



THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND



YOUR
RHODY
JOURNEY
STARTS TODAY!

Welcome Day • Spring 2025

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to our newest URI community members!

On behalf of the entire University, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations and a sincere Rhody welcome!

You are joining URI at an exciting time. We have launched our 10-year strategic plan and we have ambitious goals to build a university of the future—one that generations of URI students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends can and will continue to be proud of. We are Rhode Island's university, and in the next decade we will broaden our impact on the state and the world, serving as a hub for innovation and ideas.

You are now an important part of our active and engaged learning environment, and you will lead your own academic journey with the resources and support of the University that you need to succeed. We are focused on developing programs that cultivate a sense of belonging and accessibility, and we will continue to prioritize our community's well-being. We take pride in fostering a culture that values people, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and in this next decade we will continue to invest in modern spaces and services that make URI among the very best places to learn, live, work, and achieve.

We are becoming a university of and for the future, and I only have to step outside on one of our beautiful campuses, sit in a stadium or a theater seat, listen in on a lecture, venture into a lab, or stop to talk to alumni to know that our future is bright. We are doing great things at URI, and I look forward to seeing what you, too, will do here.

Congratulations again, and welcome to URI!

Kind regards,

Marc Parlange

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional stomping ground of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People. We honor and respect the enduring and continuing relationship between the Indigenous people and this land by teaching and learning more about their history and present-day communities, and by becoming stewards of the land we, too, inhabit.



ABOUT WELCOME DAY 2025

Welcome Day is an event designed especially for admitted and committed students, families, and supporters. Today, we hope you learn even more about URI to help you make the final decisions in your college search.

Need support throughout the day? Connect with staff at the event information table located in the Ryan Center North Lobby.

NAVIGATING THE DAY

SCHEDULE

To explore our offerings for the day, refer to pages 6-9 for details on our available programs.

- **Block 1: 9–9:45 a.m.**
- **Block 2: 10:15–11:10 a.m.**
- **Block 3: 11:30 a.m.–12:25 p.m.**
- **Block 4: 12:45–1:40 p.m.**
- **Block 5: 2–3 p.m.**

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Visit the event information table located in the Ryan Center North Lobby to discuss event support and accommodations you may need for the day including mobility assistance.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Buses will run from 9:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m. to transport you to the various program locations on campus. Current students will ride along with you and are available to answer any questions you may have. The shuttle buses follow a different route than our walking campus tours. We encourage you to try both! Please refer to our campus map on pages 10–11.

DIGITAL PROGRAM: RHODY CONNECT APP

Prefer to view this program digitally? Download the Rhody Connect app to navigate the day. This is the official app of URI, so you can continue using it throughout your time on campus and beyond.



DINING

Taste our delicious cuisine prepared for you by our own chefs. The dining cards you received at check-in are good for one meal at Butterfield or Mainfare Dining Hall during your Welcome Day experience.



NEED SUPPORT?

If you have questions throughout the day, text our staff and students at **401.329.9326** for event support.

PLAN YOUR DAY

We acknowledge that people have different learning styles, so we created an event that presents information to you in a variety of formats. Throughout this booklet you will see that each program offering is accompanied by an icon to indicate its format.

PROGRAM KEY

Attendees can feel free to spend as much or as little time as they need at the fairs, meet-and-greet programs, or meals. Presentations and tours, however, are designed to run for the entire time block.



FAIR

Explore various organizations and chat with staff and student representatives in an informal setting.



GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Join a student on a guided walking tour around campus.



MEET-AND-GREET

Attend a casual gathering to meet students and staff.



MEETING

Attend a 1:1 meeting for a private conversation with a staff member.



PRESENTATION/PANEL

Attend these seated programs to hear from URI community members.

EVENT LISTING

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Meet the deans, faculty, and students from your major. Use an additional block if you are considering a double major or minor. If you are still exploring your options, visit our Undeclared, University College for Academic Success presentation.

★ Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education

★ College of Arts and Sciences

■ ★ College of Business

■ ▲ ★ College of Engineering

● ★ College of the Environment and Life Sciences

★ College of Health Sciences

● College of Nursing

● ★ College of Pharmacy

★ Harrington School of Communication and Media

● ★ Honors Program and Chinese Language Flagship Program

★ Undeclared, University College for Academic Success

▲ CAMPUS WALKING TOUR

Explore academic spaces, athletic facilities, residence halls, and more.

■ UNIVERSITY FAIR

Talk to students who have found their place and people in some of our 300+ clubs and organizations. Also, learn about our support services, additional academic opportunities, housing, dining, and other important resources for students.

● FAFSA COMPLETION MEETINGS

In these one-on-one meetings, we'll guide you through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Whether you're a first-time filer or need assistance with specific questions, our Enrollment Services staff is here to provide support and maximize your aid opportunities. Bring your questions and documents, and we'll help you complete your FAFSA with confidence.

● NEW RAM MEET-AND-GREET

Gather informally to connect with other new students, make friends, find a roommate, and get excited for Orientation.

★ PRE-ORIENTATION PRESENTATION

Attend this brief kickoff presentation to learn more about your next steps on the Rhode to Becoming a Ram.

DINING Experience our Dining Services and try our delicious food. Your dining card is good for one meal at Butterfield or Mainfare Dining Hall.



FAIR



GUIDED WALKING TOUR



MEET-AND-GREET



MEETING



PRESENTATION/PANEL

EVENT LISTING *(continued)*

▲ RESIDENCE HALL WALKING TOUR

Take an abbreviated walking tour with a current student to see different styles of living on campus.

** Please note: This tour only showcases residence halls.*

★ RHODY LIFE UNFILTERED

Curious about what URI students and families wish they had known (and what they have since learned) about the transition to college life?

Join us for this interactive panel.

● TALENT DEVELOPMENT MEET-AND-GREET

Admitted Rhode Island Talent Development students: Listen to, learn from, and ask questions of TD program representatives about the Summer Success Program and your first semester at URI.

● TRANSFER ONE-STOP

Transferring to a new school is a big step. Get firsthand information about student life and chat with our transfer advisors.

★ WELCOME TO URI PRESENTATION

Congratulations on your acceptance! Today, you'll hear from administrators and students who are excited to welcome you to the Ram Fam, share their experiences, and help you envision your future at URI. Get ready to discover the opportunities, support, and vibrant community that await you!



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JOIN THE RAM FAM!

Celebrate your Rhody pride with current students on the Ryan Center arena floor. Enjoy photo opportunities and meet our beloved mascot, Rhody the Ram! Having a great day and ready to commit? You can deposit here, too!

Already deposited? Check out our programs for committed students on page 5.

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PROGRAMS FOR COMMITTED STUDENTS

Students who have deposited or plan to deposit today, can head to the Ryan Center to complete these important next steps.

PRE-ORIENTATION PRESENTATION (OFFERED DURING BLOCKS 3, 4, AND 5)

Attend this brief kickoff presentation to learn more about your next steps on the Rhode to Becoming a Ram.

CHECKLIST (AVAILABLE ANY TIME DURING BLOCKS 2-5)



COMPLETE YOUR ADVISING FORM

Taking this step will help prepare you to register for classes in the fall.



CREATE YOUR SINGLE SIGN-ON (SSO) AND EMAIL

Learn how to set up your Single Sign-On (SSO), and access your URI email account.



REVIEW YOUR MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

Dining Services offers two styles of meal plans and several options to fit your needs.



SET UP A PAYMENT PLAN

Staff from our Office of Enrollment Services will be at the Ryan Center to answer your questions about billing, registration, and payment plans.



SIGN UP FOR ORIENTATION

Get excited for our two-day overnight program for new students in May/June. If you're ready, select your date and register today!



SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING APPLICATION

Meet Housing and Residential Life staff who will walk you through your on-campus housing application. (You will have access to the housing application 48 hours after you submit your deposit and complete your SSO/e-Campus sign-up.)

