

Pre-Arrival Handbook

Spring 2018

ONCAMPUS
RHODE ISLAND



Welcome, *Class of 2022!*

Dear student,

Congratulations!

Welcome to **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island! We are looking forward to working with you on our beautiful New England campus!

We hope that your preparations for your studies are going well and that you are looking forward to this exciting next step in your education. We have compiled this handbook to help you prepare for the **ONCAMPUS** program. It has a great deal of information about our campus, program, and student life in the United States.

Through the **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island program you will benefit from full access to our host campus, The University of Rhode Island. Our partnership allows you to enjoy a true American college experience including on-campus housing, full access to all facilities and a multitude of extracurricular activities. You will also benefit from a special community of international students just like you who have joined our program. You will have the best of both worlds – a supportive and welcoming international student community as part of an American college!

We believe that successful students need a strong learning community. During your time with us we hope you will be inspired to learn, develop new skills, understand different cultures, and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you in Rhode Island very soon!

Kind regards,

The **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island Team

Important Details

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Important Dates:

- January 16 – Arrival
- January 17-19 – Orientation
- January 22 – First Day of Classes
- May 11 – Last Day of Exams



Student Pre-Arrival Responsibilities:

- Meet the **ONCAMPUS** team and faculty
- Review your immigration documents and how to maintain status
- Receive information about URI and local community resources
- Shop for essentials
- Meet other new students and start to make friends!
- Have orientation to academic courses
- Learn about health insurance and the Health Services building on campus
- Take a virtual campus tour
- Prepare for the math placement test
- Ask questions!
- Obtain visa

- Email rhodeisland@oncampus.global with your arrival details:
 - Scanned copy of visa
 - Detailed flight information
- Bring all important documents:
 - Passport and visa
 - I-20
 - Proof of SEVIS payment
 - Proof of immunizations
 - Official transcripts
 - English proficiency scores (IELTS, TOEFL)



One of the keys to success at **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island is for you to get connected with other students. The University of Rhode Island is located on a picturesque campus just minutes from beaches, a small ski area, hiking trails, and riding rings. Many university sponsored outings are planned to these areas, as well as group trips to New York City, Boston, and Providence, RI. While these excursions are exciting, we think you'll be even more impressed by what is happening on campus! URI offers more than 140 clubs and student organizations for students to explore and participate in, including:

- Art Club
- Dance Organizations
- Environmental Clubs
- Fashion Merchandising Society
- The Good 5-Cent Cigar Student Newspaper
- Habitat for Humanity
- Marine Science Society
- Multicultural Organizations
- Nutrition Club
- Outdoor Clubs
- Photography Club
- Quidditch Club
- Slam Poetry Club
- Spirit Groups
- Surf Club
- URI TV Network
- WRIU 90.3 FM Radio

See a full list of clubs here!

See a full list of events here!

In addition, there are a number of major events to attend at the **Ryan Center**, including NCAA Division I basketball games, as well as recording artist performances such as Iggy Azalea and Kendrick Lamar.

If you prefer fine arts, music or theater, URI has options for you! Located right on campus are **four distinct art galleries**, each highlighting different aspects of the university's extensive fine arts offerings. These are complimented by an exclusive agreement with the Newport Art Museum, located in the heart of the gallery district of Newport, RI, which includes free admission for all students.

