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**and select your own room and roommate(s) beginning January 2, 2018!**

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**"I feel that being able to take advantage of choosing your own room and roommate is a huge advantage to any incoming freshman going to RIT!"**

### Submitting Your RIT Housing Contract

Once your tuition deposit is paid or waived, you will have access to the 2018-2019 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 2, 2018. Go to the housing portal\* to complete your online housing contract.

### Check us out!

View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities under Housing Options on our website at [housing.rit.edu](http://housing.rit.edu) and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

*\* The housing portal is undergoing a redesign. You will receive an email with our new housing portal address prior to January 2, 2018.*

*RIT is made up of people like you, people who are interested in their education and welcome a supportive environment for living and learning.*



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# Welcome to Residential Living at RIT

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*Where Living and Learning Come Together!*

As executive director of Housing Operations and director of Residence Life, we welcome you to RIT and what may be one of the most exciting times in your educational career and development.

RIT residence halls offer you a secure and supportive environment for living and learning. We offer a multitude of special-interest houses, living-learning communities, and themed options that were created to support students' interests in specific ways. Take advantage of the choices provided to create your own comfortable environment in your home away from home.

Our residence halls are full of unique students with great ability. They are interested in their education, excited about learning, and eager and hopeful about future careers. Like you, they want to learn about the world around them and explore life's possibilities. While you'll find many similarities among your fellow students, you'll also find differences. You might have a roommate from another town or geographical region. You'll learn from your peers about their cultures, languages, or religions and you'll discover the multitude of academic programs they're pursuing at RIT.

Our residential communities are supported by both professional and student staff who will be available to assist you with your transition to RIT and living on campus. Resident Advisers (RAs) are student leaders who are trained and prepared to connect you with all types of campus resources. RAs support the development of the community by planning events for the entire community and by facilitating individual interactions as well. Each residence hall is managed by a full-time professional Residence Coordinator (RC) who has extensive experience in higher education and student affairs.

We look forward to welcoming you into the residence halls. You'll be hearing more from us in the months to come. We are always ready to assist with your questions and concerns.

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RIT Center for Residence Life

# Where You'll Live

## Residence Halls

The RIT community feeling begins in the residence halls, where engineering students live side by side with art students, where a student from India experiencing his first winter is living with a skier from Maine, where a hearing student and her deaf roommate are experiencing each other's cultures. Our residence halls are characterized by the diversity of students living there—many of them first-year RIT students like yourself.

RIT's suburban campus is designed with all the residence halls clustered together on the eastern side of campus—perfect for when you want to work on a project with classmates living in other halls. The halls are joined to the academic side of campus by the Quarter Mile walkway—meaning no place on campus is more than a 15-minute walk.

The residence halls are connected by tunnels, which are like an underground city with free laundry facilities; Ritchies,

a Residence Life-run game room; post office; and the Corner Store and Sol's Underground—two convenience stores—a real benefit in the winter.

The residence halls consist of double, triple, and quadruple rooms for you to choose from. All rooms and suites are furnished and carpeted\*, and have Tiger TV (live streaming TV that includes HBO, HBO GO, Cinemax, and MAX GO), wireless access, and high-speed Ethernet connections. Even though all floors have similar characteristics, each has distinct benefits for the students living there.

Each building, each floor, even each room has been designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to technology.

The emphasis on safety includes residence halls being locked 24/7 with card access on the exterior doors or elevators leading to student rooms, smoke-free buildings, and RIT's alcohol and drug policy, which prohibits possession, consumption, or evidence of alcohol and drugs in all residence halls.

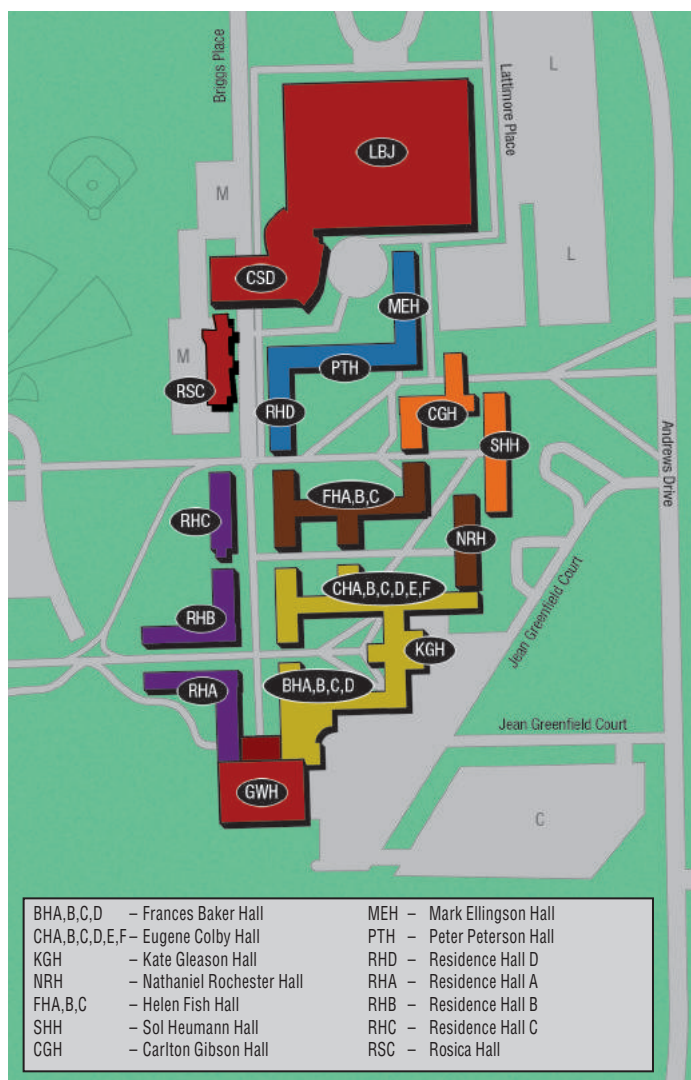
Mobility-challenged students find the RIT campus one of the most accessible in the nation. RIT makes all efforts to meet your needs based on the availability of resources.

