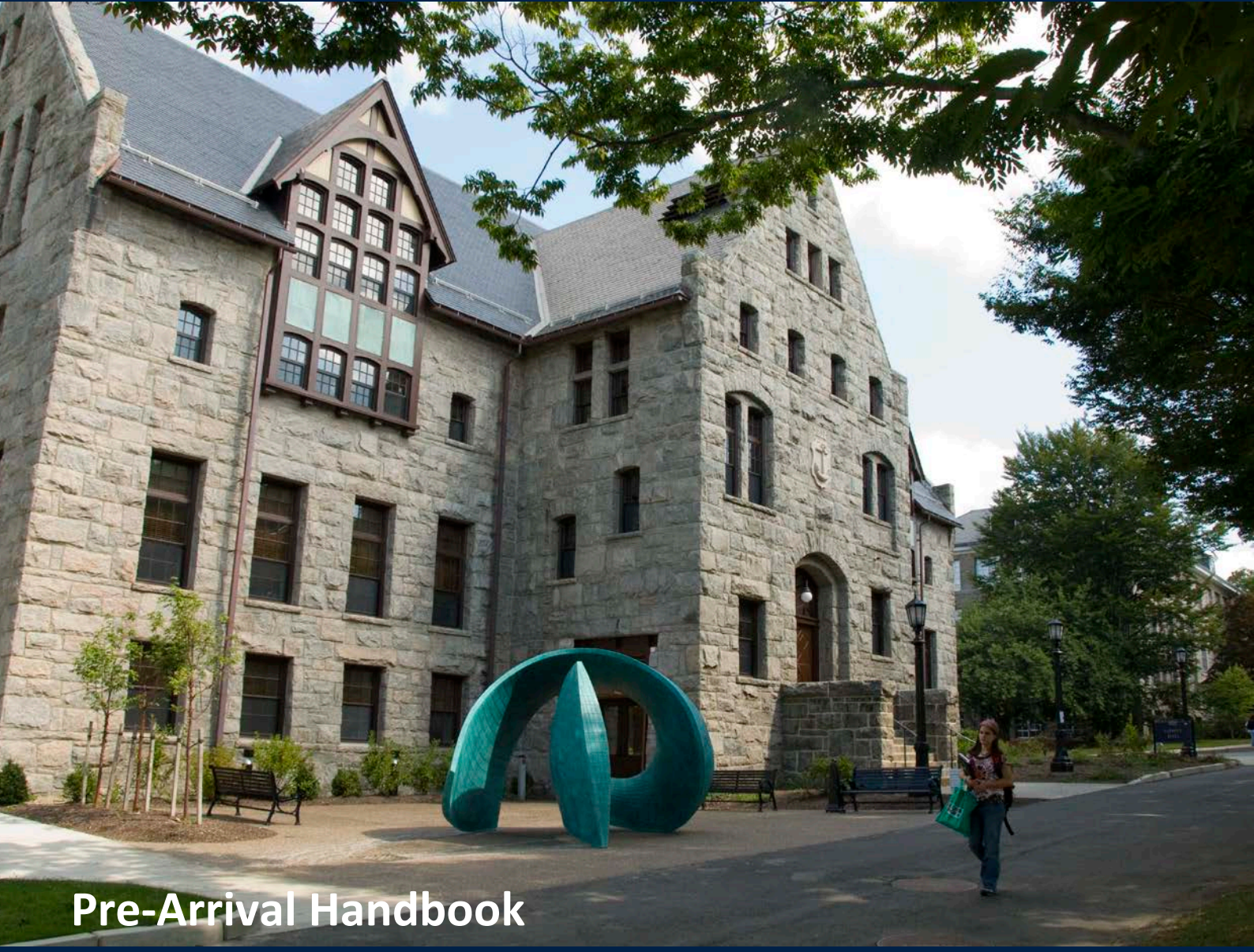

# Pre-Arrival Handbook

## Spring 2017

ONCAMPUS
RHODE ISLAND

**Welcome** *Class of 2021!*

Dear Student,
**Congratulations!**

Welcome to **ON**CAMPUS 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 the next exciting step in your education. We have compiled this handbook to help you prepare for the **ON**CAMPUS program. It has a great deal of information about our campus, program, and student life in the United States.