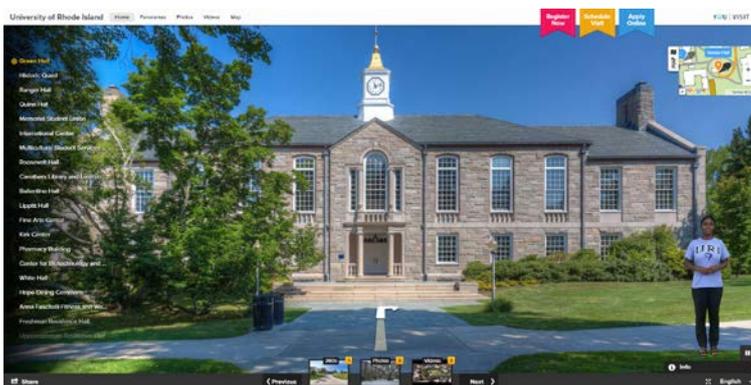
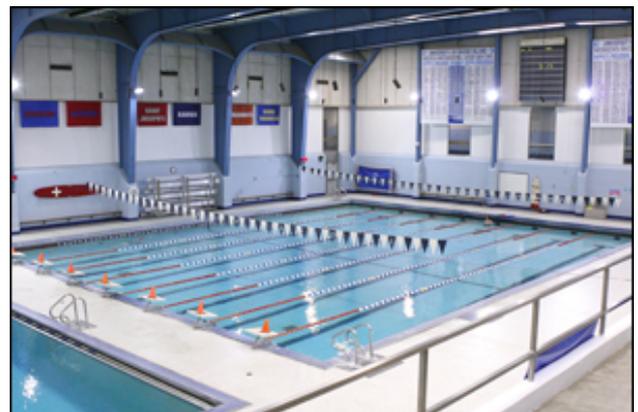


The **Fine Arts Center** is also home to a 500 seat theater, a black box theater, dance and rehearsal space, as well as a costume shop, set design shop, and a music department that sponsors orchestra, chamber music, vocal, and jazz performance groups. You could be in the audience or on stage!

Finally, if living an active lifestyle appeals to you, URI has many individual and group sporting activities. Starting at the **Fasci-telli Fitness & Wellness Center**, which is located in the heart of URI's campus, students can take advantage of the most up-to-date cardio equipment, weight training apparatus, yoga studios, and group fitness classes.

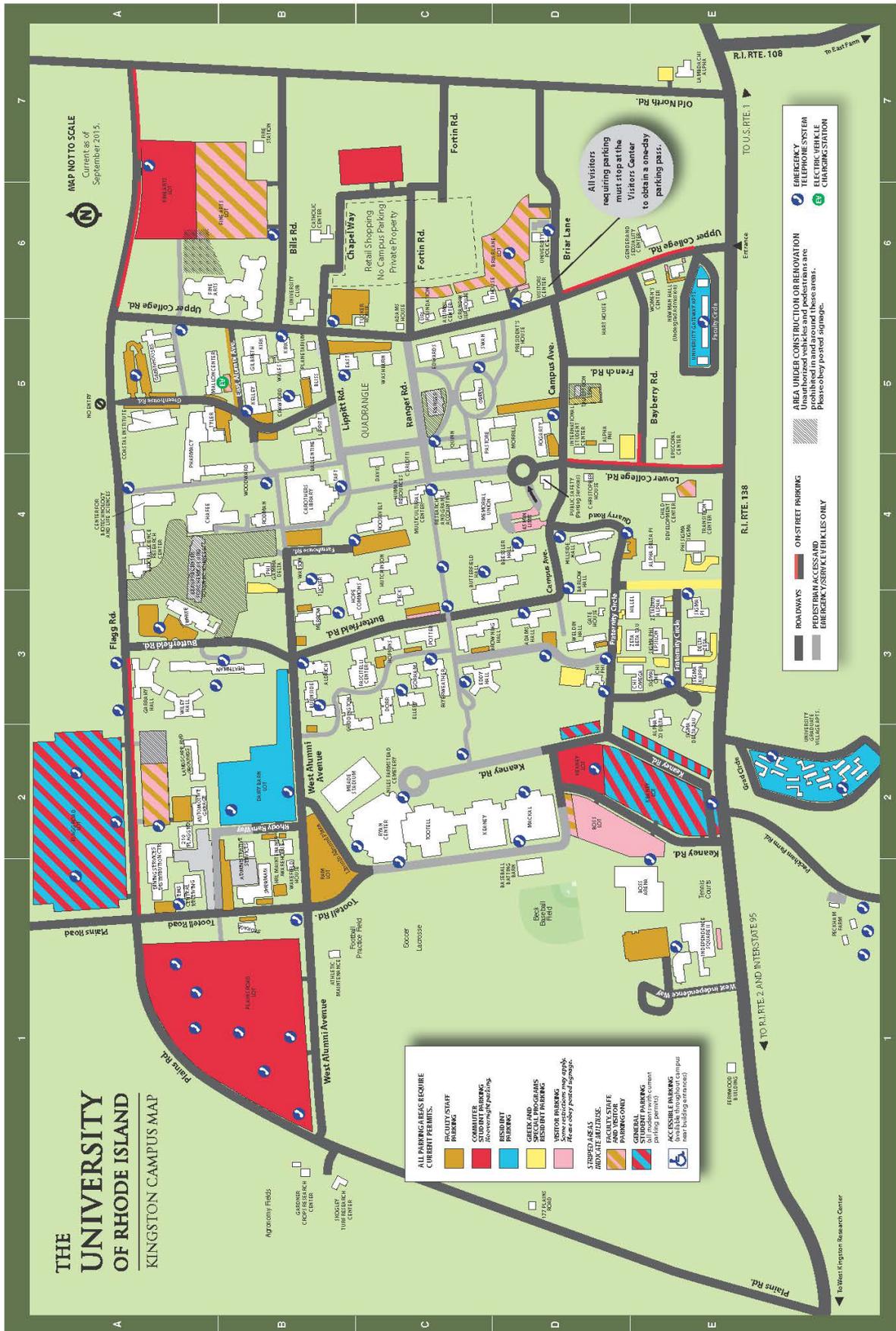
The **Mackal Field House** features a six-lane, 200-meter indoor track, a fitness center, a weight room and four basketball courts. The facility annually hosts the Atlantic 10 Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships.