■ **Frances Baker, Eugene Colby, and Kate Gleason Halls** are closest to the Quarter Mile and Gracie's dining hall. Baker Hall houses gender-inclusive spaces, and substance-free and co-ed floors. Colby Hall is home to Art House, House of General Science, International House, Study Abroad Living Learning Community, and Unity House. Kate Gleason Hall is air-conditioned.

■ **Nathaniel Rochester Hall (NRH)** is a high-rise that features air conditioning in addition to the latest comfort and safety features. NRH is home to Photo House, Computer Science House, Engineering House, gender-inclusive spaces, and the NRH Microcomputer Lab, which features Macintosh OS and Windows workstations complete with software, printers, and internet access. Located in the tunnels below NRH are the Corner Store and the post office.

■ **Helen Fish Hall** is a mainstream low-rise building that houses gender-inclusive spaces and the wellness and alcohol/substance-free floors, part of Computer Science House, and co-ed and all-male floors.\*\*

■ **Sol Heumann Hall** is a mainstreamed high-rise building that houses co-ed, gender-inclusive, and all-male floors. In the tunnels below Sol Heumann is Sol's Underground, a convenience store that features flat-bread pizza, Upstate Farms frozen treats, and more.



	Frances Baker Hall	Eugene Colby Hall	Kate Gleason Hall	Nathaniel Rochester Hall	Helen Fish Hall	Sol Heumann Hall	Carlton Gibson Hall	Mark Ellingson Hall	Peter Peterson Hall	Residence Hall D	Residence Hall A	Residence Hall B	Residence Hall C
<b>Available Housing</b>													
Co-ed Floors	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	
Fraternity/Sorority Housing											●		●
Mainstream Floors					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Single-Sex Floors (men)**		●	●		●	●		●		●	●	●	
Single-Sex Floors (women)**								●				●	●
Single-Sex Suites								●	●	●			
<b>Special-Interest Housing</b>													
Art House		●											
Computer Science House				●									
Engineering House				●									
House of General Science		●											
International House		●											
Photo House				●									
Unity House		●											
<b>Special Floors</b>													
Alcohol/Substance Free	●	●			●			●					
Gender-Inclusive						●		●	●				
Gender-Inclusive Spaces	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Honors Housing							●						
University Exploration Living Learning Community												●	
Smoke-Free Building	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Study Abroad Living Learning Community		●											
Wellness					●								

\*\* Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

■ **Carlton Gibson Hall**, a low-rise building, houses our honors students on the top three floors.

■ **Mark Ellingson Hall, Peter Peterson Hall, and Residence Hall D** make up the only residence area where most students live in air-conditioned suites—three student rooms sharing one adjoining bathroom. The majority of the students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) will be housed in Ellingson, making up approximately 50 percent of the residential population. The accessibility of Peterson Hall is considered state of the art, and Ellingson and Peterson Halls house gender-inclusive floors.

■ **Residence Hall B** is a mainstream low-rise building that houses the University Exploration Living Learning Community, single-sex floors for males and females,\*\* co-ed floors, and gender-inclusive spaces. Students living in this building have elevator

access to the tunnels.

■ **Residence Hall A and C** house single-sex floors for males and females\*\* and also houses fraternities and sororities. These two mainstream low-rises have elevator access to the tunnels.

Several fraternities and sororities have their own meal plans and their own basements with kitchens and/or space for meetings and recreation. Joining a Greek organization allows you the opportunity to build leadership skills, get involved in campus activities, develop career networks, and expand your social life. All of these benefits lead to a higher degree of satisfaction with your collegiate experience.

During recruitment week, students may decide to join a fraternity or sorority. This housing option is open to students who have completed a new-member education process and are in at least their second term at RIT.

\* Some residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

\*\* Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.



The seven special-interest houses are:

- Art House
- Computer Science House
- Engineering House
- House of General Science
- International House
- Photo House
- Unity House

## Where You'll Live

### *Special-Interest Housing: Life Outside the Classroom*

**The RIT special-interest houses are unique communities of students who share mutual passions.** Designed for students who like to share their interests, these seven houses offer a specific focus to residence-hall living and provide tailored activities to a common group. These communities are equipped with specialized facilities that promote the lifestyle of the students living on floor. Special-interest houses are self-governed organizations that challenge their residents to explore opportunities on floor, on campus, and in the Rochester and global communities.

Special-interest houses have been close-knit communities that have pushed the residential experience forward for over 40 years. The connections to faculty, departments, upperclass students, and alumni make them a special experience.

House members are selected based on a written application process—not on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by May 1 in order to be considered for fall membership. Current house members are actively involved in the selection process of new members with assistance from their Residence Life Adviser and Housing Operations.

To support the activities of these communities, members are expected to pay dues to support amenities available to you if you live in this space. Dues range from \$50 to \$175 per year depending on the house. Because the houses are designed for members to share interests, they require residents to be active in house events, attend weekly meetings, and to participate in special projects throughout the year, and participation is reviewed by house members and their Residence Life Adviser.

### **An Art Studio Just Two Doors Down...**

**Art House**, which was the first special-interest house on campus, provides a creative and productive atmosphere for its members. Open to all campus residents of any major, it is of particular interest to students enrolled in the schools of American Crafts, Art, and Design. Art House provides a number of dedicated workspaces with equipment to allow members to comfortably complete assignments, study, and socialize. Community workspaces includes worktables, a cutting station, an enclosed gallery, a fully ventilated industrial spray booth, an industrial light table, and a space that holds a community store of resources and tools, including a projector, a computer with software useful for art students, and new animation equipment. House members engage in activities and community service in order to take part in the annual trip to Toronto. Due to its high concentration of art majors, Art House provides a mentoring and nurturing environment for future artists and hobbyists with support from RIT's faculty and staff. Learn more about Art House at [rit.edu/arthouse](http://rit.edu/arthouse).

