Housing

This document provides information about housing at and near RIT. You can also find helpful information at our website (http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/) under ‘Life at RIT’.

Incoming freshmen are guaranteed housing and must live in the Residence Halls during their freshman year. Incoming graduate students may apply for either on-campus/RIT housing, or off-campus housing. There are several pros and cons for each, and students should select the option that best fits their need.

RIT Housing:
Pros –
- There are shuttles running to campus every day, every 15 minutes. If you live in the Residence Halls, Riverknoll, or the University Commons complexes near the academic buildings, you will be able to walk to class, the library or dining facilities on campus. This is particularly helpful during winter time.
- In addition, there are students and staff members through the Center for Residence Life who are able to assist with any situations during and after office hours.
- The Residence Halls and University Commons apartments are furnished.
- There are also buses that run to convenience stores, grocery stores, the mall, etc. on the weekends
- Complete list of pros: http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/content/benefits-rit-housing

Cons –
- Living on campus can be a little more expensive than living off-campus. The rates for on-campus housing can be found here: https://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/content/housing-rates?academic_year=2017-2018&=Apply
- You may not always know your roommate before the start of the school year. If your roommate leaves, you will be assigned a randomly placed student (unless you can find a friend to take the spot, which is very common)
- There is no kitchen in the Residence Halls or RIT Inn, however there are kitchens in on-campus apartment complexes
- If spaces fill up, students are temporarily placed at the RIT Inn, which is 10 minutes from campus, but there are shuttles running to campus every 15 minutes. The RIT Inn is also fully furnished, but can feel more like a hotel than an apartment.

Off-Campus Housing:
Pros –
- May be fully furnished or unfurnished (please check under the “off-campus housing” section
- Is typically cheaper than living on-campus (see exceptions under the “off-campus housing” section)
- You are more likely to know your apartment mates before you arrive
Cons –
- No Residence Life support staff
- Can be far away from campus. Some of the ones that are further away either don’t have buses running to campus everyday (such as Westbrook Commons), or have limited buses running to campus (particularly on the weekends).

For more information on shuttle services, please follow this link: http://www.rit.edu/fa/facilities/pats/transportation/shuttle.html

Part 1: On-Campus/RIT Housing

1) Contact Information
   **Housing Operations Office:** Grace Watson Hall  
   **Phone:** (585) 475-2572  
   **Fax:** (585) 475-5050  
   **Email:** housing@rit.edu

2) Move-in information: Move-in day for new international students is Saturday, August 19th. Students will not be able to move into their assigned room before August 19th, and must make accommodations at a nearby hotel. In addition, family members must arrange a hotel to stay in. A list of nearby hotels may be found here: http://www.rit.edu/emcs/admissions/visit/info/area-hotels
   If you have already applied for on-campus housing, you will receive a notification about your assigned room in early to mid July. Assignments can be viewed at myhousing.rit.edu. Your mailbox and mailing address will also be assigned to you at the same time. Here is more information about housing assignments: http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/content/housing-assignments

   **If you have not already signed up for RIT Housing and would like to, please do so ASAP through myhousing.rit.edu. Please note that this is a competitive process, and there are limited spaces!**

3) Residence Halls: incoming freshmen are guaranteed housing and must live in the Residence Halls during their first year. There are single rooms, double rooms, triple rooms and quads. There are 7 Special Interest Houses for students with specific majors or interests, and are equipped with special amenities. For more information, please follow this link: http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/content/residence-halls

4) Apartments: RIT has 6 apartment complexes, not including RIT Inn. Of these, University Commons, Riverknoll and Global Village (only for sophomores) are located on the academic side. Colony Manor, Perkins Green and Raquet Club are located to the outskirts of the campus, but have shuttles running to campus regularly. University
Commons and Global Village are furnished, the others are not. All apartments (except a few GV apartments) have kitchens. University Commons has a dishwasher and laundry facilities within the apartment. The other complexes have shared laundry rooms, and no dishwashers. For more information, please follow this link:
http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/content/apartments

5) Staying in RIT Housing during breaks – Students staying in RIT apartments are able to stay in their apartment during break weeks (thanksgiving/fall, Christmas and spring break). Students in the Residence Halls must leave during Christmas break, and may temporarily stay at the RIT Inn during this time. They may, however, leave their belongings in their room during this time.

