

STUDENT LIFE AND SERVICES

An enriching college life includes a well-balanced mix of academic and extracurricular activities. The University offers a unique blend of student organizations and activities with an emphasis on student-run services and businesses.



While much of the information provided here applies primarily to students at the Kingston Campus, you can find more information on offerings at URI's Providence Campus by visiting uri.edu/prov, by visiting Room 125 at the Providence Campus, or by referring to "Feinstein Providence Campus" in the index of this catalog.

Undergraduate Orientation

Orientation programs that facilitate new students' entry into the campus community are administered by University College. New students are charged a fee to cover expenses associated with participation in orientation such as room, meals, and materials.

New Student Orientation. All new first-year undergraduate students attend a two-day orientation to plan their academic program, meet with an academic advisor

and register for first-term classes, learn about URI, and begin to acquire the skills essential for successful transition from high school and home to the University community. Admitted students begin receiving orientation registration materials in April.

Parents and family members of new students are invited to attend a specialized family orientation program, which coincides with New Student Orientation.

Transfer Orientation. This one-day program is designed to acquaint transfer students with some of the unique features and procedures of the University. Students meet with academic advisors and register for first-term classes.

Orientation for International Students. The Office of International Students and Scholars has implemented an orientation program and ongoing workshops to provide assistance in personal, academic, and

financial matters to our international community and their dependents. Through this venue, OISS contributes to the University of Rhode Island's commitment to a global perspective. Staff members are available to help students adjust to life at the University and in the United States. For more information, email issoff@etal.uri.edu.

Housing and Dining

Undergraduate Housing. Residence halls and boarding facilities are available to URI students during the regular academic year and during summer sessions. Some students prefer the option of living in a fraternity or sorority or off campus. On-campus housing for incoming transfer students is limited.

Residence Halls and Dining Centers. There are 22 residence halls, an undergraduate apartment complex, and multiple theme houses on campus offering a variety of living accommodations. Notices are forwarded to all residence hall students during the spring semester to inform them of the housing application procedure for the following year. After returning students have been assigned, first-year students who have paid their housing application fee by May 1 will be assigned to the designated first-year housing spaces. All other students will be assigned on a space-available basis. Assignments of incoming students are generally made in the order in which their housing deposits are received. Every effort is made to honor roommate requests. For rates and contracts, see "Housing Fees."

Applications for residence hall living and more information about housing options can be obtained from the Department of Housing and Residential Life, or from housing.uri.edu.

URI offers two large dining centers, a food court, two cafés, a late-night restaurant and lounge, concession stands, and a convenience store. We feature such popular brands as Starbucks, Ice Cream Machine, Upper Crust Pizza, and Astro's Burgers. The

University requires that all students living in non-apartment style residence halls choose from a selection of available resident meal plans. Detailed descriptions of meal plans, facilities, menus, and hours of operation are available at uri.edu/dining.

Each URI student also has the opportunity to obtain a Ram account, which is an optional debit card account accessed through the student's ID card. Students who participate in the program have the ability to purchase food and supplies from various on- and off-campus merchants. Unused dollars in the Ram Account transfer from semester to semester until graduation.

Fraternities and Sororities. The Greek community at the University of Rhode Island is comprised of 30 organizations, three undergraduate governing boards, and two alumni governing boards, which represent 17 men's groups (fraternities) and 13 women's groups (fraternities/sororities). The Coordinator of Greek Affairs in the Office of Student Life advises these groups. The more than 1,700 active members of fraternities and sororities account for approximately 14% of the total University undergraduate full-time day population.

The URI fraternity and sorority community utilizes its founding values in combating the national health crisis of alcohol abuse on college campuses. Fellowship, scholarship, leadership, community involvement and service have become the focal points for URI's Greek community. URI is a Northeast Greek Leadership Association award-winning campus, exemplifying what's best about Greek Life.

For more information about Greek Affairs, phone 401.874.2883 or visit uri.edu/greek.

Graduate Housing. Interested students should contact URI's Department of Housing and Residential Life for information, at 401.874.5390.

Off-Campus Housing. The Off-Campus/Commuter Housing Office is located in Room 316 of the Memorial Union and maintains an online database of rental property and roommate listings available to URI students, faculty, and staff. The Office is an

on-campus resource for landlord and tenant questions and also provides information on resources available to off-campus students.