### **Breaking Down the Walls Dividing Social and Technical**

As one of the most popular and oldest special-interest houses on campus, **Computer Science House (CSH)** provides its members with a state-of-the-art technology environment, as well as a warm and inviting family atmosphere. Not only a home for computing majors, CSH is a diverse organization consisting of students from all majors who share a common interest in technology.



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Members operate and maintain an enterprise-grade computing environment to fuel innovation and keep its members ahead of the technological curve. CSH’s members benefit from in-house email and web hosting, web-accessible vending machines, ludicrous network speeds, and access to other resources and opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. Those who wish to expand their technical knowledge will greatly benefit from specialized rooms (such as a server room and workshop) and the remarkably broad expertise of other members.

But what is work without play? CSH also offers a vibrant social atmosphere comprised of traditions ranging from Capture the Flag and camping trips to house meetings and faculty gatherings. With a strong ongoing connection to more than 35 years of alumni, CSH offers unique networking opportunities between its members and industry professionals. The members of CSH look forward to making you a part of their family. Learn more about CSH at [csh.rit.edu](http://csh.rit.edu).

### Supporting Future Engineers

Engineering studies at RIT are demanding, but first- and second-year students will find they have an advantage by living in **Engineering House**. Engineering House promotes an environment where students with an interest in engineering can grow both academically and personally.

On-floor Engineering House facilities help support the needs of both on- and off-floor members. A study lounge with whiteboard-surfaced walls and desks allows for large group

study sessions in a comfortable environment. The on-floor VAX workshop hosts a variety of tools for students to use on personal and class projects. The VAX workshop is also used annually for projects such as Imagine RIT as well as a freshman project that is designed, developed, and completed by the freshmen class.

Because college can be stressful, Engineering House also offers a relaxing environment to help relieve the stress of everyday college life. Members can take advantage of the on-floor movie theater, pool lounge with stadium speakers, and a lounge in the kitchenette that looks across campus as the sun sets. Engineering House encourages socialization and connections that last a lifetime. Learn more about Engineering House at [rit.edu/ehouse](http://rit.edu/ehouse).

### The Adventure of Science

The **House of General Science** (HoGS) is a diverse community of students who share a common interest in science. The house attracts students who are interested in the traditional sciences (e.g., chemistry and physics), the medical science professions, mathematics and statistics, and innovative fields like biotechnology, bioinformatics, and imaging sciences.

The house maintains a close link with the dean and faculty of the College of Science, and provides many social, recreational, and educational activities throughout the year to encourage communication and learning between house members and the campus scientific community. The house provides students with a great way to establish lifelong friendships and a way to build their professional careers and experiences. Learn more about HoGS at [hogs.rit.edu](http://hogs.rit.edu).



### Diversity at its Best

**International House (I-House)** is made up of students from all over the world. A mosaic of students who share a passion for diversity, its members share interests across political and physical boundaries, enhanced by the variety of languages spoken and signed. I-House is a safe space that enables students to connect and build bridges with others from many different backgrounds and academic interests. Do not be fooled by the International in the name; I-House isn't only for students from other countries. In fact, many of its members were born and raised in the United States. I-House is a place where its members from both the U.S. and abroad participate in a cultural exchange, learning how to be a part of an open, friendly environment. Through the provision of bi-annual floor dinners, ski/snowboarding getaways, amusement park trips, and other cultural festivities, I-House seeks to foster an appreciation for all walks of life. I-House has a fully equipped kitchen/lounge where members and alumni can cook home made cultural meals, watch movies, and celebrate in the community. I-House also has a separate lounge that is used as a study space and a hang-out and gaming area on the weekends. Living in International House is a rewarding experience and students will come to understand that there is never a dull moment on floor. Learn more about International House at [ihouse.rit.edu](http://ihouse.rit.edu).



In addition to its studio, darkroom, and photo finishing facilities, Photo House even has its own exhibition space. The Photo House gallery offers members an exciting public venue for their work and helps them get an idea of what it's really like to hang a show, to have an opening, and to see their work exhibited on a wall. The community atmosphere in Photo House fosters strong, lasting friendships with other students who have similar interests in photography.



“Living in **Unity House** reminds you of your neighborhood at home, where you know everybody. It helps you assimilate into college better because you live with people you share a culture with and who have had similar experiences. Now when I see my friends on the floor, they’re like my inner circle of friends back home.”

### **Photography at all Hours**

**Photo House** is the ideal place for RIT students with a passion for photography, whether they are photo majors or not. Photo House draws students from many programs, including film, engineering, computer science, and new media. Photo House provides convenient facilities that are open 24 hours a day. Without leaving your hall, you can shoot in the studio, develop black-and-white film in the darkroom, mount in the print finishing room, and present your work in the gallery or on the Photo House website at [rit.edu/sg/photohouse](http://rit.edu/sg/photohouse).

Members are always finding fun things to do in their free time, including movie nights, gallery visits, picnics, game nights, and an annual trip to Letchworth State Park. Looking to develop your photographic style? Several times a year, professionals in the field come to speak at Photo House and share their real-world experiences. Photo House members also benefit from mutual critiques of their work in a supportive atmosphere. If you are planning on coming to RIT, why not join Photo House—RIT’s residential center for photographic creativity. Follow Photo House on Facebook at [facebook.com/RITPhotoHouse](https://facebook.com/RITPhotoHouse).