The **Tootell Aquatic Center** is home to three pools (one a diving pool) as well as group exercise studios and rowing training areas. Students wishing to participate in organized team sports can join one of 18 competitive collegiate club teams, including: equestrian competition, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, sailing, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. If you prefer to be a spectator, the University sponsors 18 Division I NCAA varsity sports, including basketball, soccer, football, and track & field.



Want to see more of campus? Check out the [online virtual tour](#) of campus in English, Arabic, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Campus Map



Housing

URI houses just over 6,000 students in 21 residence halls and 3 apartment complexes. First year students typically live in a traditional corridor-style residence hall with shared rooms and gender-specific bathrooms. These halls are clustered around the campus quad, in what collectively comprises URI's "Freshman Village". They are conveniently located near the library, dining halls, student union, and classroom buildings. Most of the halls include community spaces, laundry facilities, and quiet study rooms.

Most freshmen live in double or triple rooms (1 – 2 roommates). On-campus housing is required for **ON-CAMPUS** Rhode Island students.

Rooms are generally equipped with twin extra-long beds and mattresses, a desk and chair, a wardrobe or closet, and a bureau. Students may choose to rent a small refrigerator and microwave oven through the [URI bookstore](#) (cost is \$215 per academic year). It is strongly recommended that roommates discuss sharing appliances due to space constraints. In addition, you should plan to bring or purchase upon arrival, the following items:



Personal Items

Soap, shampoo, etc.
Dental products
Shower caddy/basket
Shower shoes/sandals
Bath towels
First aid kit
Medicine (Tylenol, Advil)
Prescription medication
Hangers
Plastic bin for clothes
Umbrella
Pillows
Twin extra long sheets
(mattress: 36in. W x 81in L)
High efficiency (HE) laundry detergent

For the Room

Fan
Surge protectors
Alarm clock
Tissues
Paper towels
Plastic wastebasket liners
Laundry basket
Flashlight
Bulletin board
Broom/dustpan
MP3 player/CD player
Blank CDs/ thumb drive
TV
Disposable plates
Plastic utensils

For the Desk

Computer
25 ft. ethernet cable
Laptop lock
Printer and paper
Light bulbs (for lamp)
Pencils, pens, highlighters
Notebooks
Stapler
Tape
Pushpins
Tool kit
Calendar
Headphones
Batteries
Lamp (desk, floor)