Through the **ON**CAMPUS 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 **ON**CAMPUS Rhode Island Team

# Important Details

**Contact Information**

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**Important Dates**

- ☐ January 13-15: Arrival
- ☐ January 16-20: Orientation
- ☐ January 23: First day of classes

**Student Pre-arrival Responsibilities**

- ☐ Meet the **ON**CAMPUS team and Faculty
- ☐ Review your immigration documents and how to maintain status
- ☐ Receive information about URI and local community resources
- ☐ Shopping for essentials
- ☐ Meet other new students and start to make friends!
- ☐ Have orientation to academic courses
- ☐ Learn about Health Insurance and Campus Health Center
- ☐ Take a virtual campus tour
- ☐ Prepare for the Math placement test
- ☐ Ask questions!
- ☐ Obtain visa

- ☐ Complete Online Housing & Dining Application Form: https://housing.uri.edu/spring-housing/
- ☐ Email rhodeisland@oncampus.global with your arrival details:
  - o Scanned copy of visa
  - o Detailed flight information
- ☐ Bring all important documents:
  - o Passport and visa
  - o I-20
  - o Proof of SEVIS payment
  - o Proof of immunizations
  - o Official Transcripts
  - o English proficiency scores (IELTS, TOEFL)

# Campus Life

One of the keys to success at **ON**CAMPUS 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:

***See a full list of clubs here!***

- 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

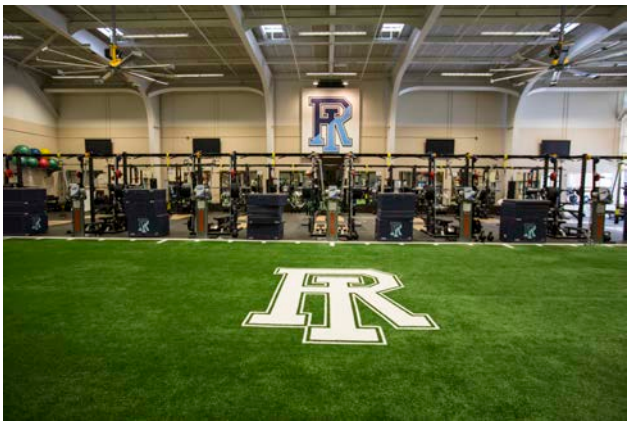
***See a full list of events here!***

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.

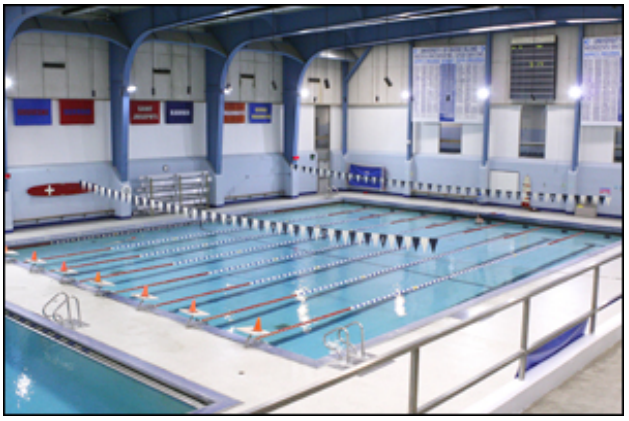
If you prefer fine arts, music or theater, URI has options for you! Located right on campus are **four distinct art galleries**, each highlighting different aspects of the university's extensive fine arts offerings. These are complimented by an exclusive agreement with the Newport Art Museum, located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