There are approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students who commute from the surrounding neighborhoods daily to URI to attend classes, study in the library, and stay involved on campus. The most popular rental communities are in Narragansett, South Kingstown, and Kingston. A majority of the off-campus properties that students rent are beachfront properties that are available during the academic year, September through May. Students generally pay rents between \$400–600 per person per month to live in a furnished house. Supermarkets, laundromats, restaurants, shopping centers, and recreational facilities are nearby.

Commuter students receive RIPTA bus discounts and commuter meal plans. RIPTA bus discounts are available through the Memorial Union Information desk located on the 2nd floor. Commuter meal plan information is available by contacting the Campus Access Office in Memorial Union Room 216 or by visiting the Dining Services Web site at uri.edu/dining.

For more information about Off-Campus housing, phone 401.874.2828 or visit uri.edu/commuter_housing.

Student Government

Undergraduate. The *Student Senate* is a legislative body that represents the undergraduate students to the administration and faculty. It oversees student organizations and provides funding for them by distributing a portion of the Student Services fee. The Senate Office is located in the Memorial Union, phone: 401.874.2261. URI's Interfraternity Council supervises fraternity affairs, and the Panhellenic Association governs sorority life.

Graduate. The *Graduate Student Association* (GSA) is a government body maintained by and for the graduate students of the University with the purpose of enhancing the academic, intellectual, and social opportunities of its members. Officers and members of the GSA Senate, who are elected annually

from the entire graduate student body, distribute GSA funds to graduate students for conference attendance and thesis binding, organize social events, and serve as graduate student representatives on University-wide committees. GSA offices are located in Room 317 of the Memorial Union, phone: 401.874.2339, e-mail: gsa@etal.uri.edu, Web site uri.edu/gsa.

Student Conduct

Administered by the Office of Student Life, the University Student Conduct System is designed to promote student growth and to preserve the atmosphere of learning necessary to the well-being of all students. Community standards of behavior and University policies for students are published in the *Student Handbook* (uri.edu/judicial). The Student Conduct System receives complaints or allegations from aggrieved parties, the available facts are gathered and evaluated, and the case may be referred for formal administrative action or a hearing. Outcomes range from "no further action" to suspension or dismissal from the University and may include education, assessment, fines, or other conditions relating to the nature of the violation. For more information, phone 401.874.2098 or visit uri.edu/judicial.

Student Services

Academic Enhancement Center. Located on the 4th floor of Roosevelt Hall with the Writing Center, the AEC supports academic achievement for students in all majors.

The AEC's trained undergraduate and graduate staff offer interactive Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions for selected courses and one-to-one and small group tutoring in all academic areas (by appointment and on a walk-in basis). Students may seek AEC services for specific courses or assignments, or for general academic and organizational skills such as time management, effective listening, note taking, or test taking. The AEC also helps organize and facilitate study groups, and provides study group materials to students and faculty who wish to organize their own study groups. Workshops

on study skills and organizational skills are offered throughout the year, and by appointment to campus groups. Additionally, AEC staff work with faculty and staff to strengthen connections between classroom and lab learning and AEC services.

Up-to-date information on services available, office hours, tutor and teaching assistant schedules, tutor profiles, and special announcements are available on the AEC Web site, at uri.edu/aec. Students may make appointments online or by calling 401.874.2367.

Students in excellent academic standing at all levels are encouraged to apply for tutoring positions in the AEC. Applications are available at the AEC Web site and in the AEC office.

Career Services. Offering both “high tech” and “high touch” approaches, URI’s centralized Career Services Department at 228 Roosevelt Hall assists URI undergraduates, seniors, grad students, and alumni assess their career goals, develop job search and decision-making skills, and implement career objectives. From the first year on, Career Services helps students choose majors, explore options, and find direction through professional one-to-one personal assessment.

A full range of career development, planning, and job search services is provided to students from their first year at URI. A staff of professionally trained career advisors with advanced degrees in the field provide one-to-one confidential career assessment, career advising, and job search skill-building such as mock interviews with career staff and guest employers. In addition, Career Services offers students opportunities to meet with employers and organizations on-campus: staff maintains active relationships with over 2,000 employer contacts (including school systems and non-profit organizations) from all geographic locations.