Linens

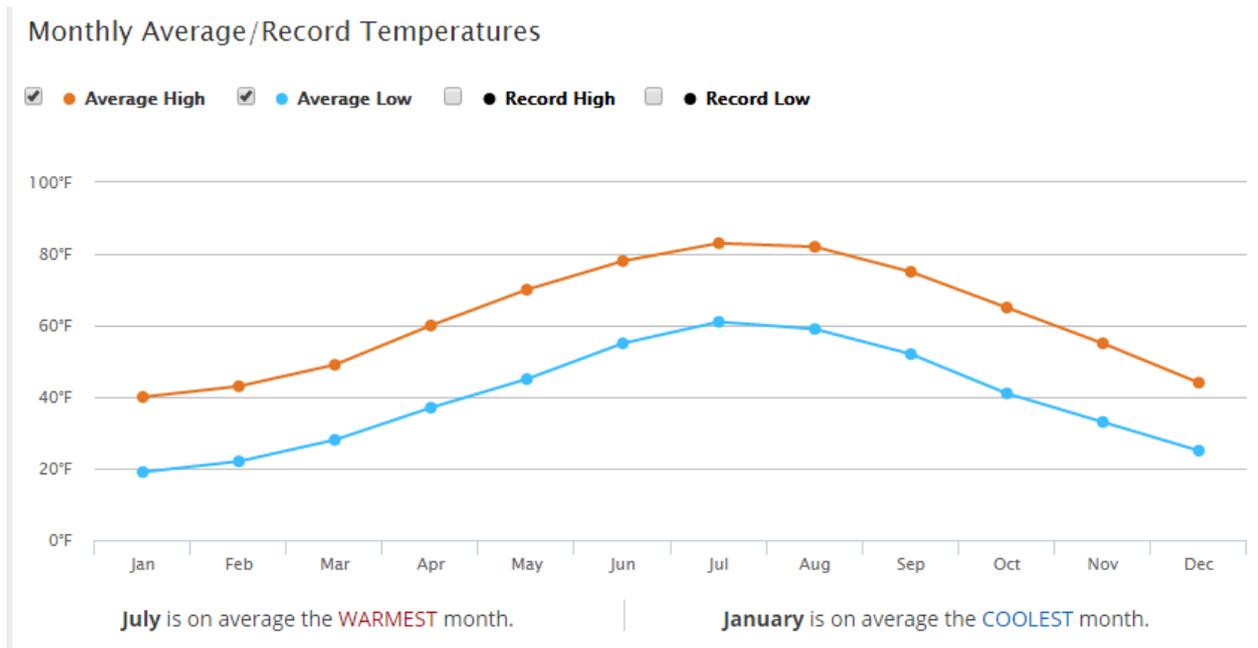
If you have space in your luggage and want to bring your own sheets you can, but it is easiest to [order a set online](#) and have them shipped to you via the Union Express mailroom (*refer to section on "mail"*). You will also have free time for shopping during your orientation week.

Things to Bring with You

Clothes

Kingston, Rhode Island has all four seasons and can go from humid and very warm in the summer to very cold and snowy in the winter. To make your travel time easier, pack for the season during which you will arrive and have a friend or family member mail a pre-packed box for the next seasons. You can easily purchase more clothes once you've settled in and learn what you will need.

Weather.com's Average Temperatures for Kingston, RI:



Carry-On Luggage

It is a good idea to have an extra set of clothes and basic toiletries in your carry on, just in case your luggage gets lost. Fragile/expensive/technology items should go in your carry-on luggage. Remember to follow airport guidelines as your liquids cannot be over 100ml.

Money

It is a good idea to exchange a small amount of money into U.S. dollars for spending during the first few days. We recommend about \$200. Internationally accepted credit cards will be helpful also. The [Rhode Island Credit Union](#) has a bank branch right on campus in the Memorial Student Union.



Important Documents

- Bring the following documents in your carry-on luggage:
- Official I-20 form
- Your passport (valid for at least six months beyond the date of admission)
- Your valid F-1 visa in your passport
- Copy of SEVIS fee receipt
- Address and telephone numbers of the **ONCAMPUS** office and staff
- Official transcripts and proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL)

Tip: Make copies of all important documents.

Mail

Union Express is the student mailroom operated by Housing and Residential Life for students living in the residence halls. It is located in the Memorial Student Union on the lower level. Visit the [Union Express Mail Room website](#) for hours of operation.

Residents are requested to have all mail addressed using the format below:

Full Name

Union Express

50 Lower College Rd. Unit XXXX

(you will receive your unit number when you arrive to campus)

Kingston, RI 02881

When a package arrives for you, you will receive an email from Union Express and you must go to pick it up when they are open.

