Undergraduate Admissions

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is located in The Forman Center on the East Campus. Admissions officers are ready to assist any student who wants to earn a bachelor’s degree at the college.

Application deadlines are as follows:
- Freshmen: March 15 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)
- International students: May 1 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)
- PBA freshmen: June 1 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)
- Transfer: June 1 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)
- Second degree: June 1 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)
- Readmits: Aug. 1 (fall); Nov. 15 (spring)

For more information on undergraduate admissions, visit www.ric.edu/admissions or call 401-456-8234 or 1-800-669-5760.

Graduate Admissions

Persons who hold a bachelor’s degree and wish to take graduate-level courses may do so through admission to a graduate degree or certificate program or by registering for classes as a non-degree (not yet admitted into a graduate program) student. Non-degree students who plan to seek a graduate degree should apply for admission before completing three courses or nine credits of graduate work as no more than nine credits may be carried into a graduate degree program. For more information on graduate programs, admission requirements and deadlines, please visit www.ric.edu/academics/graduate.php or email graduatetestudies@ric.edu.

General Education

General Education consists of ten four-credit courses: a Core of three courses and seven Distribution courses. Note that General Education courses are designated in the Class Search listing (Under Class Detail: class attributes and description) and in the schedule overview.

Core Requirements:
The Core consists of three courses. These courses may be counted only for General Education credit. They are as follows:
- First Year Writing (FYW): Writing 100, taken in the first year at the College.
- First Year Seminar (FYS): FYS 100, taken during the first or second semester at the College. New students admitted as transfers do not take FYS.
- Connections (C): An upper-level course that emphasizes comparative perspectives—such as across disciplines, across time, across cultures—on a particular topic or idea. Taken after FYW and FYW and at least 45 credits total.

Distribution:
- Literature (L): A course in English literature or literature in a modern language.
- History (H): A specially-designed history course.
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB): One course from the Social and Behavioral Science disciplines.
- Arts - Visual and Performing (A): Courses in several disciplines meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences (NS): A specifically designated laboratory science course, formally listed as LS.
- Mathematics (M): A specifically designated mathematics course.

Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (AQSR): Courses in this category have a prerequisite of a general education NS or M course.

The Second Language Requirement: This requirement can be met in a number of ways, including transferring credits or test scores. See your academic advisor.

Financial Aid

Fall
Student financial aid at Rhode Island College consists of scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment. Most of the funds are awarded to students on the basis of financial need. Currently, aid is not available to nonmatriculated (undergraduate and graduate) students and is very limited for those students who are carrying less than six credit hours per term.

To apply for any need-based financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the FAFSA on the Web. In addition, if you are a new freshman or transfer applicant to the college, the Rhode Island College Financial Aid Application must be completed if you wish to be considered for Rhode Island College grants and scholarships. Priority for funds administered by Rhode Island College is given to applications received at the federal processing center by March 1, 2012.

For more information on financial aid call 456-8033.

Academic Advisement

Academic advisement is crucial to a student’s success at Rhode Island College. Students who have been formally admitted to the college are assigned a faculty advisor in their major or concentration. Department chairs are also available to provide academic advisement. The Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS) provides academic advisement for undeclared students and those who are intended (not yet formally admitted to) elementary education or early childhood. OASIS is located in Craig-Lee 154, 456-8083.

College Library

The James P. Adams Library houses over 653,000 volumes, holds major collections on microfilm and microfiche, and subscribes to 244 print periodicals. The Library also provides access to over 80,000 ebooks, 56,000 periodicals in electronic format and 86 online databases, which may be used on or off campus. In addition, located within the Library is the college’s Curriculum Resources Center, which includes instructional material and curriculum development resources for teacher education programs. These resources are available to students, college faculty, and Rhode Island teachers for review, evaluation, and classroom use.

There are 32 public computers available throughout the building, including two Macintosh. All are configured for easy connection to our databases (no log-in necessary) and with Microsoft Office applications. In addition, 38 laptops are available from the Reserve desk to students with activated ID cards for in-library use with our wireless network. There are also two laptops available for check-out by faculty.

The Library’s participation in the Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN) allows borrowing from most of the HELIN Consortium libraries, which, in addition to the Adams Library, include those at Brown University, Bryant University, the Community College of Rhode Island, the Dominican House of Studies, Johnson & Wales University, Providence College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, the University of Rhode Island, Wheaton College, and twelve health sciences libraries in Rhode Island. Together the HELIN libraries contain approximately 6 million volumes of resources.

Fall Hours*
- Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 1:00–9:00 p.m.

*With extended hours during exam periods, see http://www.ric.edu/adamslibrary/calendar.html