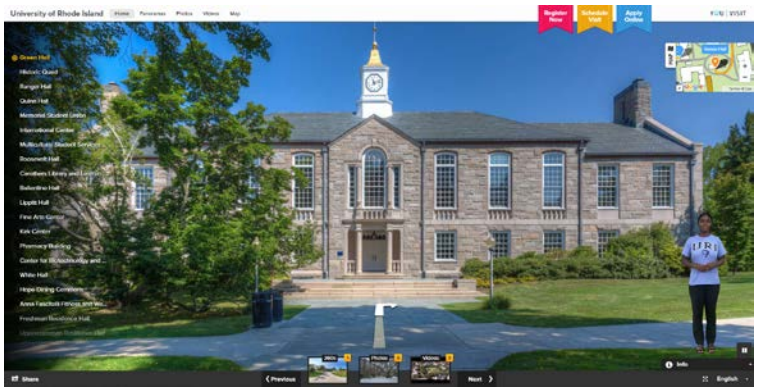
Finally, if living an active lifestyle appeals to you, URI has many individual and group sporting activities. Starting at the **Fascitelli Fitness & Wellness Center**, which is located in the heart of URI's campus – students can take advantage of the most up-to-date cardio equipment, weight training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

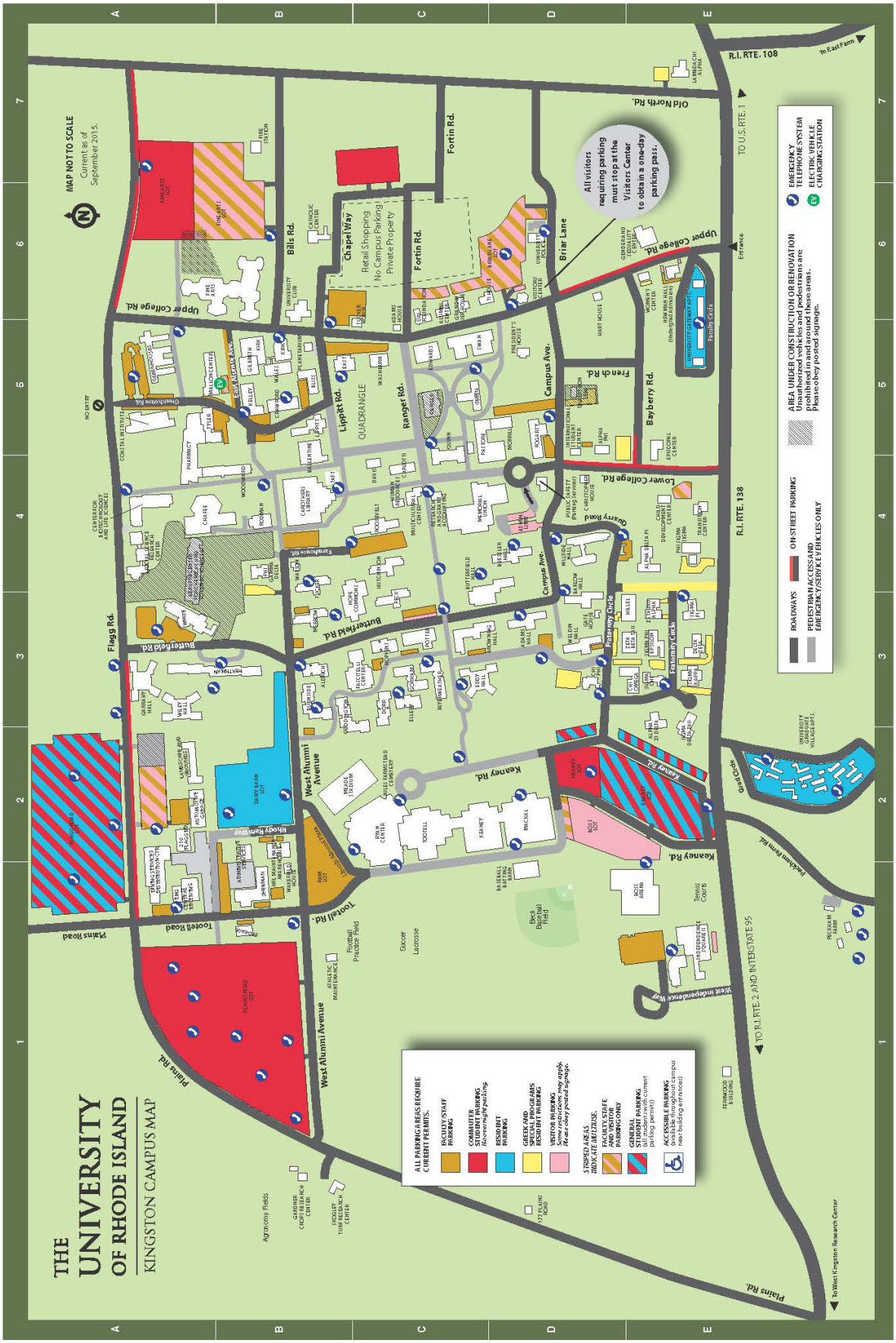


The **Tootell Aquatic Center** is home to three pools (one a diving pool) as well as group exercise studios and rowing training areas. Students wishing to participate in organized team sports can join one of 18 competitive collegiate club teams, including – Equestrian competition, field hockey, gymnastics, 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


THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON CAMPUS MAP
MAP NOT TO SCALE
Current as of September 2015.
ALL PARKING AREAS REQUIRE CURRENT PERMITS.
FACULTY/STAFF PARKING
COMMUTER STUDENT PARKING
RESIDENT PARKING
GREEK AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS RESIDENT PARKING
VISITOR PARKING
STRIPED AREAS INDICATE MULTIUSE.
FACULTY, STAFF AND VISITOR PARKING ONLY
GENERAL STUDENT PARKING
ACCESSIBLE PARKING
ROADWAYS
ON-STREET PARKING