Personal Toiletries

If there is a particular soap, toothpaste or other grooming product you prefer, you should bring some until you can find an equivalent here.

Books

You might want to bring textbooks and dictionaries that you use frequently to help you with your studies. However, many books can be found here at the campus bookstore, the library, or purchased online and shipped to you. Your courses will require certain textbooks. These can be purchased once you arrive on campus. Textbook costs are in addition to the cost of tuition.



Power Adapter

The electricity supply in the U.S. is 120v, so you may need to purchase an adapter for your electronics.

Personal Medications

If you are taking any type of medication, make sure it is approved and legal in the United States and then bring enough to last you until you can see a doctor at Health Services for a new prescription. There is a pharmacy service for most medication at the Health Services building, as well as a CVS nearby.

Telephone

There are a number of mobile phone providers in the Kingston, RI area. The closest are Sprint and Verizon. If you plan to contract a mobile phone when you arrive in the U.S., please visit their websites to learn more about their services and pricing.

Pictures/Mementos

Consider bringing pictures of your family, friends, pets, neighborhood, etc. Sometimes being away from home for months can be quite hard. Having something that reminds you of your home and the people you love can help you feel better during the days when you miss the people you care about.

Laptop Computers

You may bring your laptop computer with you or choose to buy one when you arrive in the US. It is quite easy to purchase a computer in the US. The [Ram Computer Store](#) in the Memorial Student Union has many options and equipment that best meets the specifications of URI's programs of study.



What NOT to Bring

What NOT to Bring:

Please be advised that the following items are forbidden in the dormitories:

- Cooking appliances with heating coils, such as hot plates, toasters, grills, woks, or crock pots
- Coffee makers without automatic shut off
- Candles and/or incense
- Air conditioners and/or electric heaters
- Halogen lamps
- Wireless routers
- Firecrackers, fireworks, explosives, flammable fluids/chemicals/materials, or pyrotechnics of any nature
- Non-halogen desk lamps with an extra outlet in the base
- Lights or lamps that hang from the wall or ceiling
- Rope or string lights
- Neon signs
- Alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons
- Animals
- Darts and dartboards are prohibited in the residence halls (velcro or magnetic dartboards are an acceptable alternative)
- Smoking paraphernalia such as hookahs or pipes
- Any non-surge suppressed electrical cords
- Weapons (firearms, knives, etc.)
- Waterbeds
- Bed lofts kit
- Appliances (over 1000 Watts)



Getting to ONCAMPUS

Arriving at the Airport

Transportation from the Airport to URI

You are responsible for arranging your own transportation to campus.

It is important that you communicate your travel plans to the **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island staff so we can help you arrive to campus in a safe and timely manner.

It is best if you can arrange to fly to T.F. Green Airport in Providence, RI. There are a number of car services, shuttles, and buses to take from T.F. Green to campus. As soon as you inform us of your flight information, we can help you make arrangements.



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If there are no flights from your departure city to Providence, the next closest international airports are Boston's Logan International Airport and New York City's John F. Kennedy Airport. There are many ways to travel from either airport to the University of Rhode Island, including:

- Amtrak train service to Kingston, RI from both Boston and New York
- Peter Pan Bus service from Logan Airport to Providence, RI or to T.F. Green Airport
- Car service from Boston or New York, which would be very expensive and is not advisable

Let us know your travel arrangements before you arrive so we can help you plan the best way to get from the airport or train station to your dormitory!

Email rhodeisland@oncampus.global with your arrival details:

- Scanned copy of visa
- Detailed flight information



Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs



Cigarettes

The University of Rhode Island is a smoke-free campus. Smoking of tobacco is prohibited in all University buildings and in all University owned or operated residences and automobiles. "Tobacco" refers to any and all tobacco products, whether inhaled or ingested, as well as electronic cigarettes. Smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of all University buildings and University controlled residences. You must be at least 18 years old to buy cigarettes in Rhode Island. You will be asked to show proper identification (an ID) to prove that you are 18 or older. Appropriate forms of ID are US driver's licenses and passports.

Alcohol

In the United States, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase and consume alcohol. You will be asked for proper ID when purchasing alcohol.

Drugs

The use of illegal drugs – including marijuana – will not be tolerated.