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NEW RAM MEET-AND-GREET

Join us at 3 p.m. on the Ryan Center arena floor to connect with new students, make a friend, find a roommate, and get excited for summer Orientation.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Our Welcome Day event schedule includes program names, times, locations, and bus stops to help you plan your day. Please refer to our campus map on pages 10–11 to locate bus routes and campus buildings.

BLOCK 1: 9–9:45 A.M.

Welcome to URI Presentation (Ryan Center)

BLOCK 2: 10:15–11:10 A.M.

Academic Programs

- College of Arts and Sciences (Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, Bus Stop 8)
—scan the QR code to view a detailed A&S schedule. 
- College of Engineering (The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering, Bus Stop 6)
- College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS)
—scan the QR code to view a detailed CELS schedule. 
- College of Health Sciences and Interdisciplinary Neuroscience (Edwards Hall, Bus Stop 7)
- College of Nursing (White Hall, Bus Stop 2)
- College of Pharmacy (Avedisian Hall, Bus Stop 4)
- Harrington School of Communication and Media (Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, Bus Stop 8)
- Undeclared, University College for Academic Success (Roosevelt Hall, Bus Stop 9)

Student Life Programs

- Campus Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby)
- Dining (Butterfield or Mainfare Dining Hall, Bus Stop 10 or 11)
- FAFSA Completion Meetings (Ryan Center)
- Residence Hall Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby)

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EVENT SCHEDULE

BLOCK 3: 11:30 A.M.–12:25 P.M.

Academic Programs

- Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education (Beaupre, 100, Bus Stop 3)
- College of Arts and Sciences (Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, Bus Stop 8)
—scan the QR code to view a detailed A&S schedule. 
- College of Business
 - Textile Marketing / Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design (Quinn Hall, 314, Bus Stop 9)
 - All other business majors (Ballentine Hall, Bus Stop 6)
- College of Engineering (The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering, Bus Stop 6)
- College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS)
—scan the QR code to view a detailed CELS schedule. 
- College of Health Sciences
 - Interdisciplinary Neuroscience (Memorial Union, Atrium 1, Bus Stop 9)
 - Kinesiology and Communicative Disorders (Independence Square)
** A bus will pick up attendees at Edwards Hall and transport to Independence Square.*
 - Psychology (Memorial Union, Ballroom, Bus Stop 9)
 - Public Health, Human Development and Family Science, Nutrition, Dietetics (Fogarty Hall, Bus Stop 9)
- College of Nursing (White Hall, Bus Stop 2)
- College of Pharmacy (Avedisian Hall, Bus Stop 4)
- Harrington School of Communication and Media (Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, Bus Stop 8)
- Honors Program and Chinese Language Flagship Program (Quinn Hall, Bus Stop 9)
- Undeclared, University College for Academic Success (Roosevelt Hall, Bus Stop 9)

Student Life Programs

- Campus Walking Tour (Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)
- Dining (Butterfield or Mainfare Dining Hall, Bus Stop 10 or 11)
- FAFSA Completion Meetings (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Pre-Orientation Presentation (Ryan Center, Second-floor Alumni Lounge, Bus Stop 1)
- Residence Hall Walking Tour (Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)

EVENT SCHEDULE

BLOCK 4: 12:45–1:40 P.M.

Academic Programs

- College of Business
 - Textile Marketing / Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design (Quinn Hall, 314, Bus Stop 9)
 - All other business majors (Ballentine Hall, Bus Stop 6)
- College of Health Sciences
 - Interdisciplinary Neuroscience (Memorial Union, Atrium 1, Bus Stop 9)
- Honors Program and Chinese Language Flagship Program (Quinn Hall, Bus Stop 9)

Student Life Programs

- Campus Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby, Bus Stop 1, or Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)
- University Fair (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Dining (Butterfield or Mainfare Dining Hall, Bus Stop 10 or 11)
- FAFSA Completion Meetings (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Pre-Orientation Presentation (Ryan Center, second-floor Alumni Lounge, Bus Stop 1)
- Residence Hall Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby, Bus Stop 1, or Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)
- Rhody Life Unfiltered (Memorial Union, Ballroom, Bus Stop 9)
- Talent Development Meet-and-Greet (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Transfer One-Stop (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)

EVENT SCHEDULE

BLOCK 5: 2–3 P.M.

