

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Bachelor of Arts Programs

Program	Website	Description, Rationale, Mission
African & African American Studies	<a href="http://uri.edu/artsci/afr/">uri.edu/artsci/afr/</a>	African American Studies is, in both content and analysis, interdisciplinary. Its objectives are to explore and evaluate the social, cultural, economic, personal and instructional conditions of peoples of African descent.
Anthropology	<a href="http://uri.edu/artsci/soc/">uri.edu/artsci/soc/</a>	Anthropology majors learn about human prehistory, evolutionary biology, and cultures around the world.
Art (studio)	<a href="http://uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BA_Studio.html">uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BA_Studio.html</a>	The visual arts at URI include painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, digital art and design, photography, film and video, computer imaging, and the history of art. Students work in various media to develop technical skills and to provide opportunities for creative expression as well as hands-on practical experience working closely with artist-instructors on a one-to-one basis. Art History courses expose students to the history and variety of fine arts, crafts, and architecture through the ages, focusing on interpretation and analysis of works within their social, cultural, and historical contexts.
Art (history)	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BA_Art_History.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BA_Art_History.html</a>	Art History at URI exposes students to the rich variety of fine arts, crafts, and architecture through the ages, focusing on interpretation and analysis of works within their socio-historical context.
Chemistry	<a href="http://www.chm.uri.edu/index.html">www.chm.uri.edu/index.html</a>	A 120-credit program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. This route features flexibility desired by premeds, education majors, and others who may wish to choose a "double major".
Classical Studies	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/classical">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/classical</a>	Classical Studies introduces the student to the languages and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. It is unique in offering students knowledge of the origins of political, social and cultural traditions of the West (Europe, North and Latin America), and in giving them a context for understanding contemporary Western society and culture.
Communication Studies	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/com/degreeprog/ugradinfo.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/com/degreeprog/ugradinfo.html</a>	The program in communication studies provides maximum flexibility in planning for a variety of academic and occupational goals. The curriculum is personalized for each student.
Comparative Literature Studies	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/durand/complindex">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/durand/complindex</a>	The faculty are dedicated to promoting personal and professional development in the area of literature and to preparing our students to enter the professional or academic world or to pursue advanced studies at the graduate level.
Computer Science	<a href="http://www.cs.uri.edu/academics/ugrad-studies.php#ba">www.cs.uri.edu/academics/ugrad-studies.php#ba</a>	The curriculum is designed to provide a broad introduction to the fundamentals of computer science including software and systems, programming languages, machine architecture, and theoretical foundations of computing. The required mathematics preparation provides a basis for advanced work. Students following the B.A. curriculum will achieve a solid background in computer science and have additional flexibility to pursue other academic interests while completing the degree.
Economics	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ecn/">www.uri.edu/artsci/ecn/</a>	The Economics Department is dedicated to promoting personal and professional development and to preparing students to enter professional life or pursue advanced studies at the graduate level.
English	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/eng/">www.uri.edu/artsci/eng/</a>	Through a rich array of course offerings in literary, film, and cultural studies, we rigorously train our students in critical reading, thinking and writing skills, and ensure their preparation in a broad range of canonical and non-canonical texts.
Film Media	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/film/">www.uri.edu/artsci/film/</a>	The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Film Media is an interdisciplinary program offering a balance of practical experience in production and technique with emphasis on film media history, criticism and theory.
French	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/durand/french/index.shtml">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/durand/french/index.shtml</a>	Students majoring in French will study the language, the culture and the literature of France and the French-speaking world.
German	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/gs/index.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/gs/index.html</a>	
History	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/his/">www.uri.edu/artsci/his/</a>	The History Department prides itself in offering a broad variety of courses taught by active scholars who are dedicated to their teaching. Its introductory courses serve students in all undergraduate programs and acquaint them with human experiences from times and places throughout the world.
Italian	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/italian">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/italian</a>	

