



**BI-LATERAL EXCHANGES & VISITING STUDENTS**  
**PARTNER FACT SHEET – 2019-2020**

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## Introduction to The University of Rhode Island

<p>About the University</p>	<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 to over 14,600 enrolled undergraduate students.</p> <p><a href="https://web.uri.edu/admission/quick-facts/">https://web.uri.edu/admission/quick-facts/</a></p> <p>Fields of particular strength at URI include marine affairs, business, and engineering.</p> <p><b>Campus Facts &amp; Figures:</b> URI's main campus -Kingston Campus- is located on a beautiful 1,200-acre rural property in the historic village of Kingston, Rhode Island (pop. 23,000) in the southern part of the "Ocean State". The spacious campus includes a quadrangle of handsome old granite buildings surrounded by modern academic buildings and residence halls. The local area is rich in colonial history and the village of Kingston itself is a national historic monument.</p> <p>For details and interactive maps of the URI campuses, visit: <a href="http://web.uri.edu/about/campuses/">http://web.uri.edu/about/campuses/</a></p> <p><b>Surrounding Area and Beyond:</b> URI is just 16 kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean and scenic beaches, which are ideal for swimming, sailing, and surfing.</p> <p>The location also allows easy access by train / bus to various destinations across the north-eastern United States, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providence (25 km)</li> <li>- Boston (121 km)</li> <li>- New York City (257 km)</li> </ul>
<p>Climate and Environs</p>	<p>The weather in Rhode Island is generally unpredictable – It is warm and sunny during the summer months, with temperatures ranging from 24-32 degrees Celsius.</p> <p>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>
<p>Public Transportation</p> <p>Plane: <a href="http://www.pvdairport.com/">http://www.pvdairport.com/</a></p> <p>Train: <a href="http://www.amtrak.com/">www.amtrak.com/</a></p> <p>Bus: <a href="http://www.ripta.com/">www.ripta.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Air:</b> 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><b>Train:</b> 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><b>Bus:</b> RIPTA, the public bus system, stops at URI regularly throughout the day and connects the campus to a variety of destinations; including T.F. Green Airport, local beaches, Providence, Newport, and more.</p>

## Admissions

<p><b>Application Deadlines</b></p> <p>Note: Established application deadlines are set (in part) as a result of the University's early course registration timetables. To try and ensure optimal course enrollments, our Office coordinates priority registration timeslots for exchange participants.</p>	<p><b>MARCH 1<sup>st</sup></b>      Fall Semester start (September – December) Academic Year (September – May)</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup></b>      Spring Semester start (January – May)</p>
<p><b>Application Web Link</b></p> <p>Note: Application is for bi-lateral exchange undergraduate student applicants only.</p>	<p><a href="http://web.uri.edu/international/incoming-international/">http://web.uri.edu/international/incoming-international/</a></p> <p>*Dual Degree students should be advised to contact their international office regarding additional application processes and deadlines.</p>
<p><b>GPA Requirement</b></p>	<p>2.5/4.0 scale</p>
<p><b>Language Requirement(s)</b></p> <p>Note: Applicants who have attended a secondary school or post-secondary school where the language of instruction is English may be exempt from submitting an English proficiency examination depending upon their English grades (AP, IB, O level, A-level, GCSE, American Curriculum) and their Critical Reading and Writing SAT and/or ACT scores (if submitted). Contact the OIE Staff for details.</p>	<p>If English is not student's primary language, student is required to submit the official test results of one of the following:</p> <p>TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) IELTS (International English Language Testing System) ELPT (English Language Placement Test) Pearson Test of English DET (Duolingo English Test)</p> <p><u>Minimum Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL: iBT score 79</li> <li>• IELTS: 6.5</li> <li>• Pearson Test: 53</li> <li>• Cambridge English; Advanced; 176-184</li> <li>• Eiken Test of English: Completion of level Pre-1</li> <li>• Duolingo English Test (DET): 61</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application Requirements</b></p> <p>Important: applications cannot be considered 'complete' until <i>all</i> required documents have been received by the URI Office of International Education in original format.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of International Education Bi-Lateral Exchange Student Application</li> <li>• Official transcripts/grade reports</li> <li>• Certificate of Financial Responsibility</li> <li>• English Language scores (when applicable)</li> <li>• Copy of passport (biographical page)</li> <li>• Letter of recommendation</li> <li>• Personal statement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medical Information</b></p> <p>- Health Insurance Guidelines - Immunization Forms</p> <p>Note: International students have the opportunity to finalize insurance waivers and immunization record submissions during Welcome Week Orientation.</p>	<p><b>Health Insurance:</b> Students must purchase URI's health insurance plan, unless they provide proof of comparable coverage by completing the URI Health Insurance Waiver Form.</p> <p>For information visit: <a href="http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance/">http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance/</a> and <a href="http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance-waiver/">http://health.uri.edu/health-insurance-waiver/</a></p> <p><b>Immunizations:</b> 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.</p> <p>For information visit: <a href="http://web.uri.edu/healthservices/immunizations/">web.uri.edu/healthservices/immunizations/</a></p>

