

## Have you been thinking about returning to school?

Not everyone finds four or more years of college possible, or even desirable, right after high school. Because of family commitments, or financial problems, or perhaps a more compelling need to explore other paths, many men and women interrupt their formal education. Perhaps you are one of these people.

Now it's five years later—or perhaps many more. You have achieved some important goals, and can be justly proud of your accomplishments. But lately you have begun thinking about the goals you can't achieve without a college degree. You may wish to widen your horizons or change direction. Maybe you have developed a serious interest in a field of inquiry which can be pursued only in a structured academic environment. Whatever the reason for your renewed interest, you are certain that you want the very best education available.

You may wish to inquire about admission to Brown University through the Resumed Education Program and this brochure describes that program.

In 1972 the Resumed Undergraduate Education Program was initiated as an experiment in encouraging older candidates to apply to Brown. After a successful first five years, the Program was made a permanent part of the Brown educational scheme by faculty vote in 1978.

## Who is eligible?

You are eligible for RUE admission consideration if:

- you are twenty-five years old or older, or
- you are under twenty-five, but your last formal education in high school or beyond was at least five years ago, and
- you have strong motivation, solid academic potential and intend to complete an undergraduate degree. (You are not eligible if you already have an undergraduate degree.)

## How is RUE different?

RUE students are fully matriculated candidates for the baccalaureate degree. All undergraduate courses are available to them, and once admitted they follow the regular registration procedures of Brown University. RUE students are different from other Brown students only in that, while they are very strongly encouraged to pursue their studies full-time, they may elect to carry a reduced course load instead.

Therefore, you may find that as a RUE student you can design a course schedule at Brown University compatible with family and job responsibilities you previously considered barriers to a high-quality college education.

## The Curriculum

You may know exactly what you want to pursue at Brown. Often older, non-traditional students already have well-developed goals and interests when they enter a liberal arts program at Brown through the RUE program.

The Brown curriculum is particularly well-suited to their needs. Its flexibility allows RUE students to shape their academic programs to fit their own individual interests, in consultation with academic advisors.

On the other hand, you may not be sure of your ultimate academic goals or you may want the challenge of investigating subjects entirely foreign to you before selecting your field of concentration. That same curricular flexibility allows RUE students, and all students at Brown, to be adventurous in their choice of courses.

Before deciding whether or not to apply through RUE you may want to peruse Brown's online course catalog in order to become acquainted with the course offerings of the University. The online course catalog can be accessed directly from Brown's homepage at [www.Brown.edu](http://www.Brown.edu). In the upper right hand corner of the Brown homepage click on the "COURSES" link. Choose the appropriate course term from the drop-down menu and then you will be able to search for courses on a variety of characteristics including department, subject and course level.

Brown offers both departmental and interdepartmental courses in the arts and sciences in over eighty departments and programs ranging from Classics to Geology, from Biomedical Sciences to Italian Studies, from Anthropology to Engineering, from Music to Linguistics. Within departments there are often varied concentration programs and electives. The English Department, for example, offers courses in English and American Literature and in Creative Writing. The Theatre Arts Department combines theatrical history, a study of dramatic literature, and studio work in the various performance media.

American Civilization, Africana Studies, Biomedical Engineering, Brain Science, Commerce Organizations and Entrepreneurship, International Relations, Modern Culture and Media, Public Policy and Urban Studies are examples of the many interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary programs involving faculty from various academic departments.

The Division of Engineering offers programs in biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, materials science and mechanical engineering.

This is just a sampling of the many offerings at Brown which may be of special interest to older students. Degree programs available to undergraduates at Brown are the Bachelor of the Arts, the Bachelor of the Sciences and a combined Bachelor of the Arts/Bachelor of the Sciences degree in a five-year program.

## Course Load

The standard undergraduate student course load at Brown is 4 courses per semester. A minimum of 30 semester courses must be successfully completed for the bachelor's degree. Four semesters of academic work, including a minimum of 15 courses, must be completed at Brown to meet the residency requirement.

## Application Procedure

You may apply for admission to Brown through the RUE program for either the first semester, beginning in September, or for the second semester, beginning in January. All completed applications for either semester must be received in the

Admission Office by February 15. Decision notifications will be mailed approximately May 1. If you previously matriculated at Brown, you need not complete a RUE application; instead, please contact the office of the Dean of the College (401-863-2573) concerning re-admission.

RUE applicants are asked to submit an application, and supply two or three letters of recommendation, copies of secondary school transcripts, and transcripts for any college or university credit which has been earned in the past. Applicants who are considered finalists for admission will be contacted for an interview with a committee member. In most cases, these interviews will be conducted by phone. Interviews take place in March.