If you take prescription drugs, please bring your prescription in English (or bring a notarized translation). We recommend you bring at least one month's supply of your medication as it might take a while to fill your prescription in the U.S..

Transportation

Cars On Campus

Incoming freshmen are permitted to have a car on campus, but one is not really necessary. All classes are nearby to the residence halls, recreational areas, and event venues. There are shuttle buses and Uber services to area shopping and the train station, as well as Providence and Newport. There are train and bus services to New York City and Boston.



If you should choose to have a vehicle on campus, a parking permit decal is issued to students who reside on campus and have freshman status as indicated by Enrollment Services. The cost is \$265.00 for the academic year (this cost is subject to change). Parking permits can be obtained at the Parking and Transportation Services website. Residents with a freshman resident parking permit must park in the areas indicated on the URI Parking Map and on URI Parking Signs posted at each campus parking lot. Overnight parking is only allowed in these areas, which are generally far from the freshman residence halls.

If you wish to obtain a Rhode Island driver's license, please visit the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles for information. You will need to take your passport, visa documents and a letter from the Office of International Student Services to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You can request a letter for the DMV at the OISS office front desk, Monday-Friday, 9am to 3:30pm. You must be enrolled as a full-time student and in good standing with the university to obtain the letter.



Public Transportation

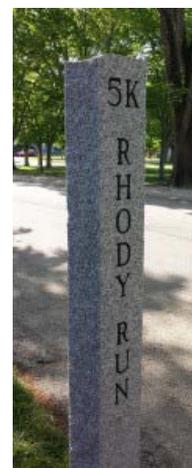
URI has excellent access to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's bus service. Bus service around campus is free! A discounted RIPTA pass is available for students to travel off campus from the Memorial Student Union on campus at a cost of \$31.00 per month.

Other Modes of Transportation

Many students travel around campus via bicycle, rollerblades, skateboard, and on foot. There are many ways to get around.

The campus even has its own office 5k track, known as the Rhody Run. The route is USATF certified, with precise mile markers indicated on campus by granite posts. Races are scheduled throughout the school year!

In addition, the campus is part of the South County Bike Path, the state's fourth-longest bike path, stretching 7.8 miles from Kingston Station to the Narragansett shoreline.



Food

Meal Plan

All OCRI students have the **Campus Plus** meal plan. Details about the meal plan can be found on the [dining website](#).

Shops and Dining

There are a number of places to purchase snacks and essentials both on campus and off.



Ram's Den is located on the main floor of the Memorial Union, and offers a variety of options, including daily specials, egg sandwiches, burgers and chicken sandwiches made to order, Asian dishes, paninis, wraps, soups, salad, snacks and all kinds of beverages. You can pay with Ram Account, cash or credit cards!



Rhody Market is located in Hope Commons. Common Grounds café offers upscale pastries and desserts matched with popular latte and espresso beverages. Upper Crust, with its brick oven, is the designer pizza station also featuring calzones, chicken fingers, and hot grinders. Customers linger in front of the fireplace in the lounge to converse, watch television, play games, or study. You can pay with Ram Account, cash or credit cards!



There is no need go shopping off-campus or to have family send products from home when you have **The Corner Store**. Fresh fruits, salads, sandwiches, bakery items, a full organics line, locally sourced foods, frozen entrees, and more! They even carry cleaning and office supplies and feature a "candy-by-the-pound" bar. Come in and browse because they are always adding new things and they want your suggestions. You can pay with Ram Account, cash or credit cards!



The **Kingston Emporium** is located just north of campus, in easy walking distance. The Emporium is a small strip mall featuring restaurants, coffee shops, and a CVS. **International Pocket** is a popular restaurant located in the Emporium.



Dave's Fresh Marketplace is a small grocery store featuring departments such as a deli, bakery & butcher shop, and made to go food. Located at 125 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

In addition, there are several shopping malls accessible by Uber or RIPTA bus services including the:

- [Manwick Mall](#)
- [Providence Place](#)
- [Wrentham Village Premium Outlets](#)

Health Insurance



Health insurance is mandatory for all college students in the state of Rhode Island. This must be purchased before starting classes. **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island students need to purchase the student plan through The University of Rhode Island.