## Immigration Details

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

## Estimated Costs for one Semester – (All fees subject to change)

<p>Tuition &amp; Fees reflect 2018-2019 prices.</p> <p><b>Tuition is waived if and when</b> a URI student is, or will be, scheduled to attend the partner school via a <b>bi-lateral exchange agreement</b>.</p> <p>Visiting/Fee Paying student should contact the Office of International Education for tuition &amp; fee rates.</p> <p>^ <u>Transcript fee</u> relates to an unlimited quantity of paper-format official transcript records. Extra fee exists for electronic official transcript records.</p> <p>- Tier 1 Course Fee: 1/\$25; 2/\$50; 3/\$75          - Tier 2 Course Fee: 1/\$55; 2/\$110; 3/\$165          - Tier 3 Course Fee: 1/\$75; 2/\$150; 3/\$225</p> <p><b>*All fees listed are for one semester of study and are subject to change without notice.</b></p>	<b>1. Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	waived
	(for approved bi-lateral exchange students only)	
	<b>2. Room &amp; Board: (avg. per term)</b>	\$ 6,700
	Standard On-Campus Housing Accommodations	\$ 3,925
	Standard Meal Plan	\$ 2,250
	Alternative On-Campus Accommodations may also be available within the Int'l Engineering Program (IEP) - please inquire directly.	
	<b>3. URI-Mandated Health Insurance Fee:</b>	
	(academic year) Accident/Sickness Insurance fee	\$ 2,223
	(fall only) Accident/Sickness Insurance fee	\$ 753
	(spring only) Accident/Sickness Insurance fee	\$ 1,485
	<b>4. Various Applicable Fees:</b>	
	Transcript fee^ (one-time only)	\$ 50
	Communication fee	\$ 128
	Course fees Tier 1 – Tier 2 – Tier 3 (when applicable): Course fees apply for each course that has an associated fee listed.	\$ 25 \$ 55 \$ 75
<b>Other Anticipated Costs</b>		
Books (per term)	\$ 500	
Other personal expenses (varies by student)	\$1,600	

Welcome Week Orientation	Estimated Expenses
Early Move-In Housing Costs (HRL)	\$13.25 / per night
Orientation Fee	TBD
Meals & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$40 - \$50 (approximate)

## Academic Calendar

	Fall Semester – Dates 2019	Spring Semester – Dates 2020
Orientation *	August 29 – September 4 (approx.)	Jan. 16 – Jan. 20 (approx.)
Beginning of Classes	September 4	Jan. 22
Spring Break (no classes)	N/A	Mar. 9-15
End of Classes	Dec. 10	April 28
Exam Period	Dec. 12 to Dec. 20	April 30 – May 8
URI Academic Calendars: <a href="http://web.uri.edu/enrollment/academic-calendars/">http://web.uri.edu/enrollment/academic-calendars/</a>		
*Exchange/Visiting students are required to arrive several days prior to the official start of classes for <u>mandatory</u> Welcome Week Orientation events. Final dates will be provided after formal admission.		

## 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, University College for Academic Success, and Graduate School of Oceanography
Academic Fields Restricted to Visiting International Students	<p>Supply Chain Management courses are restricted.</p> <p>Some limitations and restrictions may apply when accessing upper-level professional programs in the Nursing, Education, Pharmacy and Engineering Colleges.</p> <p>Access to <u>Graduate-Level</u> courses are not guaranteed and evaluated on an individual case-by-case basis.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student Registration System: e-Campus</li> <li>- Student Identification Number</li> <li>- Campus considerations</li> </ul>	<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 '<b>e-Campus</b>.' Students may access the e-Campus system by going to the e-Campus webpage (<a href="http://web.uri.edu/ecampus/">web.uri.edu/ecampus/</a>).</p> <p>The Office of International Education will provide each student with a URI Student Identification Number (within admission letter) and notify the student when it is possible to proceed with account activation and course registration.</p> <p><u>Important Considerations:</u> Exchange students live on the Kingston (main) Campus. When enrolling in courses, students should be mindful of <i>which</i> URI campus each course is being offered at before enrollment.</p> <p>Enrollment in courses at the <u>Providence Campus</u> &amp; <u>Narragansett Bay Campus</u> are possible, but require additional transportation, and special considerations and planning.</p>