Student Life Programs

- Campus Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby, Bus Stop 1, or Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)
- University Fair (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Dining (Butterfield, Bus Stop 10)
- FAFSA Completion Meetings (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Pre-Orientation Presentation (Ryan Center, second-floor Alumni Lounge, Bus Stop 1)
- Residence Hall Walking Tour (Ryan Center, South Lobby, Bus Stop 1, or Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9)
- Rhody Life Unfiltered (Memorial Union, Ballroom, Bus Stop 9)
- Talent Development Meet-and-Greet (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)
- Transfer One-Stop (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1)



RHODY GEAR

Stop by the **Rams Zone** (Ryan Center, Bus Stop 1) or the **Campus Store** (Memorial Union, Bus Stop 9) throughout the day to stock up on all things Rhody!

20% DISCOUNT

WELCOME DAY MAP

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Explore campus while you stay on schedule. Shuttle buses will run from 9:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m. ALL BUSES STOP AT EVERY LOCATION. Student guides will ride along with you and answer any questions you may have. The shuttle buses follow a different route than our walking campus tours. We encourage you to try both!

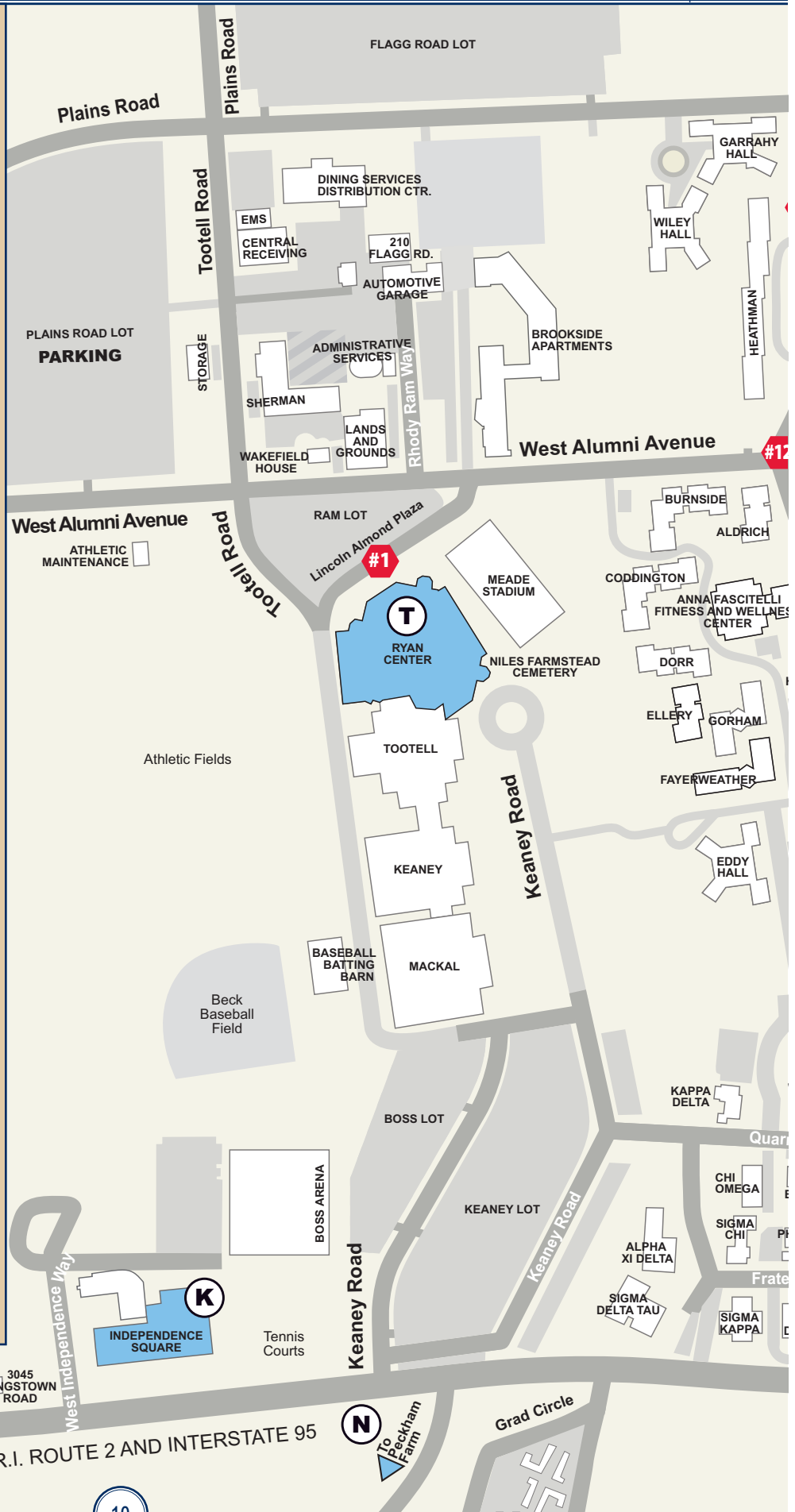
KEY

- A** Avedisian Hall
- B** Ballentine Hall
- C** Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences
- D** Butterfield Dining Hall
- E** Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBLs)
- F** Chafee Hall
- G** Coastal Institute
- H** Edwards Hall
- I** Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering
- J** Fogarty Hall
- K** Independence Square
- L** Mainfare Dining Hall
- M** Memorial Union
- N** Peckham Farm
- O** Quinn Hall
- P** Ranger Hall
- Q** Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
- R** Rodman Hall
- S** Roosevelt Hall
- T** Ryan Center
- U** Swan Hall
- V** White Hall
- W** Woodward Hall

NAVIGATING TO PECKHAM FARM

A bus will travel from the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (Bus Stop 4) to Peckham Farm during Block 3 (11:30 a.m.–12:25 p.m.)

Questions? Please connect with event staff.



