



Getting Started

URI was recently cited by the Princeton Review as a “college with a conscience” because

of our many unique service-learning opportunities. As a first-year student, you’ll complete a community service project through your URI 101 freshman seminar.

The Academic Enhancement Center supports your academic achievement, whatever your major. The Center offers individual and group tutoring, study groups, a writing center, workshops, homework and study areas, and meeting space.

The Center for Students in Transition provides the information and resources you need to navigate URI as a freshman or transfer student. We’re here to help.

The General Education program, normally completed during your first few years is required of all undergraduates, and exposes you to courses in English communication, fine arts and literature, foreign languages and culture, mathematics, social science, and natural science. Because particular skills are essential to thoughtful engagement with the world, each General Education course must incorporate opportunities to practice three or more of the following: reading complex texts, writing and speaking effectively, examining human differences, analyzing quantitative and qualitative data, using information technology, and engaging in artistic activity.

URI 101: Traditions and Transformations is a one-credit course, required whether you’re an entering freshman or a new transfer student with less than 15 credits. URI 101 will teach you about University support services and help you explore academic majors and

career options. The Feinstein Enriching America Program is the service-learning component of URI 101 and emphasizes the value of community service and making a genuine contribution to society.

Where Do You Go After University College? Generally, by the end of your freshman or sophomore year, you’ll choose your major from one of URI’s degree-granting colleges. Each major has its own requirements in addition to the General Education requirements.



Educational Outcomes. Based on the combination of General Education requirements and major requirements, the University of Rhode Island expects that all programs will lead students to: think critically in order to solve problems and question the nature and sources of authority; use the methods and materials characteristic of each knowledge area with an understanding of the interconnectedness of the core areas; commit to intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning; maintain openness to new ideas and utilize the social skills necessary for both teamwork and leadership; think independently, be self-directed, make informed choices, and take initiative.

University College, the academic home for your first and second year, is one of the jewels of URI. As an advising college, University College provides academic support services, helps you choose a major, and enhances your academic experience along the way. Whether or not you’ve declared a major, you’ll meet with your academic advisor in University College and learn how to maximize your success.

You may complete an internship for academic credit, study abroad, or serve your community through our many service-learning opportunities. We’re also home to the Academic Enhancement Center, a free tutoring and study skills program that provides everything from one-on-one tutoring for a variety of courses, to writing consultants, and workshops on study strategies.

At University College, we welcome, we support, and we challenge students. We help you make the transition to college life and offer academic support services—all the way through to graduation. University College also coordinates study groups, career seminars, and much more. Visit www.uri.edu/univcol for more information.



Brian Burke participates in the URI Cares Homework Club with Eva Fisher, 9, a third grader at Peace Dale Elementary School. The University of Rhode Island is a major contributor of volunteers to SK CARES, a local advocacy group that provides literacy development, mentoring, and academic enrichment.