- Valid from August 16, 2017 – August 15, 2018
- Comprehensive coverage, including preventive, illness, and accident.
- Cost is approximately \$1,899.00 and will be billed through your **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island invoice.

We will help you enroll during orientation and give you an overview of the coverage.

In addition, all students pay a Health Service fee of \$524.00 per year. The Health Services fee ensures that the facility and staff are available to provide quality care to students in need of health care. The Health Services fee covers the following:

- Office visits with URI Health Services providers
- No or reduced cost for over the counter (OTC) medications (i.e., Ibuprofen, Tylenol, cough syrup, cough drops, cold medicine)
- Health promotion and prevention programs
- Free flu clinic and health fairs
- URI Emergency Medical Services (URI EMS) ambulance – 24/7/365

Your Health Insurance Policy

Your health insurance is provided by United Healthcare Student Resources. Detailed plan information can be found [here](#).

Health Insurance Card

Once enrolled in the United Healthcare Student Resources plan, you will receive an email letting you know that you are enrolled and that your insurance card is ready.

- Download the UHC Mobile app to view and share your digital card
- On the UHC portal, you can view or download your digital card or request a printed card be mailed to you

Supplemental/Travel Insurance

If you arrive in the U.S. before the effective date of the URI insurance plan or depart after the expiry date, you are encouraged to purchase your own supplemental insurance for this uninsured period.

Health Services

COVERAGE DATES:

Fall 2017
August 16 – August 15

Spring 2018
January 16 – August 15

**Tip: Always carry
your insurance card
with you!**



The University of Rhode Island's Health Services is located in the Potter Building, 6 Butterfield Rd. They provide students with a wide range of high quality, cost effective ambulatory and primary care services, including health education and wellness programs.

The providers are:

- Board certified physicians
- Certified nurse practitioners with additional training in college health
- Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses with additional training in college health
- Licensed pharmacists, laboratory, and X-Ray technologists
- Specialists network that includes gynecology, surgery, dermatology, and psychiatry

Students are seen by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A phone triage evaluation conducted by a specially trained registered nurse determines how quickly the patient should be seen for injury/illness. Urgent patients are seen as soon as possible and specialty clinics are scheduled on an appointment basis.

For additional information about Health Services and the services they provide, [download this document](#).

Required Health Forms

A URI Health Packet will be sent to you prior to your arrival at **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island. Completion of the packet requires a physician's signature and supporting documentation, which can take time. Please complete the forms as soon as possible, and email them to the [ONCAMPUS Rhode Island staff](#). These forms prove that students have had proper immunizations so that they will not put themselves or other students at risk of certain illnesses. It also informs our staff if a student has any special medical needs so that we can accommodate them as best as possible. If you do not have your forms completed in their entirety, you may not be allowed to move into your on-campus housing or begin classes according to Rhode Island state law.



Medication

Don't forget your medication and bring enough for your first couple months in the US. If you are taking any type of medication, make sure it is approved and legal in the United States. All medication should be labelled.

Visa Information

It is important that you begin your visa application as soon as possible since the application process could take a long time. Most students require an **F-1 student visa**. Go to [U.S. Department of State's website](#) for complete information on the visa application and steps.

Documents you will need:

- Original I-20
- DS-160 (online application) completed
- Passport
- Original transcripts from previous schools and Universities (six official copies recommended)
- TOEFL/IELTS scores
- Proof of financial support

Tip: You can find your country's U.S. Embassy website [here](#).

If you have questions or need help, email us at: rhodeisland@oncampus.global

If you already have an F-1 student visa or are in the United States, let us know via email: rhodeisland@oncampus.global

Tip: How long will your visa take? Get an estimate [here](#).

Immigration and Customs

When you arrive in the United States, you will need to pass through immigration before you can collect checked luggage. You will need to show the immigration officer the following documents:

- Passport and visa
- I-20
- Evidence of payment for your SEVIS application

The immigration officer may take your fingerprints and ask you questions about your reasons for studying in the U.S. It is important that you can answer these questions in detail. Make sure you have all of your academic and visa documents in your carry-on luggage if you are flying in to the U.S.; you will not have access to your luggage until you have cleared immigration. Failure to have the right documents will result in delays or possible denial of entry into the U.S.