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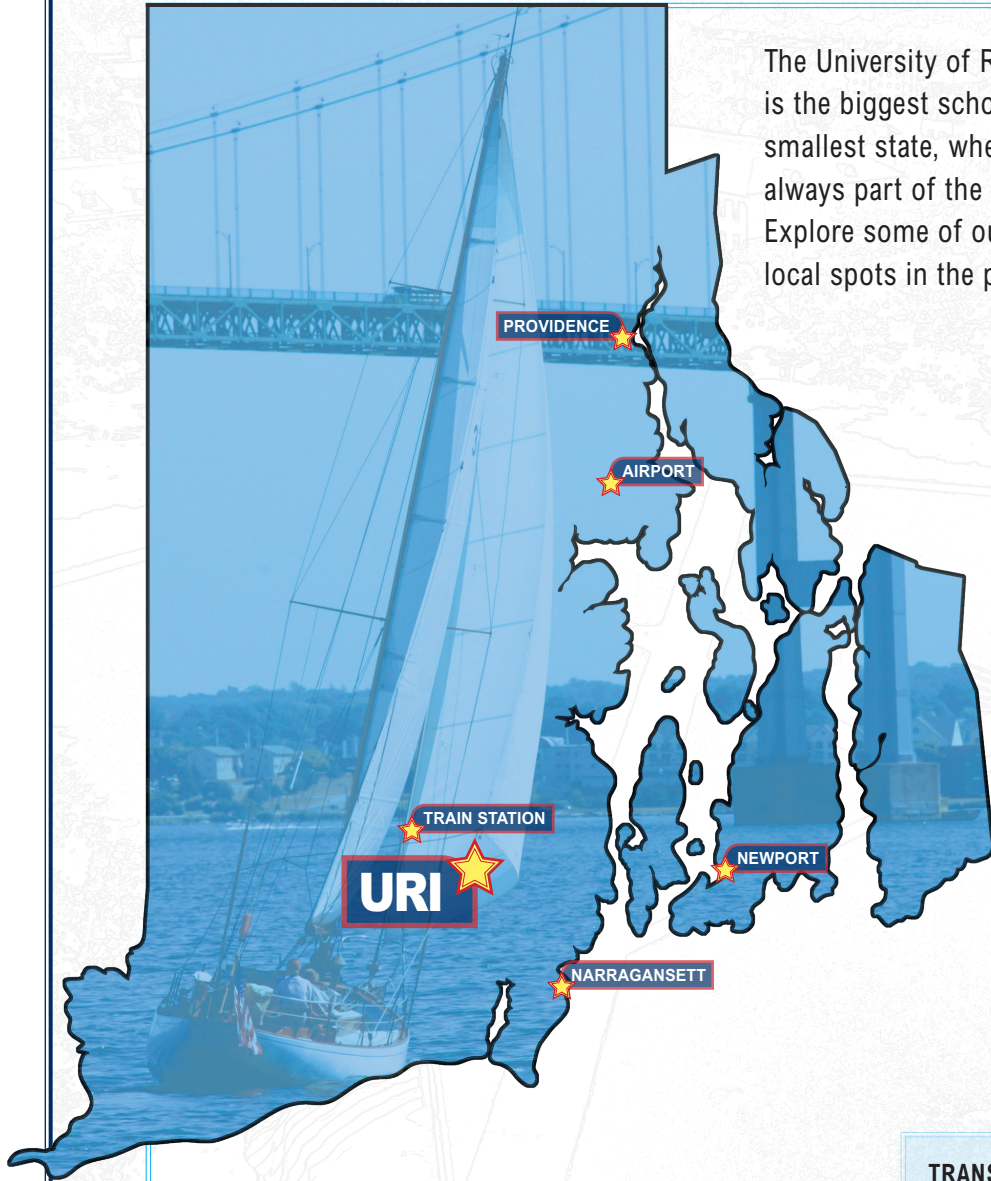


R.I. ROUTE 138

Entrance

TO U.S. RTE. 1

EXPLORE THE OCEAN STATE



The University of Rhode Island is the biggest school in the smallest state, where you're always part of the Ram Fam.



Explore some of our URI students' favorite local spots in the place they call home!

RHODY-RECOMMENDED LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

PROVIDENCE

Experience the charm of our capital city and visit Federal Hill, Providence's Little Italy, with top-notch dining, cafés, and a vibrant atmosphere.

NARRAGANSETT

Savor fresh seafood and catch a stunning sunset at Coast Guard House restaurant, a local gem perched above Narragansett Bay.

NEWPORT

Enjoy classic New England fare at Brick Alley Pub, then stroll Newport's historic waterfront for breathtaking harbor views.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM OUR KINGSTON CAMPUS:

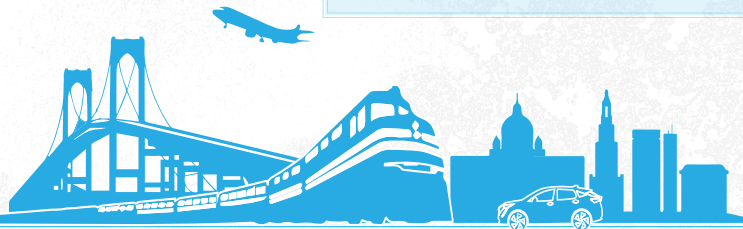
- Amtrak, Kingston Station: 5 minutes
- Cross Sound Ferry (CT): 40 minutes
- Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport: 30 minutes



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URI is an equal opportunity employer committed to community, equity, and diversity and to the principles of affirmative action.



NOTES FROM THE RHODE

YOUR RHODE MAP



Visit uri.edu/newram for the next stops on your college journey. Learn about new student events, campus support services, vital checklists, and more.





HOW DID WE DO?

Please take a minute to fill out our Welcome Day survey so we can continue to improve our program.

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