### **United for Student Leadership, Cultural Enrichment, and Successful Transition to RIT**

**Unity House** is dedicated to a supportive community focused on developing AALANA (African American, Asian American, Latino American, Native American) student leaders. Unity House has built a tradition of welcoming new students and provides a variety of academic workshops, programs, and community service activities in an environment that promotes academic achievement.

Members develop leadership skills through a first-year project, diverse cultural celebrations, personal development opportunities, and social events. Unity House members engage with various clubs, including AALANA Collegiate Associations, Latin American Students Association, National Society of Black Engineers, Caribbean Students Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Society of Asian Scientist and Engineers, and the American Indian Science and Engineer Society.

Getting involved in Unity House means you’ll have a home away from home. Learn more about Unity House at [facebook.com/RITUnityHouse](https://facebook.com/RITUnityHouse).



If you want the variety of people and experiences of living in a residence hall, but like the idea of floors designed for a particular lifestyle, consider these special living arrangements:

- ▶ Wellness
- ▶ Alcohol/Substance-Free
- ▶ Study Abroad
- ▶ All Male/All Female
- ▶ Honors Housing
- ▶ Mainstream Floors
- ▶ University Studies
- ▶ Gender-Inclusive

## Where You'll Live

### *Lifestyle Floors*

#### **Study Abroad Living Learning Community**

The Study Abroad Living Learning Community provides residents with the opportunity to leverage their interest in study abroad and passion for other cultures to create a personalized, unique RIT experience. With the help of RIT Global, Housing Operations, and the Center for Residence Life, students will determine how study abroad fits into their personal and academic goals. In addition, members will take the initial steps of making study abroad a reality by creating a personalized Study Abroad Strategic Plan, with support in outlining what they value in a study abroad experience, benefits to study abroad, and options for financing their journey. First-year students who are interested in expanding their global awareness and who want to learn more about study abroad are welcome to self-select the community when making their housing decision.

#### **All-Male/All-Female Floors**

If you prefer to live on a floor that is all male or all female, you may choose this option when selecting your room online. Students may also be placed on a single-sex floor without requesting this option. Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.



**“RIT is like a kaleidoscope.** We have people from Italy, Texas, New York City, and Asia living together on my floor, and we’re all growing and changing together. Meeting new people is refreshing because so much of your learning doesn’t come from books and lectures.”

### Honors Housing

Students who have been accepted into the Honors Program live in honors housing in Gibson Hall, where they can build friendships and mutual support in the honors community while taking advantage of special activities beyond the classroom.

### Mainstream Floors

There are many mainstream floors located throughout our residence halls, including communities in Ellingson, Peterson, Residence Halls C and D, and Sol Heumann Hall.

These communities encourage intentional interaction between hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing students, providing opportunities to learn from each other by sharing a floor.

The RAs assigned to these floors have varying American Sign Language skill levels, and are inclusive of all residents who select or are placed in this housing option. RAs may be hearing or deaf/hard of hearing.

### University Exploration: A Living Learning Community for Undeclared Majors

First-year students admitted into the University Exploration option are encouraged to live and learn together, to gain insight from each other about the process of deciding on a final RIT major. Students live in Residence Hall B, where they can engage in discussion topics ranging from courses, careers, and deciding on a major to simply talking about their plans for an upcoming weekend. The faculty and staff of the University Exploration option engage with the students throughout the year with social and educational events held in or near Residence Hall B, starting with a social event in the first week of classes.

### Gender-Inclusive Housing

Gender-inclusive housing provides students with the opportunity to room with student(s) regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation. Only students who apply for gender-inclusive housing are assigned to this option.



# Your Room

## *Express Yourself!*

**What will your room look like?** Each double, triple, and quadruple room has a bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet/wardrobe, wastebasket, and recycling trash can for each student assigned to the room. **Each room type has a variance in size and layout.** All rooms are carpeted\* and have window shades. Double rooms in the residence halls come in two basic shapes. *(These are approximations. Room sizes, shapes, and layout vary from building to building—even room to room—on any given floor.)*

- rectangular, measuring **approximately** 18' long by 10' wide. These rooms are generally located in the high-rise sections of the residence halls.
- square, **approximately** 12' long by 14' wide. These rooms are generally located in the low-rise sections.

In addition, there are approximately 120 triple rooms located throughout the residence halls. These rooms are larger to comfortably accommodate three students. **Triple rooms have a wide variety of shapes and vary in size.** There are also quadruple rooms scattered among the other rooms in the residence halls that house four students. All rooms are assigned on a random basis.

Our mattresses have a vinyl covering for health and sanitary reasons. Due to safety requirements, only RIT mattresses can be used. We recommend that you bring a cotton mattress cover to place over the vinyl covering. Mattresses in all rooms are 33" wide by 79" long or 36" wide by 80" long. All rooms have window shades. Curtains are not needed and are prohibited.

**Organized vs. Disorganized.** Room care and cleanliness are the responsibility of the students who share the room—one reason we ask students about their cleaning preferences. Rooms must be kept clean for health and safety reasons. Vacuum cleaners may be obtained from your resident adviser. The common areas of the buildings (bathrooms, lounges, etc.) are cleaned regularly by Facilities Management Services staff.

### **Pets**

Out of consideration for other residents, we do not allow pets other than fish in the residence halls. The tank size should be no larger than 10 gallons. Please leave your piranha and oscars at home!

### **Vacation Closing**

Feel free to stay on campus during breaks if you are returning the next term, as all residence halls remain open, with the exception of the break between semesters, when all students must leave the residence halls. Card access will be disabled on the exterior doors to ensure the safety of room contents. Alternate housing at the RIT Inn and Conference Center can be arranged by contacting Housing Operations.

### **Features/Services**

#### **Tiger TV**

Tiger TV is live streaming TV that includes HBO, HBO GO, Cinemax, and MAX GO.