Career Services offers a Web-based career management system exclusive to URI students and registered alumni. Through RhodyNet, accessible to students through their student IDs, users search available part-time and full-time opportunities, in-

cluding internships, and learn about career events. Providing “Oceans of Career Opportunity,” this secure, confidential system also allows users to apply and sign up for on-campus interviews; have their résumés forwarded to employers; and access URI career mentors.

During the academic year, students may use walk-in career advising services for résumé reviews and other immediate concerns.

Job and internship fairs and networking events are held in both fall and spring and are open to all. Specialty job fairs attract specific students and alumni. These include Summer and Internship Job Fairs, Engineering and Technology Job Fair, Accounting Night, Nursing Job Fair, International Career Day, Pharmacy Interview Day, and a Spring Career & Job Fair held at the Ryan Center.

URI Career Services also assists students whose goals include graduate or professional school. Career professionals review graduate school essays, assist in graduate school research, and advise concerning job search and interview techniques. Graduate Schools attend many of the career and job fairs.

The Career Resource Center at Career Services houses print and multimedia materials, including self-assessment tools, company and Chamber of Commerce information, and national directories not found elsewhere. Online workshops—including how to conduct a job search, how to write résumés and cover letters, and how to interview—are available 24/7.

For more information and hours, visit the Career Web site at career.uri.edu, call 401.874.2311, or email career@etal.uri.edu.

Chaplains. The University chaplains are active in providing religious services and in counseling, advising campus groups, teaching, and programming. The chaplains represent the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Orthodox Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim communities; referrals are available to representatives of other faiths. The chaplains work together to foster dialogue, understanding, and respect among peoples of different faiths and traditions. See uri.edu/chaplains.

Counseling. The Counseling Center, located in Room 217 of Roosevelt Hall, is staffed by professional counselors, psychologists, and social workers. The Center offers individual counseling and a variety of skill-building and support groups to help undergraduate and graduate students achieve their academic and life goals. The Counseling Center provides assistance to students in areas such as adjusting to college life, coping with stress, building satisfying relationships, planning for the future, and coping with depression, substance use, or other mental health challenges.

Counselors work closely, as appropriate, with other health care providers in Health Services. Additionally, some students contact the Counseling Center for help with concerns about a roommate or friend. Information shared in counseling is confidential. Center hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. with extended hours until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

To make an appointment, students may simply stop by the Counseling Center, or call and schedule a time to meet with a counselor. If you need help with an urgent matter, ask to speak to the counselor-on-call. Phone: 401.874.2288. Web site: uri.edu/coun.

Disability Services for Students. Staff in Disability Services work with students and all units of URI to foster a welcoming, accessible environment, support academic success and self-advocacy, and promote ADA compliance. We recognize disability as an issue of cultural diversity and promote education, awareness, and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities.

We accomplish this mission by:

- recommending and coordinating reasonable accommodations in a variety of domains (exam, course, program, housing, transportation),
- encouraging student development through self-advocacy and personal decision making,
- supporting a commitment to academic success and student retention,

- providing information to faculty and administrators that upholds the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Please visit our Web site at uri.edu/disability for more information about receiving accommodations, providing required documentation of disability, or general resource information. We are happy to discuss specific concerns in person, by phone, or by email. Our office is located at 330 Memorial Union, Kingston, RI 02881. For more information, phone 401.874.2098 (for TTY access call R.I. Relay at 800.745.5555), or email dss@etal.uri.edu.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Center.

The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Center at URI strives to create and maintain a welcoming, safe, supportive campus climate. The GLBT Center works closely with students, staff, faculty, and community members to provide exciting, meaningful activities and programs designed to enrich the lives of, and to promote equality for, people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions.

The GLBT Center is a great place to become involved and to make friends. For more information, please call 401.874.2894 or visit uri.edu/glb on the Web or Adams Hall (first floor south) in person.

Health Services. Located in the Potter Building, adjacent to the residence halls, Dr. Pauline B. Wood Health Services provides primary ambulatory care to students. Nurse practitioners and physicians see students by appointment Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the general medicine and women's clinics with laboratory, radiology, and pharmacy services available. Limited services are available on Saturdays, Sundays, and most holidays with physician and pharmacy coverage from noon to 4 p.m.