A separate RUE Admission Committee makes admission decisions based primarily on an appraisal of the experience, maturity, commitment, and future academic potential of applicants. While admission is competitive, this means that candidates can be judged in terms of their own ability and qualifications for Brown and not considered with the applicant pool of students of traditional entering age. Financial assistance is available, and determined on the basis of demonstrated need. However, University scholarship funds are limited. Applicants should furthermore note that if a student is not awarded University scholarship funds when he or she first applies, it is unlikely that such aid will become available later.

Brown University admits students of any race, color, religion, handicap, sex, and national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, handicap, status as a veteran, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its admission policies, educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other school-administered programs.

Requests for applications should be made by writing to: Resumed Undergraduate Education, Box 1876, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 or by calling (401) 863-2378.

## Tuition and Financial Aid

Financial assistance—scholarships, work, and/or loans—is available to RUE students. Eligibility for aid from Brown is based on financial need/eligibility as determined by federal regulations, institutional policies, and available funding. Brown does not offer aid based on academic achievement, athletic ability, or any other form of merit. In order to be considered for financial aid at any time during your Brown career, an applicant must apply for financial aid at the same time as for admission. Information about the financial aid application procedures/required documents will be sent to you with your general RUE admission application packet. (Please read the section on Application Procedure, as it pertains to financial aid.)

Brown offers several programs to assist students in making payment arrangements including various loans such as *Signature* and *CitiAssist* Loans as well as an installment payment plan.

Please see the Application for Financial Aid for information about tuition costs for the 2007–2008 academic year. Note that the cost changes have not yet been set for the 2008–2009 academic year.

Applicants accepted to Brown who have completed the financial aid application requirements will be notified of their financial aid status at the time of acceptance.

For more information on application requirements, deadlines, and financing options, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (401) 863-2721.

## Transfer Credit

If you have been enrolled previously in other accredited institutions, you may apply for transfer credit for a maximum of 16 courses (64 semester hours) without restriction as to date taken. After approval, transfer credit is counted toward the total number of 30 tuition units required for a baccalaureate degree. Transfer credits are awarded only in the arts and sciences and not in special technical fields such as business administration or nursing which are not offered for study at Brown.

## Housing

RUE students are not required to live on campus, but they are eligible to apply for such accommodations if they wish. Single rooms are available in several of the campus dormitories. The Housing Office on campus maintains off-campus listings for the convenience of RUE students, graduate students, faculty, and others seeking off-campus housing at modest rates and in convenient locations.

## RUE Participation in Extracurricular Activities

The Resumed Undergraduate Student Association is a student-run campus organization which meets regularly to plan social events, and which maintains a Center in Faunce House where RUE students can meet, celebrate, commiserate, and otherwise support each other.

In addition to RUSA, Resumed Education students spread their talents across the University, working in campus offices and labs, as teaching assistants for American Civilization, English and other courses. RUE students have participated in most extracurricular activities including athletics, theatre, and Emergency Medical Training. Two RUE students have won prestigious senior Arnold Scholarships for a year of independent travel and study after graduation and many have been awarded academic honors by their departments, by Phi Beta Kappa, and by Sigma Psi.

## Day Care for Children

The Brown Fox Point Day Care Center is located on the edge of the campus. Children from age 3 through kindergarten are enrolled and tuition is charged on a sliding scale according to income. The Taft Avenue Infant/Toddler Day Care Center enrolls infants and children up to age 3. Tuition here is also based on a sliding scale according to income. Note that day care provisions here, as in most places, are always in high demand.

## Life at Brown for RUE Students

Brown University is a comfortable size in terms of population and its campus. The Providence community offers a wide range of ethnic diversity, and is convenient to Boston and the beaches. Faculty advisors are appointed for each entering student and the faculty and traditional undergraduate students welcome and appreciate participation by older students.

RUE students are diverse in age, geographic and ethnic origin, and prior education. Roughly 50% of them are female, and 50% are male. Many are receiving financial aid (scholarship, loan, or both). The RUE Program allows them to study at either a part-time or full-time rate. An impressive number have gone on to graduate school after completing their undergraduate degree.

Returning to college at Brown University as a RUE student is a richly rewarding experience—sometimes difficult and demanding, always challenging, but finally, deeply satisfying. Brown welcomes your interest.

### Useful Websites

Use these websites to learn more about Brown University

**Office of College Admission**  
[www.brown.edu/admission](http://www.brown.edu/admission)

**Office of Financial Aid**  
[www.brown.edu/financialaid](http://www.brown.edu/financialaid)

**Office of Residential Life**  
[www.brown.edu/Administration/ResLife](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/ResLife)

**Registrar's Office**  
[www.brown.edu/Administration/Registrar](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Registrar)

**Student Activities Office**  
[www.brown.edu/Administration/Student\\_Activities](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student_Activities)

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