\*A small number of residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

### Telephone and Phone Lines:

Telephones and phone lines are not provided. If you desire a phone line to be activated in your student room, you need to contact the ITS Service Desk at 585-475-4357 or [servicedesk@rit.edu](mailto:servicedesk@rit.edu) to request a line be activated. There will be no charge for the activation and line. You will, however, need to bring your own telephone. On-campus and local calling will be available with an activated phone line, but long-distance calls require a calling card.

### Lighting

All rooms have an overhead light, but we suggest that you bring your own lamps. Any style lamp that uses a halogen bulb 300 watts or greater is prohibited. Torchiere-style lamps are permitted only with the use of compact fluorescent or lower watt incandescent bulbs.

### Connections to the RIT Computer Network

All residence halls have wireless access. Additionally, each student has an individual Ethernet jack in the room that allows free, direct, high-speed access to the campus network and the internet. (You may need to purchase additional hardware for your personal computer to use this service. Information about the requirements are available online at [rit.edu/resnet](http://rit.edu/resnet).) You can access your RIT computer account, read and respond to email from your desktop, use library resources via the web, and share information with other students and teachers around the world. Training sessions on how to use these resources are available on campus. Students are responsible for protecting their own computer systems with UL-approved surge protectors/suppressors.

### Storage

Storage space is not available. We suggest that at the beginning of the year you attempt to send home as much of your excess luggage, boxes, and crates as possible.

### Personal Property Insurance

RIT strongly encourages all students to maintain insurance coverage for their personal possessions while attending school. RIT assumes no responsibility for loss of students' personal belongings. RIT offers Personal Property Insurance through CSI Insurance Agency, Inc., and several different limit and deductible options provide students flexibility to select the type and amount of coverage that best serves their needs. For more information and to enroll in a plan, contact CSI Insurance Agency, Inc., at 888-411-4911 or online at [collegestudentinsurance.com](http://collegestudentinsurance.com).





### **Appliances and Other Information**

To comply with fire-safety regulations, we limit appliances to clocks, televisions, personal computers, printers, DVD players, surge-protection outlet strips, stereos, fans, hair dryers, curling irons, hot rollers, electric razors, electric toothbrushes, and small refrigerators (no larger than five cubic feet). All appliances must be UL-approved. All other electrical appliances, including microwaves, are not allowed. All appliances that are intended to cook food are prohibited. No appliance may have an exposed heating element. Material that might be used to attach posters to your walls should not leave any residue, oil spots, or sticky glue and should not mar the wall surface. Please review the terms and conditions available at the portal for a list of prohibited items and fire safety regulations.

### **Mail Service**

A post office is located in the tunnel area underneath Nathaniel Rochester Hall. Mail is delivered once a day and picked up twice a day at posted hours. Each student will have his or her own mailbox.

### **Laundry Services**

There are several laundry rooms with free service throughout the tunnels connecting the residence halls.

### **Fire Strobes for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Students**

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf/hard-of-hearing student might live.

### **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Special Medical Needs**

All residence hall buildings have handicap-accessible bathrooms on every floor. Some residence hall rooms and bathroom facilities have already been adapted for wheelchair mobility. Other room or floor accommodations may be made for those who have other physical, medical, or learning disabilities.

To discuss accommodation needs, contact the director of Disability Services as early as possible at 585-475-2023. For fall term entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities must be submitted to Disability Services by May 1. RIT will make all efforts to accommodate your needs based on the availability of resources. Please note that only severe allergies may qualify for a housing accommodation.

# Let's Eat

## *Meal Plans, Campus Dining, and More*

RIT Dining Services operates 21 campus locations, including six full-service restaurants and dining halls, five market and convenience stores, four quick-service locations, five cafe and bakeries, a full-service and quick-service catering department, and three venues that offer full concessions. RIT Dining Services offers meal plans that are designed to meet students' diverse dining needs and eating habits. Meal plans provide great value and flexibility for catching a meal on the go or enjoying a sit-down meal with friends. Each meal plan has been developed with input and regular feedback from students. To complement the flexible meal plans, RIT Dining Services hosts monthly special events to enliven your dining experience and highlight the culinary talents of our experienced chefs. For current meal plan pricing, visit [dining.rit.edu/meal-plans](http://dining.rit.edu/meal-plans).

**The Dining Dollars account** may be used for meal purchases made in any dining service area. When using your Dining Dollars account for payment of your meal purchases, you will receive an 8 percent tax savings at all dining service locations. Students using Dining Dollars in Gracie's will receive a 15 percent discount off the cash price of the meal. Dining Dollars is valid only for food items (perishable and nonperishable).

### How do I sign up?

All meal plan selections and changes must be completed online within your housing contract at [mydining.rit.edu](http://mydining.rit.edu). Students have the opportunity to change plans online until the end of the first week of classes each semester (fall and spring) prior to 4:30 p.m. EST that Friday. No changes can be made after that time. Meal plans and Dining Dollars are accessed through your RIT ID card.

### Full Service

#### Brick City Café

Brick City Café features a wide variety of breakfast and lunch entrées and daily specials. There is an extensive salad bar, full deli with subs and wraps, hot grill selections, daily visiting chefs, fresh soups, desserts, snacks, and a coffee station offering Seattle's Best blends.

#### Café and Market at Crossroads

The Café and Market at Crossroads features a market-style food court and convenience store. Crossroads has nine different food stations: the grill, salad bar, pasta toss, pizza, the Crossbar featuring daily home-style dishes, Asian cuisine, a deli, and daily rotating visiting chef. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz (USB) is also located here.

#### The Commons

The Commons offers a wide selection of menu choices with one of the best views on campus. The Commons features lunch and dinner entrees from the Shumway sub & salad station, Hettie's

Visit us online for all meal plan options at [dining.rit.edu/meal-plans](http://dining.rit.edu/meal-plans).