Specialists in surgery, internal medicine, dermatology, gynecology, and psychiatry hold regular clinics at the Potter Building. A travel/immunization clinic administers vaccines available from the pharmacy. Allergy injections are given, provided the

vaccines are supplied by the student. Care provided at Health Services is billed to insurance companies. Your mandatory health service fee covers all office visits not covered by insurance. Lab and X-ray charges not covered by insurance are the responsibility of the student. Co-payment for pharmacy is expected at the time of service.

Hospital care is available in the local community, as is referral to specialists. All medical expenses incurred outside the University's Health Services are the responsibility of the student. Therefore, students are required to have adequate accident/sickness or health insurance. Students who choose a private physician assume responsibility for expenses incurred. See "Accident/Sickness Insurance" for additional details or consult the Health Services brochure, "To Your Health."

Health educators provide a variety of services to promote and enhance personal health and well-being. Information on how to achieve a healthy lifestyle is provided through wellness clinics, outreach activities, awareness days, and dynamic peer education program workshops. A registered dietitian is available for nutrition education and counseling.

An emergency medical service (URI EMS) staffed by student volunteer EMTs responds to campus emergency medical calls 24 hours a day and transports patients to Health Services or the South County Hospital emergency room during the academic year.

Independent Students. Independent or nontraditional students make up over 10% of URI's undergraduate population. Any students over the age of 23 who are either returning to the University for a second degree or starting anew are eligible to benefit from the services provided at the Office of Student Life. The office is always on hand to lend individual support and ease an Independent Student's transition to college life. For more information on Independent Student Services, call 401.874.2101 or visit uri.edu/student_life.

International Students. The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) provides services for all internationals holding F and/or J nonimmigrant visa designations. We serve approximately 500 international visiting scholars, graduate and undergraduate students (degree and non-degree) and their dependents, from as many as 59 different nations. We are responsible for communicating and interpreting statutes, rules, and regulations that derive from the Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Department of Justice, and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Services). We also disseminate information pertinent to international visitors from the RI Division of Motor Vehicles, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Social Security Administration.

The staff at ISS is committed to providing valuable and comprehensive services to our international community. ISS also provides workshops and cross-cultural programming events for students, their dependents, and scholars. Our center serves as a cross-cultural meeting place, hosting social events and recreational trips. Our comfortable lounge is equipped with many amenities and is open to any URI student or URI student organization. We co-sponsor events with Civic Clubs, such as Rotary International Club, the Rhode Island Association of International Advisors, and New England Land Grant Colleges International Advisors.

For questions or inquiries, contact the International Center, at 37 Lower College Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Email: issoff@etal.uri.edu. Web site: uri.edu/iss.

Memorial Union. The center for campus activities, the Memorial Union houses a wide variety of educational, social, cultural, and recreational services and facilities for both undergraduate and graduate students. These include meeting and conference rooms, lounges, study rooms, radio station, campus newspaper offices, game room, offices for student organizations, scheduling and information office, a mailroom for students living on campus, ballroom,

optical shop, flower shop, convenience store, cafeteria, restaurant, pizza shop, and a coffee and pastry shop.

Among the services provided are a unisex hair salon, credit union, copy center, bookstore, computer store, computer lab, 193° Coffeehouse, and the Memorial Union Technical Productions (which offers technical services in sound and lighting).

An undergraduate student board of directors works with the director and staff of the Memorial Union/Student Involvement Office to determine policy for the Union and plan a full program of social, cultural, intellectual, and recreational activities.

Multicultural Center. Celebrating unity in diversity, the Multicultural Center invites all of its students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and other friends to join in its work of creating a community of learners within and beyond URI. The Center is a place dedicated to developing a supportive and inclusive campus culture across the boundaries of culture, identity, and discipline. It collaborates with others in providing a variety of programs, activities, and services that help diverse learners systematically explore the ways we culturally construct identity (who we are), knowledge (what we mean), power (how we assert influence), community (how we relate and belong to each other), and culture (how we make meaning).