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND EMERGENCY/SERVICE VEHICLES ONLY
AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION
All visitors requiring parking must stop at the Visitors Center to obtain a one-day parking pass.
Chapel Way
Retail Shopping
No Campus Parking
Private Property
QUADRANGLE
Upper College Rd.
Lower College Rd.
Flagg Rd.
Butterfield Rd.
Ranger Rd.
Lippitt Rd.
Campus Ave.
Keaney Rd.
West Alumni Avenue
Tootell Rd.
Plains Road
Plains Rd.
Fortin Rd.
Bills Rd.
Briar Lane
French Rd.
Bayberry Rd.
Old North Rd.
Quarry Road
Fraternity Circle
Grad Circle
Peckham Farm Rd.
West Independence Way
Rhody Ram Way
Greenhouse Rd.
Farmhouse Rd.
Football Practice Field
Soccer
Lacrosse
Beck Baseball Field
Tennis Courts
Agronomy Fields
R.I. RTE. 108
R.I. RTE. 138
TO U.S. RTE. 1
TO R.I. RTE. 2 AND INTERSTATE 95
To East Farm
To West Kingston Research Center

# 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. Please complete the Housing Application Form and return it to the **ON-CAMPUS Rhode Island** staff to guarantee your space.

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 & Paper
Light Bulbs (for lamp)
Pencils, Pens
Notebooks
Stapler
Tape
Pushpins
Tool Kit
Calendar
Headphones
Batteries
Lamp (desk, floor)

