



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

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PARTNER CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET – AY 2017/18

BILATERAL EXCHANGES AND VISITING STUDENTS

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Emergency Contact

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During Welcome Week	Students will be provided number prior to arrival via e-mail.

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Contact for International Students Arriving at URI

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Immigration Services

<p>Immigration Services: J-1 Visas</p>	<p>Melissa de Jesus, Immigration Specialist Office of International Students & Scholars Email: mdejesus@uri.edu University of Rhode Island 37 Lower College Road Kingston, RI 02881 USA Tel: 401-874-2543 Fax: 401-874-2402</p>
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Introduction to University of Rhode Island

About the University	<p>The University of Rhode Island (URI), chartered in 1888, began as the state agricultural school. Today, a land and sea-grant public university, URI has grown into a major research institution offering over 80 undergraduate majors. Fields of particular strength at URI include marine affairs, business and engineering.</p> <p>URI's main campus is located on a beautiful 1,200-acre rural property in the historic village of Kingston, RI (pop. 23,000) in the southern part of the "Ocean State". The local area is rich in colonial history and the village of Kingston itself is a national historic monument. The spacious campus includes a quadrangle of handsome old granite buildings surrounded by modern academic buildings and residence halls.</p> <p>URI is just 16 kilometers from the Atlantic ocean and the scenic beaches which are ideal for swimming, sailing and surfing. The location also allows easy access to Providence (25 km), Boston (121 km) and New York City (257 km), which are all easily accessible by train and bus. Excellent ski resorts in New Hampshire and Vermont are just a few hours by bus.</p> <p>For details and interactive maps of the URI campuses, visit: http://web.uri.edu/about/campuses/</p>
Climate and Environs	<p>The weather in Rhode Island is generally warm and sunny during the summer months, with temperatures ranging from 24-32 degrees Celsius. The weather is cold and gray during the winter months and often brings snow with it. The spring and autumn months are generally pleasant.</p>
Public Transportation	<p>Air: The closest domestic airport is T.F. Green Airport (Providence) just 20 km away. The closest international airport is Logan Airport (Boston), which is easily accessible by train.</p> <p>Train: The Kingston Station is 2 km from campus. The Kingston Station is located along the Amtrak rail service between New York City and Boston.</p> <p>Bus:RIPTA Public buses stop at URI regularly throughout the day.</p>

Admissions

Application Deadlines	March 1 for fall semester (September – December) and full academic year (September – May); October 1 for spring semester (January – May)
Application Web Link Application of bilateral exchange students only. Dual degree students should contact their international office regarding additional application processes and deadlines.	http://web.uri.edu/international/incoming-international/
GPA Requirement	2.5/4.0 scale
Language Requirement(s)	<p>If English is not your primary language, you are required to submit the official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), the ELPT (English Language Placement Test), or the Pearson Test of English.</p> <p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL: iBT score 79 • IELTS: 6.5 • Pearson Test: 53 • Cambridge English; Advanced; 176-184 • Eiken Test of English: Completion of level Pre-1
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of International Education Exchange Student Application • Official transcripts/grade reports • Letter of recommendation • Personal statement • English Language scores (when applicable) • Copy of biographical page of passport • Certificate of Financial Responsibility
Medical Information International students have the opportunity to finalize insurance waivers and immunization record submission during the Welcome Week orientation.	<p>Health Insurance: Students must purchase URI's health insurance plan unless they provide proof of comparable coverage by completing the URI Health Insurance Waiver Form. For information visit: http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance/ and http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance-waiver/</p> <p>Rhode Island state law requires that all students provide documentation of immunity to certain diseases. Documentation must be provided prior to the start of class. For information visit: web.uri.edu/healthservices/immunizations/</p>

Immigration Details

Website for URI immigration services	web.uri.edu/iss/
<p>All visiting and exchange students, scholars, researchers and professors from partner institutions are brought in with a J-1 visa.</p> <p>Generating a DS-2019 requires a copy of the applicant's passport page, admission letter (students), letter of invitation, proof of funding, official DS-2019 request from the sponsoring department.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MANDATORY ORIENTATION for new students, scholars and professors • NEW ARRIVALS must report to the Office of International Students and Scholars with their passport and DS-2019 form as soon as they arrive on campus. • ALL ARRIVALS: Failure to report to the Office of International Students and Scholars is considered a violation of the visa status by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Estimated Costs for one Semester – All fees subject to change

<p>Tuition is waived if and when a URI student is, or will be, scheduled to attend the partner school via a bilateral exchange agreement.</p> <p>Resident tuition and fees (2016-2017): \$6,792</p> <p>*Prorated "fall only" Accident/Sickness rate is available. Students should contact the Office of International Education for more information.</p> <p>**The amount reflected for lab or clinical fee will be higher if more than one course (1/\$55; 2/\$110; 3/\$165).</p> <p>All fees listed are for one semester of study and subject to change.</p> <p>Visiting/Fee Paying student should contact the Office of International Education for tuition and fee rates.</p>	Tuition and Fees (approved bilateral exchange students only)	waived
	Room & Board (per term)	\$6,348
	Transcript fee (one-time only)	\$ 45
	Accident/Sickness Insurance fee (academic year) or	\$1,899
	Accident/Sickness Insurance fee (spring only)*	\$ 1,269
	Course fee	\$ 55**
	Communication fee	\$ 128
	Technology fee	\$ 72
	Books (per term)	\$ 500
	Other personal expenses (varies by student)	\$1,500