Located in the heart of campus, the Multicultural Center maintains a mission and vision grounded in the values upon which the theory and practice of multiculturalism were founded: social justice; learning; and personal, social, and cultural development. The Center's focus in valuing diversity is promoted through annual events such as Diversity Week, providing innovative workshops facilitated and attended by faculty, staff, students, and the general community; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week, emphasizing the importance of non-violence principles and the history of forces of positive change within diverse communities; and Diversity Awards, recognizing the many initiatives of cultural competency by members of the URI community. Counseling, programming, and other services are

also provided by the staff of Multicultural Student Services. Phone: 401.874.2851. Web site: uri.edu/mcc.

Substance Abuse Prevention. The mission of the URI Office of Substance Abuse Prevention Services is to continually monitor, measure, and improve our approaches to increase safety and reduce risks for members of our university community. Whether working individually with students or providing population-wide programs, our primary goal is to empower students to make healthy choices while encouraging environments conducive to academic and social success.

Recognizing that not everyone who abuses alcohol or other drugs necessarily requires or desires treatment, Substance Abuse Prevention Services (SAPS) offers resource materials and information so that students can make educated choices. Using a harm-reduction approach, SAPS addresses the causes and consequences of student substance use. Seeking help does not necessarily mean that you are an alcoholic or drug addict. Frequently, students find a single consultation appointment to be beneficial to them in making better decisions regarding their own substance use. For more information about SAPS, phone 401.874.5073 or visit uri.edu/substance_abuse.

Talent Development. URI also offers the Talent Development Program, a program of special interest to many minority and disadvantaged students. Talent Development was started in 1968 to help young people who otherwise could not attend the University. "TD" provides a special opportunity for minorities and disadvantaged persons.

Talent Development at URI includes a spring Saturday PREP Program and Pre-Mat, an intense six-week academic summer experience on the Kingston campus, which many TD students mark as a turning point in their lives. Upon successful completion of the TD summer program, each student arrives in Kingston in September as a URI student and a member of Talent Development. TD provides students with special academic advising, financial aid

based on need, and a strong support community.

Any Rhode Island resident may apply for Talent Development. Specifically, the program looks for minority and/or disadvantaged students who, without TD and its support services, could not expect to be admitted to URI. Even those who finished high school a while ago, or have a GED, may still be eligible for Talent Development.

To find out more about Talent Development at URI or its application process, ask your guidance counselor, call 401.874.2901, or visit uri.edu/talent_development. You can read more about the program in "Admission Requirements."

Women Students. Women students make up more than half of URI's total student population. A Women's Center, administered by the Office of Student Life, provides the necessary resources to help create an environment rich in role models and free of sexual inequities. In addition, it coordinates lectures, programs, and activities of special interest to women. The Women's Center is located at 22 Upper College Road and includes a residential component for Women in Science and Technology and in Women's Leadership, a Violence Against Women Prevention Program, and the Rose Butler Browne Women of Color Mentoring Program. Phone: 401.874.2097. Web: uri.edu/women_center

Writing Center. Located in the heart of the Academic Enhancement Center on the 4th floor of Roosevelt Hall, the Writing Center provides free writing assistance to anyone in the university community. Tutors work with all writers, from all disciplines, on all projects, at all stages of the writing process—from brainstorming and understanding the assignment, to drafting and organizing, to revising and learning how to self-edit. Sessions may be one-to-one with an individual tutor, or in small groups working on the same assignment.

The Writing Center focuses on helping students build strategies and habits for effective writing in any situation. Tutorials are limited to 30 minutes per session, but writers are encouraged to return for more

visits at several points during each project. In addition to our sessions, other resources include homework and study tables, reference books, and computers for researching and composing.

Although appointments are encouraged, walk-in sessions are sometimes available. The Writing Center is open approximately 40 hours each week, with both day and evening hours. For more information, call the Writing Center at 401.874.2367, log on to the Web site at uri.edu/writingcenter, or stop by the Academic Enhancement Center on the 4th floor of Roosevelt Hall.

Most tutors have been trained either as writing instructors in the Writing and Rhetoric Program, or as peer tutors through a course in writing consultancy (WRT 353). Any undergraduate interested in becoming a Writing Center tutor should enroll in WRT 353.

