Apply for your RIT housing
and select your own room and roommate(s)
at myhousing.rit.edu beginning January 5, 2015!
See pages 16 and 17 for more information.

“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 2015-2016 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 5, 2015. Go to myhousing.rit.edu to complete your online housing contract. If you require a paper copy of a housing contract, contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 or housing@rit.edu.

Check us out!
View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities on our website at housing.rit.edu and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

Students and families, connect with us for housing updates and to see what other students are saying!
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RIT is made up of people like you, people who are interested in their education and welcome a supportive environment for living and learning.
Welcome to Residential Living at RIT

Where Living and Learning Come Together!

As 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 special-lifestyle floors 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 students just like you. They’re 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. This wonderful diversity of people, cultures, and lifestyles all comes together in the residence halls, creating an enriched environment for living and learning.

Plenty of live-in staff, known as Resident Advisers (RAs), will be available to assist you with your transition to RIT and living on campus. Resident Advisers (RAs), students just like you, live in the residence halls and coordinate floor activities and programs. Each residence hall is managed by a full-time professional Residence Coordinator, 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.

Carla DiLella  
Director  
RIT Housing Operations

David Bagley  
Senior Director  
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 floormate 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 study 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 Halls Association-run lounge and 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 standard cable, 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 substance-free floors and co-ed floors. Colby Hall is home to Art House, House of General Science, International House, Study Abroad Cluster, 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, 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 the wellness and alcohol/substance-free floors, and co-ed and all-male floors.**

- **Sol Heumann Hall** is a mainstreamed high-rise building that houses the cross-registered student cluster, co-ed, intensified study, 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.

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*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.
** Carlton Gibson Hall** houses our honors students.

**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 Hall houses the gender-inclusive floor. Gender-inclusive housing provides students the opportunity to room with any other student regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

**Residence Hall B** is a mainstream low-rise building that houses the University Studies student cluster, single-sex floors for males and females,** and co-ed floors. Students living in this building have elevator access to the tunnels.

**Residence Hall A and C** house single-sex floors for independent males and females**, and 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.
Where You’ll Live

Special-Interest Housing: Life Outside the Classroom

If you are inspired about art, crazy about computers, or passionate about photography, you may want to live in one of RIT’s special-interest houses. Designed for students who like to share their interests, these seven houses offer a specific academic focus to residence-hall living and provide tailored activities to a common group. Special-interest houses are self-governing organizations that also have a resident adviser living on the floor. House members are selected based on an initial 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 of new members with assistance from their Residence Life administrative adviser, Housing Operations staff, and faculty adviser. The demand to live in some houses exceeds available space.

All house members are expected to pay dues to support house activities and purchase supplies for the extra on-floor amenities available to you if you live in this space. Dues range from $45 to $105 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.

Special-interest houses are close-knit communities, some of which have been in existence for over 35 years. The connections to faculty, departments, upper-class students, and alumni make them a truly special experience.

An Art Studio Just Two Doors Down ...

Art House, 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 School of Art, the School of Design, and the School for American Crafts.

Art House provides a number of dedicated workspaces with equipment to allow members to comfortably complete assignments, study, or socialize. One private studio space 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. House members also enjoy participating in many activities pertaining to art, community service, photography, and social programs, including an annual overnight trip. Due to its high concentration of art majors, Art House provides a mentoring and nurturing environment for future artists and craftspeople with support from RIT’s faculty and staff. Learn more about Art House at 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 programs who share a common interest in technology.

Members operate and maintain an enterprise-grade comput-
“Computer Science House provides its members with a state-of-the-art technical environment as well as a warm and inviting ‘family’ atmosphere.”

Supporting Future Engineers

Engineering studies at RIT are always demanding, but first-year students will find they have an advantage by living in Engineering House, where help is only a room away. Engineering House promotes a social living environment where members can live and work together.

The facilities in Engineering House help to support the needs of the students who live there. A study lounge with Plexiglas surfaces and whiteboards allows for large-group study sessions in a comfortable environment. Engineering House’s workshop hosts a variety of tools that are used on numerous projects throughout the year, such as Imagine RIT as well as a freshman project that is designed, developed, and completed by the freshman class.

As engineering studies can be stressful, Engineering House also offers a relaxing environment to help relieve the stress of everyday studying. Watch any TV show or movie in the on-floor movie theater with stadium seating. There’s a pool table lounge on the floor, with an alternate table tennis arrangement, as well as speakers so that members can play a quick game of pool while enjoying their favorite music. Due to the social nature of Engineering House, members will make great connections and build friendships that last a lifetime. Learn more about E-House at rit.edu/ehouse.