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Journalism	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/jor/">www.uri.edu/artsci/jor/</a>	The study and practice of journalism require the acquisition and application of a broad base of knowledge, so Journalism majors at the University of Rhode Island pursue a professional course of study that is strongly grounded in the liberal arts. Along with General Education and Elective courses from other disciplines, the major requires students to explore the concepts and practices of contemporary American journalism. Within a social, historical, legal and ethical context, students acquire skills in gathering and synthesizing factual information and communicating it clearly to a variety of mass audiences.
Latin American Studies	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/las.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/las.html</a>	
Mathematics	<a href="http://www.math.uri.edu/Programs/undergraduate/">www.math.uri.edu/Programs/undergraduate/</a>	Students in the B.A. curriculum may tailor a program to suit their individual needs and interests.
Music (Music, Music History and Literature, and Jazz Studies emphases)	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/2/undergrad_programs.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/2/undergrad_programs.html</a>	The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Music combines a program of performance, history and theory with courses in the liberal arts. The emphasis in Music History and Literature is for those students who would like to explore the field of musicology. The main emphasis of this program is on the traditions of Western art music with some introduction to world music, American popular styles and the art of listening. The Jazz Studies option offers a cross-cultural degree drawing on jazz, world, and contemporary popular music styles in conjunction with the traditional Western classical music approach currently emphasized in the music department. The Jazz Studies program at URI delves into the historical, theoretical and cultural aspects of jazz, bringing to the students a better understanding of musical aesthetics within all diverse musical art forms. Students examine and perform jazz compositions of North and South America as well as other contemporary popular music styles from around the world. A broad understanding of music is vital in a music student's education as our society expands in its diversity and range of musical cultures.
Philosophy	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/phl/">www.uri.edu/artsci/phl/</a>	The mission of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Rhode Island is (1) to provide undergraduate majors with a superb education in Philosophy that will provide a solid basis for post-graduate study or professional life; (2) to make a significant contribution to the university's General Education program; (3) to foster interdepartmental and intercollegiate collaboration by engaging in interdisciplinary teaching and research projects; and (4) to encourage outreach by faculty to the extramural community as public intellectuals.
Physics	<a href="http://www.phys.uri.edu/index.html">www.phys.uri.edu/index.html</a>	This program is ideal for students who are attracted to physics, who have a very broad range of interests, and who would like to consider career options not limited to science.
Political Science	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/psc/index.php">www.uri.edu/artsci/psc/index.php</a>	The Political Science Department faculty are dedicated to promoting personal and professional development in the area of Political Science and to preparing our students to both enter the professional world and to pursue advanced studies at the graduate level.
Psychology	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/psy/">www.uri.edu/artsci/psy/</a>	The mission of the Psychology Department is to generate knowledge of basic psychological processes and contextual influences on psychological and physical functioning, to apply knowledge to promote health and welfare in a pluralistic society by enhancing the functioning of individuals and social systems, to translate knowledge into science-based programs, policies, and professional practices responsive to societal needs, and to transmit knowledge through educational programs that inform individual development, provide understanding of human behavior, and prepare scientist-practitioners to become future leaders and innovators.
Public Relations	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/jor/aboutpr.htm">www.uri.edu/artsci/jor/aboutpr.htm</a>	Public Relations is an interdisciplinary program that combines a liberal arts education with the skills important for a successful career in public relations.

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Sociology	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/soc/sociology.curriculum.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/soc/sociology.curriculum.html</a>	<p>Sociology at the University of Rhode Island provides students with a wide range of opportunities and challenges. Built on the solid foundation of general education provided by URI, our programs of study offer extensive course work in family and intimate relations, criminology and corrections, and institutional analysis. In addition, opportunities for community service and internships are becoming more numerous. The BA Sociology curriculum at URI is rich in the analysis of inequality, in the examination of the structural constraints of life, and in a humanistic appreciation for cultural diversity. In addition, sociology at URI provides the substantive background and communications and technology skills necessary for success in a career and for thoughtful and engaged citizenship.</p>
Spanish	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/spanish">www.uri.edu/artsci/ml/programs/spanish</a>	
Women's Studies	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/">www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/</a>	<p>The discipline of women's studies has a vision of a world free from sexism. By necessity, freedom from sexism must include a commitment to freedom from national chauvinism; class, ethnic, racial, and heterosexual bias; economic exploitation; religious persecution; ageism; and ableism. Women's studies seeks to identify, understand, and challenge ideologies and institutions and knowingly or unknowingly oppress and exploit some of the advantage of others, or deny fundamental human rights. Thus, women's studies envisions a world in which all persons can develop their fullest potential. Women's studies uses feminist and interdisciplinary methods to teach, conduct research, and expand existing bodies of knowledge. Critical thinking, the production of theory, and the assumption of community and global responsibility are integral to these methods. We are committed to deliberative processes that promote open expression and collaboration. Understanding the interrelationship between the personal and political, we support and promote feminist teaching and learning, research, scholarship, creative activity, and professional and community service.</p>
Writing and Rhetoric	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/writing/major/index_major.shtml">www.uri.edu/artsci/writing/major/index_major.shtml</a>	<p>Effective writers are always in demand in organizations and businesses of all sizes and styles, including the publishing industry, financial services, cultural centers, public service, technical industries, governmental and non-governmental organizations, software and game developers, performing arts, commercial and non-commercial publications offices. Freelance writers can chart their own course.</p>