Student Involvement

Social, recreational, and cultural arts programs are sponsored by many different offices and student organizations at the University. These events are funded by student fees, and opportunities abound for students to become involved in selecting and coordinating them. The Student Entertainment Committee sponsors an extensive series of social programs featuring concerts, local and regional musicians, other live entertainment, lectures, and films.

In addition to intercollegiate athletic teams, a number of organizations represent the University in competition, exhibitions, and public performances. The University Band, Chorus, and Orchestra are under music department direction, and students may receive credit for participation in any one of these. The University Theatre, under the direction of the Theatre Department, presents several plays each year. Cheerleaders are active at varsity football and basketball games and other special events and rallies.

Students publish a newspaper four times a week and a yearbook. Radio station WRIU, with local AM and FM reception that reaches all of Rhode Island and parts of Connecticut and Massachusetts, is student-

run and operates 365 days a year. There is also a 24-hour student-run ambulance service.

Over 120 student organizations exist in which students can get involved. Covering a wide range, these organizations may be social, political, academic, religious, or media-related; several represent special-interest groups. There are also about 30 professional organizations on campus related to academic areas. Thousands of students participate in the activities coordinated by these organizations. For information, students are directed to Room 210 in the Memorial Union.

Athletics and Recreational Services.

The Departments of Athletics and Recreational Services are committed to providing athletics and recreational opportunities to students, staff, and alumni. The departments seek to complement the University's academic goals by enhancing physical, emotional, and social well-being through leisure activities and lifetime involvement in sports.

The emphasis of the program is to provide opportunities that encourage the pursuit of lifetime activities, a sense of commitment and teamwork, and the development of personal character while maintaining an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among student athletes and department staff.

Men's intercollegiate teams participate in Division I-AA football and Division I baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Women's intercollegiate teams participate in Division I basketball, cross-country, rowing, soccer, softball, volleyball, indoor and outdoor track and field, swimming and diving, and tennis. In addition to membership in the Atlantic 10 Conference, the University holds membership in the Colonial Football Conference, NCAA, ECAC, and the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Competitive club sport teams include equestrian, field hockey, gymnastics, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, roller hockey, men's rowing, men's and women's rugby, sailing, skiing, men's swimming, ultimate Frisbee, men's

volleyball, and wrestling. The Intramural Sports Program also offers badminton, basketball, flag football, floor hockey, ice hockey, kickball, indoor soccer, softball, and volleyball throughout the year for all-male, all-female, and coed teams.

The 7,657-seat Ryan Center is the cornerstone of URI's athletic complex and serves as the home of Rhode Island men's and women's basketball teams. Located adjacent to Meade Stadium, the \$54 million facility gives Rhode Island one of the finest facilities in the nation. The 200,000-square foot arena combines the heart and spirit of venerable Keaney Gym with the amenities, services, and conveniences of a modern arena. The Bradford R. Boss Arena is one of only two ice facilities in the state that operate for the entire year and are open for public skating.

The University has a number of other facilities for athletics and recreation. Mackal Field House contains two fitness rooms complete with weight training and cardio equipment, a 200-meter track, and four basketball courts. Mackal also houses the athletics and recreational services departments' administrative offices.

The 5,810-seat Meade Stadium opened in 1928 and underwent major renovations in 1980. An additional 2,200 seats recently opened along the west sideline. Opened in 1953, 3,385-seat Keaney Gym is the site of Ram volleyball matches. Keaney Gym was the home of the men's and women's basketball teams for 49 seasons. Tootell Physical Education Complex offers an aquatic center with competitive and instructional programs; a varsity team weight room; a group exercise studio; and West Gym, available for basketball, volleyball, and badminton.

Bill Beck Field is the home of the URI baseball team. The playing surface has been upgraded and is one of the top baseball facilities in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Other athletic facilities at URI include a lighted soccer field, eight tennis courts, softball field, Arrigan Sailing Center, Campanella Rowing Center, two beach volleyball courts, and practice fields.