#### ► Freshmen

Resident freshmen may select from any of the dining plans offered. Meal plans include a weekly number of meals at Gracie's all-you-can-eat Dining Hall as well as food debit for the semester.

#### ► Upperclassmen

Resident upperclassmen may choose any of the Freshman Residential Dining Plans or the Upperclassmen Residential Plans—Tiger 5 or Orange meal plans.

Grill, stone oven pizza and pasta cucina, made-to-order salads and soups. The coffee station serves Starbucks coffee daily.

#### Global Village Cantina and Grille

The Cantina and Grille offers three distinct experiences. Choose from freshly made-to-order Mexican cuisine at Salsarita's, cooked-to-order international cuisine at the Global Grille, or freshly prepared, made-to-order sushi from Hissho Sushi.

#### Gracie's

Gracie's is the largest dining facility on campus, serving all-you-care-to-eat specialty items, which include Mongolian Grill (fresh cook-to-order meals), Simply Eats (an allergen-friendly station), pizza, grill, made-to-order deli with freshly baked sub rolls, freshly baked desserts, salad station, hand fruit bar, waffle bar, and a coffee station offering Seattle's Best blends.

#### Simply Eats

Our allergen-friendly cuisine is focused on eliminating all Big 8 allergens from our recipes. The Big 8 includes wheat, dairy, eggs, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, and finned fish. All menu items are gluten-free. One or two meat options are available, and the remaining items are vegan.

#### RITz Sports Zone

The RITz Sports Zone is a favorite spot to socialize, watch sports, and enjoy the wide lunch and dinner selections. The RITz is home to the famous Mascot Tiger Sub: breaded chicken fingers dipped in our original Tiger Sauce, smothered with melted cheddar jack cheese, and served on a sub roll. Lunch and dinner offerings include a salad bar, pasta bake, pizza, panini, grill, deli, daily rotating visiting chefs, and grab-and-go options. The RITz also features a game room complete with pool tables and arcade games.

#### Coffee/Bakery

##### Artesano Bakery & Café

Artesano is our on-campus patisserie offering a wide selection of upscale delicacies, including breakfast pastries and sandwiches, cookies, tarts, and a wide variety of gluten-free, vegan baked goods and specialty created treats. Artesano proudly serves blended frozen drinks, espressos, lattes, and cappuccinos from Peet's Coffee.

### **Beanz**

Beanz serves Finger Lakes Coffee beverages, organic coffee, espresso beans, and seasonal specialty drinks. Beanz offers a wide selection of freshly baked goods, desserts, soups, salads, and sandwiches. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz is also located here.

### **The College Grind**

The College Grind offers a variety of hot and cold Starbucks drinks, freshly baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, and desserts. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz (USB) is also located here.

### **Java Wally's**

Find fresh gourmet coffee (made with Java Joe's beans), tea, smoothies, lemonade, and light snacks while relaxing in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. Java Wally's is in partnership with Java's on Gibbs Street in downtown Rochester.

### **Midnight Oil**

Midnight Oil is a convenient destination to relax, converse, and experience music and art. Midnight Oil offers Starbucks coffee and a wide variety of hot and iced coffee beverages and specialty beverages, including teas, chai, Italian sodas, and steamers. Enjoy artisan sandwiches, desserts, and pastries baked fresh daily by Artesano Bakery & Café.

### **Convenience Store**

#### **Bytes**

Bytes is a convenient place for grab-and-go breakfast, lunch, beverages, and snack items. Bytes features a great variety of sandwiches, hummus, salads, fresh fruit, Ben & Jerry's ice cream pints, chips, candy, and more!

### **The Corner Store**

The Corner Store is our on-campus grocery store. The Corner Store is filled with fresh produce, sandwiches, ice cream, microwaveable entrees, dairy products, snacks, and beverages. Pick up snacks or all the fixings to prepare a full meal. You can also find cleaning products, paper products, and more. The Corner Store is open late every day!

### **The Market at Global Village**

The Market at Global Village is the on-campus destination to purchase organic, local, ethnic, fair trade, and sustainable foods, beverages, gifts, and household goods. The Market offers a diverse mix of foods and ingredients from around the world. The Market focuses on providing products that are international and ethnic, sustainable, all-natural, and local or fair trade.

### **Sol's Underground**

Sol's Underground is the one-stop-shop for a quick bite to eat, and everyday necessities. Sol's offers a large variety of health and beauty products, vitamins, supplements, housewares, school supplies, greeting cards, gifts, balloons, grocery items, snacks, international and gourmet packaged food, and a selection of sushi from Hissho Sushi. Sol's Underground also offers prepared

flat bread pizzas, quesadillas, paninis, soups, wraps, Perry's Ice Cream, and Visiting Chefs.

### **Quick Service**

#### **Ben & Jerry's**

Ben & Jerry's offers over 30 flavors of Vermont's best ice cream, right in the heart of the RIT campus. A variety of different dairy and non-dairy ice cream options, shakes, sundaes, smoothies, cookies, and cakes are available.

#### **Ctrl Alt Deli**

Ctrl Alt Deli offers a variety of signature sandwiches and design-your-own sandwiches, pizzas, paninis, and wraps. Design your own sandwich and choose from our selection of wraps, breads, meats, cheeses, veggies, and sauces. Pair a sandwich with one of the daily homemade soups. Ctrl Alt Deli also offers baked goods, fresh fruit, salads, and several grab-and-go options.

#### **Nathan's Soup and Salad**

Nathan's Soup and Salad is a local Rochester favorite since 1980. Nathan's offers a variety of healthy home-style soups, sandwiches, and fresh-baked breads. With original old-fashioned recipes alongside new recipes, Nathan's offers the perfect meal.