6) What should you bring with you to the Apartments/Residence Halls/RIT Inn?
Res Halls –
Apartments –
RIT Inn -

7) For any additional information, please follow this link: http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/
In addition, be sure to check out their publications:
http://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/publications

Part 2: Off-Campus Housing

1) If you wish to live off-campus, please make sure to make housing arrangements BEFORE arriving in the US!

2) Popular option for students
   a. The Province: http://theprovincerochester.com/

       Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ProvinceRochester

       It is located right off campus, and has shuttles running to campus every 15 minutes. It is fully furnished, and each student has a private bathroom. It is solely for RIT students. Students must typically sign a one year lease with Province. It has a clubhouse facility with a movie theater, swimming pool, pool table, etc. that is accessible to residents.

   b. Park Point: http://parkpointrochester.com/
Park Point is also located very close to campus, with shuttles running to campus every 15 minutes. It is fully furnished. In case of the multiple occupancy apartments, 2 or more roommates must share a bathroom. It is conveniently close to the RIT bookstore, and many restaurants which are also located at park point. It has a clubhouse facility with a swimming pool, movie theater, pool table, etc.

c. Rustic Village:
Rustic Village is a very popular apartment complex for RIT graduate students. This apartment complex is not furnished. If you are considering Rustic Village, please make sure you find roommates through RIT’s Accepted Students Facebook group and make arrangements before you arrive! Ask your PAL for more information!

d. Crittenden Way Apartments: http://www.crittendenwayapts.com/
Crittenden Way apartments are emerging as a new favorite option for off campus housing. They have affordable 1 Bedroom and 2 Bedroom apartments. These apartments like rustic are not furnished. Though affordable, bus stop is a little far (a 7 min walk) and free shuttles do not stop here. Students need to walk to Rustic bus stops (a 10 mins walk) to make use of the frequent shuttles. You can look for roommates on RIT’s Accepted Students Facebook group to make arrangements before arriving.

e. Westbrook Commons:
http://www.westbrookecommons.com/templates/template_concept04/default.asp?w=westbrookecommonsapts
This apartment complex is located about 5 minutes off campus. There are no shuttle services running from Westbrook to RIT, and it is ideal for students with cars (or for students whose roommates have cars).

This is another popular housing complex located 10-15 minutes off campus. There is no bus shuttle between RIT and this apartment complex.

g. The Lodge: http://www.livethelodge.com/the-lodge-henrietta-ny/
New fully furnished housing apartments that offer one, two, four, and five-bedroom with own bathroom; located one mile from RIT. They offering Greenlight Internet with up to 1GB Download per bedroom, pet friendly and offer individual leases. They offer free shuttle services from to RIT and other locations.
In addition to the ones listed above, there are many apartment complexes in Rochester that may interest you. If you are curious about a complex that is not listed, please contact your PAL or visit www.apartments.com. In addition, you may want to check out this Facebook group for RIT students to find housing or roommates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/286895948058191/

3) Tips and FAQs
   a. Purchasing furniture: there are some stores where you can buy cheap furniture, such as Walmart (www.walmart.com) or Target (www.target.com). Another good option is to buy cheap, used furniture (and other items) online from http://rochester.craigslist.org/. There is also a facebook group for new students who are looking to purchase or sell items, which can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreeAndForSaleRIT/

4) Please make sure the housing that you choose is located on a bus line, or within walking or biking distance from RIT (but keep in mind biking may be hard during winter months). Useful resources for planning bus trips are: www.rgrta.org and http://maps.google.com/. Use the “get directions” tab, and fill out the “from” and “destination” address, then click on “PUBLIC TRANSIT” to get your directions.

5) Some apartment complexes may offer some of the following amenities for no charge to the residents: fitness center, sports playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, pool, library, laundry facilities; business center.

6) The RIT housing contract is 9 months, and coincides with the academic calendar. You may live on campus during summer if you wish. In case of off-campus housing, lease (rent) terms are usually one year (including summer months); shorter periods might be available for a surcharge. If you plan on leaving Rochester during summer, you will have to sublease your apartment to another individual.

7) Security deposits for most off-campus complexes need to be submitted with the application, and are typically equal to 1-2 months’ rent. Please make sure you clarify these details with your landlord.

8) Rent payment may or may not include heat, water, gas, cable TV, Internet access, garage, electricity costs, laundry etc. Please be sure to double check these details with your landlord.

Any questions?

Please email your PAL!