Average Course Load (US Credits)	12-15 credits (typically 4-5 courses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum course load is 18 credits – Undergraduate Exchange</li> <li>• Minimum course load is 12 credits – Undergraduate Exchange</li> </ul>
Coursework is Documented via an official URI transcript in the Following Manner	Visiting students are issued an official URI transcript. Students must 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 \$50 at the beginning of their URI studies for this service. Unlimited copies are provided once the fee is paid. Additional fees apply for electronic transcripts records.
Web link to Course Listings	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/catalog/the-basics/">http://web.uri.edu/catalog/the-basics/</a>
Web link to Grading System	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/catalog/grades/">web.uri.edu/catalog/grades/</a>
Credit equivalencies for institutions using the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	One URI 3-credit course is generally considered equivalent to 6 ECTS credits. 30 ECTS = five 3-credit URI courses Undergraduate full-time status at URI = 12 credits (minimum)

## Housing & Meal Plans

Type of Student Housing Exchange students requesting on-campus housing on their Bi-lateral Exchange Application: <b>Option # 1:</b> Standard on-campus housing arranged by the Office of International Education. <b>Option #2:</b> Int'l Engineering Program (IEP) housing is arranged directly between student and IEP Department.  *(Fees subject to change)	Dormitory housing on-campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All undergraduate exchange students are guaranteed on-campus housing.</li> <li>• Standard on-campus housing is reserved through the Office of International Education.</li> <li>• All students are typically assigned to double-room occupancy.</li> <li>• Special requests or preferences will be honored only with documented proof of special needs or disability.</li> <li>• Winter Break Housing Fee: \$15.00/per day *</li> </ul> For more information, go to: <a href="http://housing.uri.edu/">housing.uri.edu/</a>
On-Campus Accommodation & Meal Plan	\$6,700 per term - Average estimated costs for room and meals
URI Dining Services Website (Meal Plans)	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/dining/compare-and-purchase-a-meal-plan/">http://web.uri.edu/dining/compare-and-purchase-a-meal-plan/</a>
International Engineering Program (IEP) Exchange Students	IEP/TI Housing information and rates for students studying at URI through an IEP bi-lateral exchange agreement: <a href="http://web.uri.edu/iep/living-learning-community/">http://web.uri.edu/iep/living-learning-community/</a>
Quick Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One set of linens, blankets and towels provided</li> <li>• All students have communal bathrooms</li> <li>• Laundry facilities are available in all dormitories</li> <li>• All students on-campus must purchase a meal plan. Some dormitories have limited kitchen facilities for student use.</li> <li>• All rooms offer communications service</li> </ul>

## Important Websites & Social Activities

Student Support services	<a href="https://web.uri.edu/iss/office-of-international-students-and-scholars/">https://web.uri.edu/iss/office-of-international-students-and-scholars/</a> <a href="http://web.uri.edu/student-affairs/">web.uri.edu/student-affairs/</a> <a href="http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/involvement/">http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/involvement/</a> <a href="http://web.uri.edu/studentinvolvement/traditions/">http://web.uri.edu/studentinvolvement/traditions/</a> <a href="http://web.uri.edu/catalog/student-life/">web.uri.edu/catalog/student-life/</a>
Health & Safety	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/health-and-safety/">http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/health-and-safety/</a>
Accommodation	<a href="http://housing.uri.edu/">housing.uri.edu/</a>
Billing & Payments	<a href="https://web.uri.edu/enrollment/billing-and-payments/">https://web.uri.edu/enrollment/billing-and-payments/</a>
Library	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/library/">web.uri.edu/library/</a>
Sports Facilities	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/campusrec/">web.uri.edu/campusrec/</a>
Transportation	<p>URI provides an on-campus shuttle service free of charge to URI students.</p> <p><a href="http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/getting-around/">http://web.uri.edu/campus-life/getting-around/</a>  <a href="http://web.uri.edu/parking/kingcon/">http://web.uri.edu/parking/kingcon/</a></p>
Careers	<a href="http://web.uri.edu/career/student/">web.uri.edu/career/student/</a>
Peer Ambassador Program	<p>The Office of International Education coordinates a Peer Ambassador (PA) peer-to-peer student 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>