### **USB**

With multiple locations on campus, Ultimate Smoothie Blendz creates handcrafted smoothies with a blend of 100% real fruits, vegetables, and cold-pressed juices from local orchard Red Jacket. These juices are all-natural, unfiltered, and have no added sugar or water. You can get your USB smoothie fix from Crossroads, Beanz, or The College Grind.

### **Campus Vending**

All of our 170 food and beverage vending machines on campus accept Dining Dollars, Tiger Bucks, cash, and credit through the PayRange app.

### **RIT Care Packages**

RIT Care Packages is an exclusive gift service provided by RIT Dining Services. Send your student warm thoughts with one of our care packages or one of our delicious food options! Send a little love, whether it is to wish your student a happy birthday or good luck, or just because. Order online at [rit.edu/care-packages](http://rit.edu/care-packages).

### **Dining Express**

Get your food delivered right to your dorm with Dining Express! Order your food online from The Commons at [diningexpress.rit.edu](http://diningexpress.rit.edu).

### **Tiger Bucks**

Tiger Bucks is a valuable and convenient debit account accessed through your RIT ID card and is available to all RIT students, faculty, and staff. Simply deposit funds onto your RIT ID card, and enjoy the ease and convenience of being able to make purchases at over 75 on- and off-campus locations. Add as much or as little as you would like when it's convenient for you.



## Where Living and Learning Come Together

According to a national study comparing RIT student responses to other university student responses, our students are very satisfied with:

- Our online room and roommate selection process
- Our 9-month contracts that coincide with the academic year
- The ease of leaving for co-op or study abroad and having no fees for early termination and the option of a reduced rent to hold space

## Staff Who Work for You

RIT Housing Operations and The Center for Residence Life serve the needs of 7,200 students residing in RIT housing, which consists of traditional-style residence halls, special-interest houses, theme communities, fraternities and sororities, five apartment/suite complexes, Global Village, and the RIT Inn & Conference Center.

### RIT Housing Operations

RIT Housing Operations staff will assist you with your housing contract and assignment, searching and selecting a room and roommate(s) via the housing portal, keys, card access, room and lounge furniture in the residence halls, summer housing, and maintenance in the apartment and suites complexes. Our team is dedicated to supporting students during their studies at RIT, and we pride ourselves on working with students one-on-one to ensure all of their assignment and maintenance needs are met.

### The Center for Residence Life

The RIT Center for Residence Life is responsible for the staffing of the residence halls and apartments. Residence Life hires, trains, and supervises over 130 Resident Advisers. RAs support our residential communities by providing opportunities for students to make connections as well as a 24/7 staff presence with after-hour and on-call support to ensure the safety of our communities.

### Resident Advisers

Resident Advisers (RAs) are undergraduate students who serve as a first line of support to their residents. As students themselves, RAs have frequent contact with their residents as sup-

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portive peers, leaders, educators, and community builders. RAs are responsible for developing a diverse experience for on-campus students, building a community within their assigned area, and encouraging participation in floor and community events and programs. RAs are directly supervised by a Residence Coordinator. There is approximately one RA for every 30 students.

### Residence Coordinators

Residence Coordinators, full-time professionals with master's degrees, work with a team of RAs to manage a residential area. Residence Coordinators are RIT Student Affairs administrators who select, supervise, and train the Resident Advisers, serve as advocates and counsel students, develop and support residential and university-wide programming, serve as conduct officers, resolve roommate conflicts, and serve as advisers to a student organization or a special interest house. There is approximately one Residence Coordinator for every 330 students.

### Assistant Directors

Assistant Directors—full-time professionals with master's degrees in student personnel, counseling, education, or related discipline—oversee a team of RCs and RAs to serve a residential complex of approximately 1,000 students. Responsibilities include providing leadership for all administrative and programmatic functions for the area level.

## RIT's Expectations for Community Behavior: *Responsibility, Support, Respect*

Integrity and strong moral character are valued and expected within and outside of the RIT community. As members of the RIT campus community, including students, trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators, we will:

- ▶ Demonstrate civility, respect, decency, and sensitivity towards our fellow members of the RIT community, and recognize that all individuals at this university are part of the larger RIT family, and as such are entitled to that support and mutual respect that they deserve.
- ▶ Conduct ourselves with the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior. Such behavior includes taking responsibility for our own personal choices, decisions, and academic and professional work.
- ▶ Affirm through the daily demonstration of these ideals that RIT is a university devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and a free exchange of ideas in an open and respectful climate.

# Apply for your RIT housing

**Select your own room and roommate(s) at the housing portal beginning January 2, 2018. The housing portal is undergoing a redesign. You will receive an email with our new housing portal address prior to January 2, 2018.**

Please read all material carefully.

## Submitting Your RIT Housing Contract

Once your tuition deposit is paid or waived, you will have access to the 2018-2019 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 2, 2018. Go to the portal to complete your online housing contract.\*

### Timeline to Select Your Own Room and Roommate(s) January 2 – May 4: Complete your online RIT housing contract and search and select a roommate

As an incoming freshman, you must go to the housing portal and complete an RIT housing contract. In addition to completing a housing contract, you may search and select your own roommate.

Students who complete their housing contracts after May 4 will be assigned to a residence hall space by RIT Housing Operations.

### May 16: Receive an appointment time to go online to select your own room in the residence halls

Your appointment time will be sent to your RIT email account May 16, 2018. On the given date and time of your appointment, you will have access to go back to the housing portal to select a room of your choice in the residence halls.

### Late May: Select your own room online

Your appointment time to go online to select your room will start and end in late May. Your appointment time is the earliest that you can go to the portal to select a room. You may select a room even if you did not select a roommate. Students will be assigned appointment times based on the order in which they paid their tuition deposit. Those who paid earlier will have early appointment times.