**Linens**

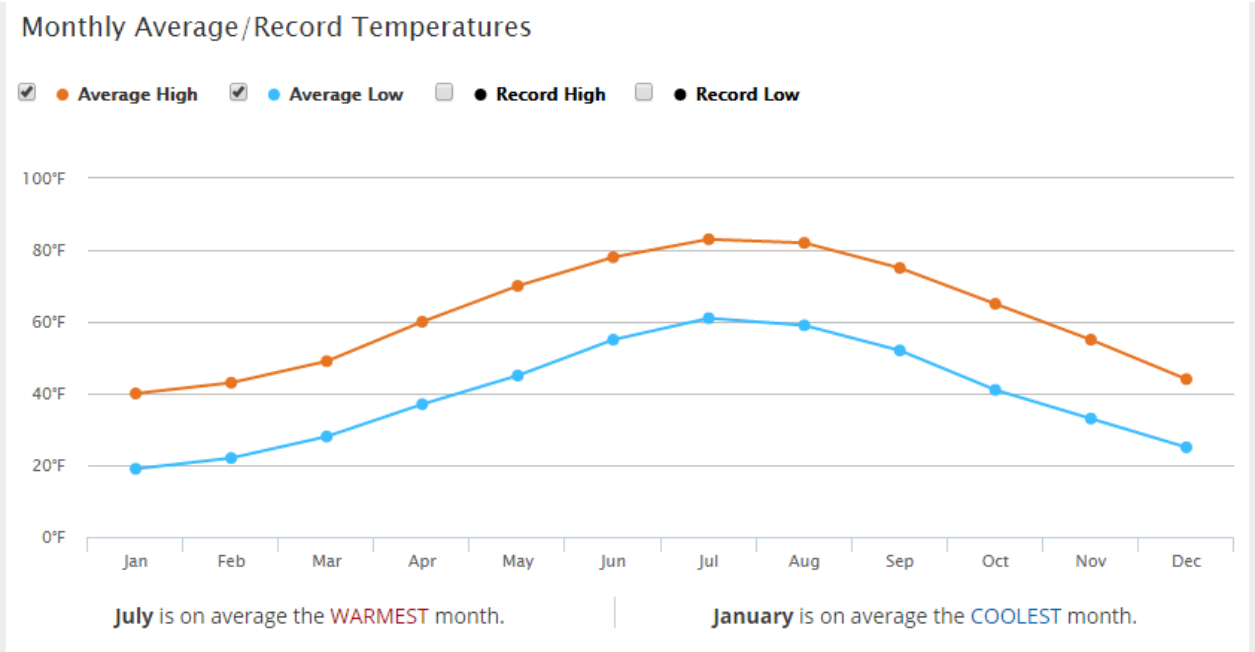
If you have space in your luggage and want to bring your own sheets you can, but it is easiest to order a set online and have them shipped to you via the Union Express mailroom (*refer to section on Mail*). We will also organize a shopping excursion during our Orientation Week, to stores where you can purchase basic needs like linens and toiletries.

# 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:
- Form I-20
- 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 **ON**CAMPUS 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 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 (*where XXXX is your assigned room number*)
Kingston, RI 02881

You may choose to have items shipped to your room up to two weeks before the start of the Spring term. When a package arrives for you, you will receive an email from Mail Services 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 / Mementoes**

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.

# Things you should not bring with you

## 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 croc 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, 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 **ON**CAMPUS 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 a number of car services, shuttles, and buses to take from T.F. Green to campus. As soon as you inform us of your filght information, we can help you make arrangements.

If there are no flights from your departure city to Providence, the next closet 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 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

# Additional Information

**U.S. Bank Accounts**

The Rhode Island Credit Union has a bank branch right on campus in the Memorial Student Union. In addition, there are other banks in the area, including Citizens Bank and Bank of America.

**Sales Tax**

- RI sales tax is 7 % on most purchases.
- There is no sales tax on clothing (articles less than $175) or groceries.

**Tipping**

- In the United States, you should leave a 15-20% tip for service in a restaurant. A 15% tip indicates acceptable service, and a 20% tip indicates good service. Servers generally earn less than minimum wage and depend on tips for their income.
- If you buy your food at a counter (e.g. at a fast-food restaurant or a café), you do not have to leave a tip. You might
- see a tip jar where you can leave some coins for excellent service, but it is not required.
- For other services – such as taxi service or hair styling – 15% tip is about average.
- When you are travelling, a standard tip for the person helping you with your luggage is $1 a bag, and the standard for housekeeping is $3-$5 and more for longer stays.