The Adventure of Science

The House of General Science (HoGS) promotes a friendly environment for any student who shares a diverse interest in science. The house attracts students who are interested in the traditional sciences (i.e., chemistry and physics), the medical-science professions, mathematics and statistics, and innovative fields like biotechnology, bioinformatics, and imaging science. Through interaction with your housemates, you’ll get the chance to gain a better understanding of the different sciences, share your curiosity, and expand your sense of discovery. 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 not only provides students with a great way to establish lifelong friendships but also is a great way to make professional contacts in your career field. Learn more about HoGS at hogs.rit.edu.
Diversity at Its Best

“Diversity is the one thing we all have in common. We celebrate it every day.” (Anonymous)

Students in International House (I-House) live by this saying. I-House is made up of students from all over the world, studying different majors, and of course, sharing different cultures. The house promotes positive international relations among students and develops its own culture by borrowing a little from each member. House members partake in activities such as intramural sports, community service activities, and social outings, including ski trips, movie theater nights, and trips to amusement parks. They hold a number of house dinners in their own fully equipped kitchen/lounge, which allows students to get a taste of different delicacies.

Making friends at I-House is inevitable. I-House students are friendly and everyone has something special to add to the house. A strong sense of community is built through everyday interactions among the house members. By becoming an on-floor or off-floor member, you have the opportunity to excel, learn, and lead. All nationalities are welcome. Learn more about I-House at rit.edu/ihouse.
“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, industrial design, 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.

**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, 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 and awareness of diverse cultural issues.

Members develop leadership skills through a first year project, diverse cultural celebrations, personal development opportunities, and other social events. A number of Unity House members hold leadership positions in various clubs including: AALANA Collegiate Association (ACA), Latin American Students Association, National Society of Black Engineers, Caribbean Students Association, and Student Government.

Most importantly, Unity House focuses on academic achievement by creating connections between students to provide academic mentorship. Unity House also assists students in accessing academic resources provided on campus for individuals of underrepresented minority groups, with intimate affiliations to the Multicultural Center for Academic Success, TRiO Student Support Services, HEOP, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Learn more about Unity House at [facebook.com/RITUnityHouse](http://facebook.com/RITUnityHouse).
Where You’ll Live

Lifestyle Floors

Intensified Study Lifestyle Option
RIT is a university for focused students, and this floor promotes an environment that encourages academic-study groups and a more structured study atmosphere. Floor programs are centered around encouraging interpersonal relationships through academic, social, recreational, cultural, and athletic activities.

Wellness Lifestyle Option
The Wellness Lifestyle Option is perfect for students who are interested in being nutrition-conscious, active in fitness, and engaged in learning more about wellness. Floor programs focus on health-related activities, group activities, and community development.

Alcohol/Substance-Free Lifestyle Option
RIT’s alcohol and drug policy prohibits possession, consumption, and evidence of alcohol and drugs in all residence halls. An increasingly popular option for many students is an alcohol- and substance-free living arrangement.

These floors are for students who seek a coeducational living environment where residents and their guests agree to keep their living area free from alcohol at all times, and abstain from all non-prescribed mood-altering drugs. Alcohol/substance-free floors also support residents with opportunities to learn more about wellness as part of RIT’s wellness initiative.

Like other lifestyle options, this program has been developed to create a healthy, proactive environment that supports students’ academic and personal growth without limiting their enjoyment of the traditional college activities.

Study Abroad Housing Cluster
Are you interested in exploring the possibility of studying abroad during your time at RIT? If yes, the Study Abroad Housing Cluster offers you the opportunity to interact with students who are currently studying abroad and those who have completed their abroad experience. Expert advice on how to structure your class schedule and finances, social activities, cooking, and informal cultural and language studies are only a part of what this cluster has to offer.
21 and Over Lifestyle Option
To create a more congenial atmosphere for adult students, this floor houses students who are 21 and over (for fall move in, students must be 21 by Sept. 1, 2015). This is ideal for students who want a residence hall experience shared with other older students.

Single-Sex Floors
If you prefer to live in a single-sex environment, you may choose this option when selecting your room online. Students may also be placed on a single-sex floor without requesting this option in order to maintain the balance of males and females on co-ed floors. Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

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. First-year honors students are encouraged to select honors housing but may also choose other residence hall options such as special-interest houses.

