

# HOUSING, MEAL PLANS, HEALTH SERVICES, AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES



## Housing & Residential Life

Your **on-campus residence hall** is more than a place to sleep. It's a place to socialize, study, seek information, and create new friendships. It's your home away from home. At URI, we seek to provide you with housing that best meets your personal and academic needs—where you can feel a **community connection**. You'll have immediate access to experienced and knowledgeable live-in staff, including peer Resident Assistants, who can assist you after most offices on campus have closed for the day.

There are several recently renovated residence halls for freshmen with two housing styles—one style features a traditional corridor living arrangement with community bathrooms, and the other style features two-room suites with adjoining bathrooms. Ninety-five percent of our freshmen live on campus; we guarantee first-year students on-campus housing as long as we receive your deposit by **May 1, 2008**.

### Get Connected

*All undergraduate residence halls, suites, and apartments provide local phone service with voicemail, 94-channel cable TV, and 24-hour, 10 MB Internet connection.*

## We also offer Living/Learning

**Communities** for the College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS) majors, education majors, engineering majors, and our first-year students who have not yet declared a major—these communities provide the unique opportunity to develop study groups, interact with peers who share common academic interests, and **live and learn with classmates** who may some day be colleagues. Our housing application form encourages you to state your preferences—for a Living/Learning Community or even a roommate who has declared a major different than yours.

**Options for upperclassmen** vary, from recently opened housing to one of 17 fraternities or sororities, the International Engineering Program House, the Women in Science and Technology Program House, or privately owned **off-campus apartments**. For more information about your options or the housing application process, visit **housing.uri.edu**.

## Meal Plans



All students who live in University residence halls or suite-style apartments without kitchens are required to purchase a resident meal plan each semester. Prices are

subject to Board of Governor's approval. For a summary of resident board plan options and other services, as well as a detailed description of the Dining Contract, **visit [uri.edu/dining](http://uri.edu/dining)**.

**The Board Plan** allows for an unlimited number of meals per week for each semester. Students have access to all food and beverages in unlimited quantities at Butterfield Dining Hall and Mainfare at Hope Commons. This plan frees you from scheduling your meals or snacks around a weekly balance with the guarantee that meals are available until the last week of the semester. In addition to the standard board plan, you can choose from two unlimited meal board plans that include Dining Dollars.

**Dining Dollars** allow you to make purchases at Dining Services Retail Operations, including late night service, Freshen's, Starbucks, food courts, and convenience stores. Each Dining Dollar is worth one dollar in food value. Dollars remaining at the end of the fall semester are transferred and added to the spring semester, but may not be used as a substitute for a second semester meal plan. Dollars remaining at the end of the spring semester are not transferable, but you may adjust your Dining Dollars level up or down. Additional Dining Dollars may be purchased at any time by depositing funds into your Ram Account.

**The Ram Account** gives you the option of making purchases at Dining Services Retail Operations, as well as University retail shops, residence hall laundry and vending machines, and participating restaurants and retail locations at the nearby Kingston Emporium and neighboring towns. To see the more than 30 locations where the Ram Account is accepted, visit **[uri.edu/dining](http://uri.edu/dining)**. After opening a Ram Account online, simply present your University Student ID card at any location displaying the Ram Account logo.

Your account will be automatically debited for the purchase amount. With a Ram Account, you don't have to pay debit card bank fees or carry cash. Ram Account balances transfer from year to year until you graduate or withdraw from URI, at which time you can request a refund of the unused balance (less a \$50 service charge). Ram Accounts cannot be used for cash withdrawals.

**Apartment/Commuter Combo Plans** are designed for URI commuters or students living in campus apartments with kitchens. Each commuter has a combination of Ram Account dollars and meals to be used at any of our Dining Halls. There are no term limits on Apartment or Commuter Plans. Unused meals or Ram Account balances transfer from year to year until you graduate or withdraw from URI.



### Office of Information Services

On-campus personal computer labs, open seven days per week during the semester, offer programming languages and applications software to support educational and **research activities**, in addition to Internet services for email and the World Wide Web.

### Commuter Services

In addition to the meal plans and options available to resident students, commuters can choose from three additional meal plans. A detailed description and application form are available at [uri.edu/dining/ramacct.htm](http://uri.edu/dining/ramacct.htm). Other services for commuter students include a **lounge and study space** in the Memorial Union, an information and referral service, a car pool service, and a satellite health clinic.

### International Students and Scholars Office

Also known as the International Center, this office works to establish **friendship and understanding** among people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. The staff provides daily advisory services and programs for international students, faculty, and staff. Services include help with U.S. immigration documents; assistance with U.S. and foreign agencies, embassies, consulates, and sponsors; weekly cross-cultural programming for students, scholars, and their dependents; campus community events; and cooperation with student groups of various nationalities, such as the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, the Indian Students Association, the Korean Students Association, and the Taiwan Students Association.

### The Women's Center

The Women's Center on Upper College Road is a place where all University women—students, faculty, and staff—can go for education, support, referrals, and crisis intervention. As part of the University's Women in Science and Technology Program, the Center also provides housing for more than 30 science and technology majors.

### Health Services

Health Services is located in the Potter Building adjacent to the residence halls. Registered nurses are available by telephone to make appointments with physicians and nurse practitioners from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and most holidays. A Women's Clinic, licensed pharmacy, lab, and radiology services are available on site, and **specialty clinics** in internal medicine, surgery, orthopedics, dermatology, psychiatry, and gynecology are available by referral. Immunizations and allergy shots are available. Emergency Medical Services (URIEMS) provides 24-hour ambulance service. Emergency care is coordinated with local community facilities, including South County Hospital, which is less than 10 minutes from campus. All full-time students pay a Health Services Fee. In addition, you must either show proof of health insurance or purchase the Accident/Sickness Insurance coverage offered through Health Services. For more information, visit [health.uri.edu](http://health.uri.edu).

### Disability Services for Students

Disability Services for Students fosters an inclusive environment for all members of the University community through education, awareness, and accessibility. We strive for **student success** by recommending and coordinating reasonable accommodations in a variety of areas (exams, courses, housing, transportation). We encourage development through self-advocacy and personal decision-making. Additionally, we provide training and information to faculty and administration that upholds the inclusion of persons with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities are welcome to contact us at 401-874-2098 or visit [uri.edu/disability\\_services](http://uri.edu/disability_services).

### Counseling Services

The Counseling Center is staffed by professional counselors, psychologists, and social workers to provide short-term individual **counseling and support** groups. The staff also administers professional examinations such as the Miller Analogies Test, the Graduate Record Examination, the Law School Admissions Test, the Medical College Admissions Test, the National Teacher Examination, and the Graduate Management Admissions Test.

### Religious Services

University chaplains represent the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Episcopal, and Protestant communities. Local churches and houses of worship also offer services for a **variety of faiths**, including Buddhist and Muslim communities. Visit [uri.edu/chaplains](http://uri.edu/chaplains) for more details.