**Worship and Pastoral Care**

The URI Chaplains Association is a group of religious professionals at the University of Rhode Island, who, in addition to serving their own faith communities, work together to foster dialogue, understanding and respect among people of different faiths and traditions. The URI Chaplains Association can be contacted by phone at 401-874-2740. This website provides a complete listing of local places of worship and their locations

# Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs

**Cigarettes**

The University of Rhode Island is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not permitted in any building or on the college grounds. Smoking of "tobacco" is prohibiting 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 21 years old to buy cigarettes in Rhode Island. You will be asked to show proper identification (an ID) to prove that you are 21 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 is train and bus service 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.

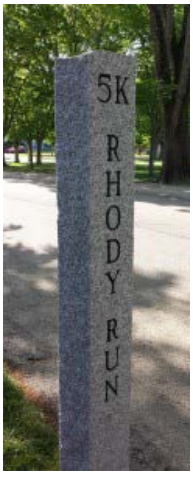
If you wish to obtain a Rhode Island driver's license, please visit the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles for information. You will need to take your passport, visa documents and a letter from the Office of International Student Services to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You can request 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 counts with 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. In the winter you may even see a student on cross-country skis or snow shoes! There are many ways to get around.




The campus even has it's 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 should purchase the Campus Premiere Meal Plan when they complete the Housing & Dining Application Form so that they are able to get meals when the dining halls are closed.

**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, 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. Ram Account, Cash and Credit!

**Rhody Market** is located in Hope Commons. Whether you are looking for to-go selections or choose to "Gather, Relax, and Enjoy", Rhody Market makes it happen. Common Grounds offers upscale pastries and desserts matched with popular latte and espresso beverages. Upper Crust with its brick oven, is our designer pizza station also featuring calzones, chicken fingers, and hot grinders. Customers linger in the fireplace lounge to converse, watch television, play games, or study. Ram Account, Cash, and Credit Cards!

There is no need go shopping off-campus or to have family send products from home. Fresh fruits, salads, sandwiches, bakery items, a full organics line, locally sourced foods, frozen entrees, too many snacks to list and beverages of all kinds. We even carry cleaning and office supplies! A candy-by-the-pound bar, magazines… fun stuff too. Well, you get the idea. Come in and browse because we are always adding new things and we want your suggestions. Ram Account, Cash and Credit Cards!

The Kingston Emporuim is located just north of campus, in easy walking distance. The Emporium is a small strip mall featuring restaurants, shops, spa services, and a CVS. **The Rhode House** is a popular campus pub 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. 125 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852

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

- Warwick Mall
- Providence Place
- Wrentham Village Premium Outlets

# Health

**Health Insurance**

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

- Valid from January 1, 2017 – August 14, 2017
- Comprehensive coverage, including preventive, illness, and accident.
- Cost is approximately $1,269 and will be billed through your **ON**CAMPUS Rhode Island invoice.

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

***COVERAGE DATES:***
***SPRING 2017***
***January 1 – May 31***
***SUMMER 2017***
***June 1 – August 15***

In addition, all students pay a Health Service fee of $510 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, Health Fairs
- URI Emergency Medical Services (URI EMS) Ambulance – 24/7/365

**Your health insurance policy**

Your health insurance is provided by UnitedHealthcare Student Resources. Detailed plan information can be found here.

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

**Health insurance card**

Once enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare 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 CSUMB insurance plan or depart after the expiry date, you are encouraged to purchase your own supplemental insurance for this uninsured period.

**Student Health Services**

The University of Rhode Island's Student 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 Pharmacsts, Laboratory, and X-Ray Technologists.
- as well as a 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 abut Student 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 **ON**CAMPUS 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 **ON**CAMPUS 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 entire stay. This will save you time and the complications of seeing a doctor.