In addition, our partner college, University of Rhode Island, has a useful [website](#).

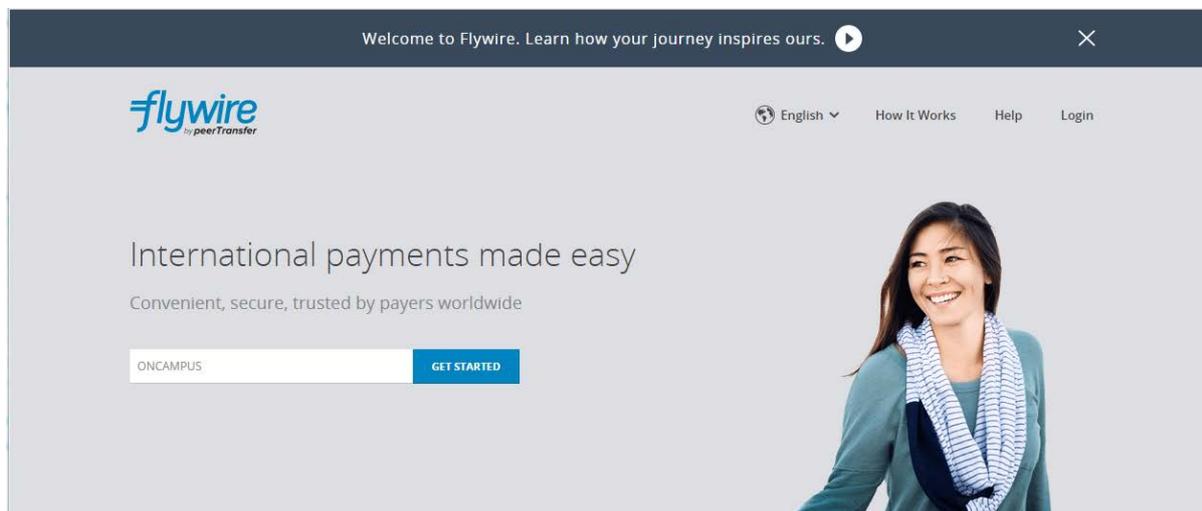


Paying Your Tuition

Fee Payment

Your fees for your **ONCAMPUS** program must be paid before you arrive at **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island.

****We can only accept payment by FlyWire.***



This is a streamlined international payment process with the following benefits:

- Eliminate hidden bank fees – ensure you pay the correct amount.
- Save on exchange rates – in most cases, you can make a payment in your home currency.
- Peer Transfer will process the currency exchange, offering you wholesale exchange rates, unmatched by traditional banks.
- Peace of mind – 24 hour multilingual customer support when you need it most. Know where your payment is in the bank transfer process.

Select the link <https://www.flywire.com/pay/oncampus> and follow the instructions. You will need your CEG Reference number.

Dates To Remember

Spring 2018	
January 16	Move in day
January 17 – 19	Orientation
January 22	Classes begin
February 19	President's Day – no classes, offices are closed
March 12 – 18	Spring Break – no classes, offices are open
April 30	Last day of classes
May 3 – 11	Final exams
Summer 2018	
May 20	Move in to summer housing
May 21	Classes begin
May 28	Memorial Day – no classes, offices are closed
July 4	Independence Day – no classes, offices are closed
July 26	Classes and final exams end
July 27	Completion ceremony

Checklist Of Important Documents

Documentation Due Dates

- **ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island tuition bill payment – refer to your ONCAMPUS acceptance letter for instructions.
- Health Services packet – please submit as early as possible.
- Arrival and transportation information – **January 9, 2018**.

Checklist of Important Documents to Bring with You

1. Required for Customs at Airport (bring in your carry-on bag):

- Passport
- Original I-20
- Proof of SEVIS payment
- Visa

2. Academics:

- Original transcripts from high school and previous universities. Official notarized translations must be provided when originals are not in English.
- TOEFL/IELTS scores
- ONCAMPUS** Rhode Island acceptance letter

3. Health & Safety:

- Approved medications
- Your emergency contact information
- Health Services packet (including proof of immunizations)

4. Additional Documentation:

- Proof of financial support or sponsorship



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