Center for Student Leadership Development. The Center for Student Leadership Development offers for-credit classes, internships/teaching assistant positions, workshops, conferences, and programs designed to enhance students' leadership skills. The credit classes count toward the academic minor in leadership. Other academic opportunities include individually designed internships, as well as tracks in Peer Leadership, Activism, Athletics, Fraternity and Sorority Leadership, and Emerging Leadership. Popular programs and conferences include the First-Year Leadership Institute, Outdoor Adventure Programs, and the FLITE course. The Center also manages URI's North Woods Challenge Course. In addition, leadership and group development consulting services are available. For more information, visit the Memorial Union, Room 210.

Honor Societies. The University has chapters of a number of national honor societies, invitation to which is recognition of scholarly accomplishment. Several societies recognize scholarship over a wide range of disciplines: Phi Beta Kappa, a national liberal arts honor society; Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for first-year students; the National Society for Collegiate Scholars, a national honor society for first- and second-year students; and Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key, national honor societies for general scholarship. More specialized honor societies include Alpha Sigma Lambda (continuing education), Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Beta Alpha Psi (accounting), Beta Gamma Sigma (business), Beta Phi Mu (Beta Iota chapter, library science), Chi Epsilon (civil engineering), Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering), Gamma Kappa Alpha (Italian), Iota Iota Iota (women's studies), Kappa Delta Pi (education), Kappa Omicron Nu (O Alpha Mu chapter, family and consumer studies), Lambda Pi Eta (Beta Gamma chapter, communication studies), Lambda Tau (medical technology), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership), Onyx (African-American scholarship), Order of Omega (fraternity/sorority), Phi Alpha Theta (history), Pi Kappa Lambda (Zeta Epsilon chapter, music), Phi

Lambda Sigma (pharmacy-peer recognition), Phi Sigma Iota (foreign languages, literature, and linguistics), Pi Delta Phi (French), Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics), Pi Sigma Alpha (Gamma Epsilon, political science), Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering), Psi Chi (psychology), Rho Chi (pharmacy), Sigma Alpha Pi (leadership and success), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish), Sigma Iota Epsilon, Sigma Lambda Alpha (landscape architecture), Sigma Pi Sigma (physics), Sigma Theta Tau (nursing), and Tau Beta Pi (engineering).

Office of Student Involvement and Experiential Learning. Staff members in the Office of Student Involvement and Experiential Learning create special programs and workshops that foster student involvement and offer academic opportunities outside the classroom. They advise student organizations in all areas of group dynamics, leadership, personal growth and development, and program planning. In addition, they coordinate Ram Tour weekend bus trips, the annual First Night/Welcome Week festivities for incoming students, and the annual A. Robert Rainville Student Leadership banquet.

Student-Run Businesses. The Memorial Union offers students a number of opportunities to run businesses under full-time supervision but with a large amount of independence. Enterprises such as the Memorial Union Technical Productions (sound and lighting) and the 193° Coffee House allow for management training and excellent work experience.

Feinstein Providence Campus

While all URI students have access to all that's available on the Kingston Campus, they also find a range of unique services at the campus in Providence, including a bookstore, library, Academic Skills Center, Office of Student Services, and Child Development Center. Please note: Providence is a non-residential campus. For more information on the range of opportunities at the Feinstein Providence Campus, call 401.277.5000 or visit uri.edu/prov.

Confidentiality of Records

Procedures for the release and disclosure of student records maintained by the University of Rhode Island are in large measure governed by state and federal laws. Where the law is silent, the University is guided by the principle that the privacy of an individual is of great importance and that as much information in a student's file as possible should be disclosed to the student on request. A current or former student has the right to inspect and review official records, files, and data directly related to that student. This right does not extend to applicants, those denied admission to the University, or those who were admitted but did not enroll. Some records are not available to students.

Third parties, including parents and spouses, do not have access to a student's education records or to personally identifiable information from those records without the written consent of the student who specifies that the records be released or unless specifically authorized by law. The law does allow the release of such information and records in a number of cases without the written consent of the student, including the following: (i) notification of parents or guardians of a student under 21 years of age about an alcohol or other drug violation; (ii) incidents involving certain crimes of violence; (iii) disclosures warranted by a health and safety emergency; (iv) disclosures to school officials, including contractors and outside parties, who have a legitimate educational interest as determined by the institution; (v) disclosures required by lawful subpoena, court order, or other legal process.

Detailed guidelines for the release and disclosure of information from the student records are available from the Office of Student Life. These guidelines comply with the legal requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.