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

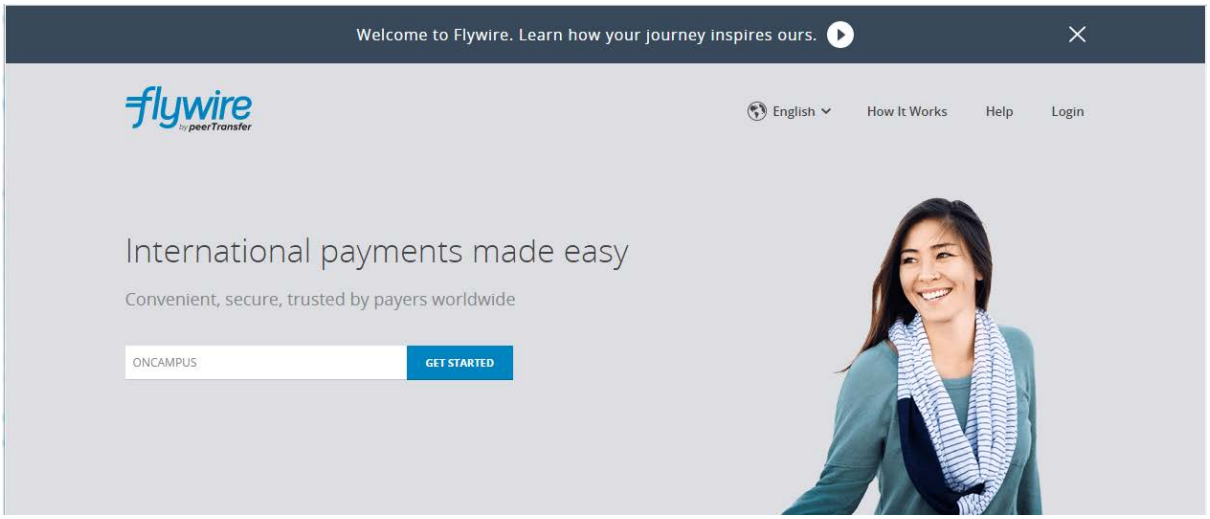
The immigration officer may take your fingerprints and ask you questions about your reasons for studying in the U.S.. It is important that you can answer these questions in detail. Make sure you have all of your academic and visa documents in your carry-on luggage if you are flying in to the U.S.; you 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 **ON**CAMPUS program must be paid before you arrive at **ON**CAMPUS 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 hours 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/oncampusus and follow the instructions. You will need your CEG Reference number.

# Dates to Remember

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| **January 2017** | |
| January 13-15 | Move In |
| January 16-20 | Orientation |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (URI ofices closed) |
| January 23 | Spring Semester begins (first day of classes) |
| **February 2017** | |
| February 20 | President's Day (no classes) |
| **March 2017** | |
| March 13-19 | Spring Break (no classes) |
| **May 2017** | |
| May 1 | Spring Semester ends (last day of classes) |
| May 2-3 | Reading day and class make-up |
| May 4-12 | Final Exam period |
| May 22 | Summer Semester begins (first day of classes) |
| May 29 | Memorial Day (no classes) |
| **July 2017** | |
| July 4 | Independence Day (no classes) |
| **August 2017** | |
| August 1-4 | Final Exam period |
| August 7-9 | English Proficiency testing |

# Checklist of Important Documents

**Documentation Due Dates**

**ON**CAMPUS Rhode Island Tuition Bill Payment - **December 23rd, 2016**

Health Services Packet - **January 4th, 2017** (please submit as early as possible)

University of Rhode Island On-Campus Housing & Dining Application Form - **January 4th, 2017** (please submit as early as possible to have preferred housing)

Arrival/ Transportation Information - **January 4th, 2017**

**Checklist of Important Documents to Bring with You**

1. Required for Customs at Airport – Bring in 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
☐ **ON**CAMPUS 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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