Academic Calendar*

	Fall Semester – Dates 2017	Spring Semester – Dates 2018
Orientation	August 30 – September 5	Jan. 17 – Jan.21 (approx.)
Beginning of Classes	September 6	Jan. 22
Spring Break (no classes)	N/A	Mar. 12-18
End of Classes	Dec. 11	April 30
Exam Period	Dec. 13-21 or 22	May 3-4, 7-11

*Exchange/Visiting students are required to arrive several days prior to the start of classes for Welcome Week events. Final dates provided after formal admission.

URI Academic Calendars: <http://web.uri.edu/enrollment/academic-calendars/>

Academics

URI Academic Units	College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education & Professional Studies, College of Engineering, College of Environment & Life Sciences, College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, Graduate School of Oceanography
Academic Fields Restricted to Visiting International Students	<p>In general, none.</p> <p>Some limitations and restrictions may apply when accessing upper-level professional programs in the Nursing, Education, Pharmacy and Engineering Colleges. Supply Chain Management courses are restricted.</p> <p>Questions related to course/academic program availability can be directed to the Office of International Education staff.</p>
<p>Course Registration Procedures</p> <p>Exchange students live on the Kingston (main) campus. When enrolling in courses, students should be mindful of where courses are being offered. Enrollment in courses at the Providence and Bay campuses is possible, but require additional transportation considerations and planning.</p>	<p>Visiting exchange students usually register for fall classes in March/April and for spring classes in early October through a URI student registration system called e-Campus. Students may access the e-Campus system by going to the e-Campus webpage (web.uri.edu/ecampus/). The Office of International Education will provide each student with a URI Student Identification Number and notify the student when it is possible to proceed with account activation and course registration.</p>
Average Course Load	<p>12-15 credits (typically 4-5 courses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum course load is 18 credits (typically 6 courses)
Coursework is Documented in the Following Manner	<p>Visiting students are issued an official URI transcript. Students can request an official transcript to be sent to their home institution through the e-Campus online system. <u>All students</u> are charged a one-time transcript fee of \$45 at the beginning of their URI studies for this service. Unlimited copies are provided once the fee is paid.</p>
Web link to Classes Listings	http://web.uri.edu/catalog/
Web link to Grading System	web.uri.edu/catalog/grades/
Credits equivalencies for institutions using the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	<p>One URI 3-credit course is generally considered equivalent to 6 ECTS credits</p> <p>30 ECTS = five 3-credit URI courses</p> <p>Full time status at URI: 12 credits</p>

Housing

<p>Type of Student Housing</p> <p>Exchange students requesting on campus housing on their Bilateral Exchange application have their housing arranged by the Office of International Education. They do not need to complete the URI Housing & Residential Life on-line application. Housing assignments are typically provided approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the start of orientation.</p>	<p>Dormitory housing on-campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All undergraduate exchange students are guaranteed on-campus housing. On campus housing reserved through the Office of International Education. All students are typically assigned to double-room occupancy. Special requests or preferences will be honored only with documented proof of special needs or disability. <p>For more information, go to: housing.uri.edu/</p>
<p>On-campus accommodation w. Meal Plan – International Engineering Program (IEP) Exchange Students</p>	<p>\$6,348 per term - Average estimated costs for room and meals</p> <p>IEP/TI Housing information and rates for students studying at URI through an IEP bilateral exchange agreement: http://web.uri.edu/iep/living-learning-community/</p>
<p>Quick Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One set of linens, blankets and towels are provided All students have communal bathrooms Laundry facilities are available in all dormitories All students on-campus must purchase a meal plan. Some dormitories have limited kitchen facilities for student use. All rooms offer communications service

Important Websites & Social Activities

<p>Student Support services</p>	<p>web.uri.edu/international/ web.uri.edu/student-affairs/ web.uri.edu/catalog/student-life/</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>housing.uri.edu/</p>
<p>Library</p>	<p>web.uri.edu/library/</p>
<p>Sports Facilities</p>	<p>web.uri.edu/campusrec/</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>URI provides an on-campus shuttle service free of charge to URI students.</p> <p>RIPTA, the public bus system, provides transportation between campus and to a variety of destinations including T.F. Green Airport (Providence), the beaches, Providence, Newport and more. Information can be found at: www.ripta.com/</p> <p>AMTRAK is the public train system. The Kingston station, located a short walking distance from campus, provides service running north to Boston and south to New York City and Washington, DC. More information can be found at: www.amtrak.com/</p>
<p>Careers</p>	<p>web.uri.edu/career/student/</p>
<p>Peer Ambassador Program</p>	<p>The Office of International Education does coordinate a Peer Ambassador (PA) program to assist incoming international students with their transition to the U.S. and campus life. PA's are current URI students. More information on how to become involved is provided after admission.</p>