Instructional videos related to searching and selecting a roommate and selecting a room can be found at [housing.rit.edu](http://housing.rit.edu) under “Assignment Processes,” then “How to Apply.”

### Important Notes:

- Any student who has not selected a roommate or room will be assigned one by RIT Housing Operations.
- All freshmen entering from high school are guaranteed RIT housing for their first year at RIT; however, students who are the last to be admitted may be placed in temporary or over-occupied housing.
- View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities at [housing.rit.edu](http://housing.rit.edu) and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

### All Entering Freshman Students—Residency Requirement

All freshmen entering directly from high school who do not live with their parent within a 30-mile commuting distance are required to live in residence halls for a full academic year. This is a university requirement that takes effect as soon as you accept our offer of admission to RIT. Entering freshmen whose credit hours rise above first-year status due to AP credit or college courses taken in high school continue to be bound by this residency requirement. Your housing contract is binding for the full school year. The Terms and Conditions of Housing, Meals, and Debit Plans must be read and agreed upon prior to you having access to a housing contract, which includes all the policies and procedures for the residence halls. Please read the Terms and Conditions. Your electronic signature on your housing contract indicates that you have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them.

### Special-Interest Houses

If you are interested in applying to a special-interest house, you will find the special-interest house application is part of the online housing contract. You are required to complete several essay questions as part of the special-interest house application. Members of each house, staff from Residence Life and Housing Operations, and academic advisers form a selection committee in order to select the new members through the written application process. Placement is based on a selection process, not a first-come, first-served basis. Applying to a house does not guarantee acceptance to the house. Special-interest house applications must be received by May 1 in order to be considered for fall membership. Detailed information is on pages 4 – 7.

### Lifestyle Options Floors

There are a variety of lifestyle living arrangements available. Detailed information can be found on pages 8 – 9. You may select a room on a special lifestyle floor when you select your room online via [myhousing.rit.edu](http://myhousing.rit.edu). By selecting a room on a special lifestyle floor, you are agreeing to live by the community standards of that floor. Due to limited space, we cannot guarantee you a space on a special lifestyle floor. Opposite sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

Know what you are agreeing to—read the **Terms and Conditions** at the portal before you complete and submit your housing contract.

### Help With Common Questions:

**Meal Plans**—Students who live in the residence halls must be on a meal plan. You will select your meal plan on your housing contract. See pages 13 – 14 for more information.

**Special Medical Needs**—All requests for housing needs, such as a particular type of floor, room, or furniture, that are based on medical or disability needs must be placed with Disability Services. All requests for medical and disability needs at the university are centralized through this office. Severe allergies that cannot be managed with medication are the only types of allergies that may qualify for a special housing accommodation. For fall entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities is included in this packet and should be submitted to Disability Services by May 1. *It is important that Disability Services is contacted as early as possible at 585-475-2023 to initiate this process.*

**Smoker/Nonsmoker/No Preference**—All residence halls are smoke-free. Smoking cannot occur anywhere inside the building, including the student rooms. Accurate information regarding smoking habits is critical to your roommate(s) and room selection. Answer this question on your housing contract honestly. Link to RIT's Tobacco Restricted Campus policy <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/c160>.

### Housing Beyond Your Freshman Year

In late fall of your freshman year you will have the opportunity to participate in the housing selection process, the process in which you will select your housing for the 2019-2020 academic year. The process is very easy—you will complete your contract and select your own roommate(s) and room. Appointment times are based on class order with current first-year students going first, followed by second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. If you are a freshman whose class standing will rise above the first year status due to AP courses, for the purpose of housing selection you will remain in the first-year grouping. Residence halls, Global Village, the RIT Inn, and a limited number of apartments and University Commons suites will be

offered to students who participate.

Some students will place themselves on a wait list through this signup process; however, Housing Operations will work to assign students placed on the wait list to permanent housing prior to the start of the academic year.

### Benefits of Housing

- Nine-month contracts that coincide with the academic year
- No subletting needed
- Students leaving for co-op or study abroad have no fees for early termination and have a reduced-rent option to hold space
- Safe and secure environment with card swipe access, limited mobile device access, RIT Public Safety patrols, and RIT Residence Life staff help mediate and resolve roommate conflicts, provide after-hours on-call support for residential concerns, and trained RAs assist students to connect to resources and the community
- Close proximity and on-campus convenience ensure a memorable and connected college experience
- All utilities and features included (high-speed wireless, Tiger TV—live streaming TV that includes HBO, HBO GO, Cinemax, and MAX GO, laundry facilities, study rooms and resources, furnished/unfurnished options, and more)
- Range of housing types that fit any lifestyle need and preference—from single- to multiple-occupancy residence hall rooms, studios, and suites to apartments and townhouses
- Variety of special-interest and lifestyle housing communities
- Inclusive environment for living and learning that supports the RIT calendar and academics
- Easy online services via the portal for students to submit housing contracts and room inventory assessments, search for and select their own roommate(s) and room, and much more. The Housing Operations team is dedicated to supporting you during your time at RIT and we pride ourselves on working with students one-on-one to ensure all of your assignment and maintenance needs are met. Visit us in Grace Watson Hall (GWH) and contact us at 585-475-2572 or at [housing@rit.edu](mailto:housing@rit.edu).

### Accessing Your Housing Confirmation and Move-In Instructions

Your selected roommate(s) and room will be displayed on the confirmation tab of your online housing contract. You will also find your move-in information and instructions on the confirmation tab. This information is available online only and will not be mailed to you.

To access your confirmation information, follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to the Housing portal.\*
- 2) Enter your RIT user name and password.
- 3) Click on "RIT Housing Contract/Dining Plans" located on the orange header.
- 4) Click on "18-19 Full Academic Year."
- 5) Select the confirmation tab.

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