship experiences available, you’ll enjoy a campus community rich in diversity and opportunity. Come create memories, make lifelong friends, and discover your big idea at URI!