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Applied Sociology (Criminology and Criminal Justice)	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/soc/cjcurriculum.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/soc/cjcurriculum.html</a>	One of the greatest social needs today is public safety and security. The increased complexity and diversity of contemporary society, its technological development and legal evolution, and its interdependence with other societies necessitate that those we entrust with our public safety be well-educated. In today's world, criminologists working in criminal justice must have excellent communications skills; critical thinking and problem-solving abilities; sensitivity to those of different racial, cultural, socioeconomic, and gender groups; the ability to speak a foreign language; and computer literacy. It is also important for those working in criminal justice fields to have a good understanding of the operation of various components of the criminal justice system, the social causes and consequences of crime and victimization, and the role of social policy in shaping our society's response to and control of criminal behavior.
Chemistry	<a href="http://www.chm.uri.edu/index.html">www.chm.uri.edu/index.html</a>	This degree emphasizes breadth of training in chemistry, and is highly recommended if students plan to seek an MS or Ph.D. in chemistry. The degree also is an excellent working degree for those who plan to be employed after the BS in the chemical industry, or in related industries such as the pharmaceutical industry.
Chemical Oceanography	<a href="http://www.chm.uri.edu/index.html">www.chm.uri.edu/index.html</a>	This is a program that allows access of students to advanced oceanography courses and the faculty of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography after the second year. It qualifies for NE regional status for NE regional students. This is a unique opportunity for chemists wishing to follow marine interests.
Computer Science	<a href="http://www.cs.uri.edu/academics/ugrad-studies.php#bs">www.cs.uri.edu/academics/ugrad-studies.php#bs</a>	The curriculum is designed to provide a broad introduction to the fundamentals of computer science including software and systems, programming languages, machine architecture, and theoretical foundations of computing. The required mathematics preparation provides a basis for advanced work. Students following the B.S. curriculum will be particularly well prepared for graduate study in computer science.
Economics	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ecn/Index.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/ecn/Index.html</a>	The Economics Department is dedicated to promoting personal and professional development and to preparing students to enter professional life or pursue advanced studies at the graduate level.
Mathematics	<a href="http://www.math.uri.edu/~jmont/mathreq.htm">www.math.uri.edu/~jmont/mathreq.htm</a>	The General Program stresses basic theories and techniques, and includes an introduction to the principal areas of mathematics. It is recommended for students considering graduate study in mathematics. The Applied Mathematics Option is intended for the student who anticipates a career as an applied mathematician or mathematical consultant with an organization such as an industrial or engineering firm or with a research laboratory. The student learns the mathematical ideas and techniques most often encountered in such work. Although a theoretical foundation is developed, the applications are emphasized.
Physics	<a href="http://www.phys.uri.edu/programs/uprog.html">www.phys.uri.edu/programs/uprog.html</a>	This program provides the best preparation for students planning to move on to graduate studies in physics and for students seeking careers as professional physicists in industry or government.
Physics and Physical Oceanography	<a href="http://www.phys.uri.edu/programs/uprog.html">www.phys.uri.edu/programs/uprog.html</a>	This program is unique in the entire United States. It is jointly offered by the Physics Department and the Graduate School of Oceanography. Students in this program are optimally prepared for graduate studies in oceanography.

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Art (Studio)	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BFA_Studio.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/art/URI_Art_BFA_Studio.html</a>	The BFA Studio Art Major is a studio-intensive program requiring 72 Art and Art History credits of the 120 total credits required for graduation. This degree provides in-depth professional training. After the foundation year students select intermediate and advanced courses in drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, video and film, digital art and design, internships or selected topics courses such as figure drawing, collage, and digital photography. Within the BFA major requirements there are opportunities for greater and lesser emphasis on the various media in which courses are offered. Classes in Art History and theory complement the studio offerings.
Theatre	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/the/curriculum.html">www.uri.edu/artsci/the/curriculum.html</a>	Exploration of courses in the liberal arts tradition combines in the Bachelor of Fine Arts with conservatory approach to the study of the theatre. The Bachelor of Fine Arts is a pre-professional degree, which emphasizes the creative process and prepares for future completion of the performance-oriented Master of Fine Arts degree. The Bachelor of Fine Arts student chooses an area of concentration in acting, design (costume, lighting, scenic) and theatre technology, directing, or theatre management. Any of these degrees may possibly serve as sufficient basis for direct entry into the job market.

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Music Composition	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/">www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/</a>	This is a major designed for students who wish to concentrate their study on the materials and structure of music, with advanced study in musicianship, aural perception, analysis, and composition. Composition students can specialize in classical and/or studio/jazz styles. The program gives young composers a strong basis in the tradition of Western music while allowing the flexibility to explore other special compositional areas.
Music Education	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/">www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/</a>	This major is for those who plan to teach music in schools at the elementary or secondary level. The program is designed to cover vocal/choral, instrumental, and classroom music education. It offers a broad educational background combined with the development of musical and performance skills. The program has a teaching internship that leads to state certification.
Music Performance	<a href="http://www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/">www.uri.edu/artsci/mus/</a>	This major is for those who wish to concentrate on the mastery of the instrument or voice. Performance emphasis can be in guitar, voice, piano, organ, percussion, and string and wind instruments. Students are expected to perform extensively and are required to give recitals.