Mainstream Floors
Mainstreamed floors where both deaf/hard-of-hearing and hearing students live are located in Ellingson, Peterson, Residence Halls B and D, Sol Heumann, Fish, and Gibson Halls. Hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing students may select each other as roommates. Students may be placed on a mainstream floor without requesting this option.

The RAs assigned to these floors have sign-language skills and special training related to the needs of the hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing population. RAs may be hearing or deaf/hard of hearing.

Cross-Register Cluster
This is an opportunity for any deaf or hard-of-hearing student enrolled in any bachelor’s degree program at RIT. By participating in the Cross-Register Cluster, you will explore and develop your academic and leadership skills through dynamic and transformational experiences in a cross-cultural environment. Opportunities include a leadership retreat, mentorship program, workshops, and many informal interactions with your floormates and RIT/NTID staff and faculty. Participants also have the opportunity to earn leadership certificates and participate in the student government’s Cross-Register Student Advisory Board. While living in the Cross-Register Cluster, you will be challenged and supported for your success in order to emerge as a leader for a diverse and global society.

University Studies: A Living-Learning Community for Undecided Majors
First-year students admitted into the University Studies program are encouraged to live and learn together, to gain insight from each other about the process of deciding on a final RIT major. Students in the USP LLC live in Residence Hall B, where they can interact on a daily basis and discuss a variety of 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 Studies program engage with the students throughout the year with social and educational events held in or near Res. Hall B, starting with a fall picnic each year.

Gender-Inclusive Housing
For freshman students who prefer to live in a gender-inclusive environment. Gender-inclusive housing provides students the opportunity to room with any other student regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

“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.”
**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.
- students are not given the opportunity to list their preferred room shape, as rooms are randomly assigned.

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. If you want to purchase curtains, we recommend that you wait until after you have seen your room. Some student rooms have one window, others have two. Window sizes vary depending on the residence area.

**Organized vs. Unorganized.** 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 staff.

Each room is inspected at the start of the school year. You will be asked to submit an online inventory assessment verifying the condition of the room. To properly check out of your room, you need to return keys in a completed Key Return Envelope, and remove all your personal belongings.

**Pets**

Out of consideration for other residents, we do not allow animals 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. 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.

*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.*
**Features/Services**

**Cable Television**
Rooms are equipped with standard cable service provided through Time Warner Communications. Students wishing to upgrade their service can do so by calling Time Warner at 585-756-5000.

**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 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 call requires 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.) You can access your RIT computer account, read and respond to e-mail 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 losses 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.
Appliances and Other Information
To comply with fire-safety regulations, we limit appliances to clocks, televisions, personal computers, printers, DVDs and player, 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 other electrical appliances, including microwaves, are not allowed. No appliance may have an exposed heating element. All appliances must be UL approved. 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 housing.rit.edu under the Publications link for a full 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. All deaf/hard-of-hearing students will be assigned to fire-strobed rooms.

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 June 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.
Rochester Institute of Technology’s Dining Services department operates over 21 on-campus locations (including concessions) and offers a wide variety of cuisines, including healthy, vegetarian and special diet, traditional, and international food options, to meet every student’s needs. Our dining plans are flexible, cost-efficient, and convenient. If you live in the residence halls or the RIT Inn, you are required to participate in a dining plan. When choosing a dining plan, consider your eating habits and class schedule. In most cases, dining plans have a fixed number of meals to be eaten on a weekly basis in Gracie’s, which serves a variety of fresh, healthy meals that are prepared, cooked, and baked fresh daily with an all-you-care-to-eat concept. Five to seven of those meals may be used as ‘meal options’ and may be used at any dining service area (excluding Nathan’s Soup & Salad and Java’s) depending on the plan you choose.

The food debit account may be used for meal purchases made in any dining service area. When using your food debit account for payment of your meal purchases, you will receive an 8% tax savings at all dining service locations, excluding the markets and convenience stores. Students using food debit in Gracie’s will receive a 15% discount off the cash price of the meal. Food debit is valid only for food items (perishable and non-perishable).

How do I sign up?
All dining plan selections and changes must be completed online within your housing contract at 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. Dining plans and food debit are accessed through your RIT ID card.

Restaurants and Dining Halls

Brick City Café
Full breakfast and lunch entrées, extensive salad bar, full deli, grill favorites, display cooking, rotating local specialty vendors, fresh soups, desserts, and Finger Lakes coffee.

The Café and Market at the Crossroads
Market-style food court, convenience store, and Starbucks coffee and Freshens smoothie bar. Specialties include made-to-order salads, subs, and pasta, grill favorites, Jump Asian Chinese, pizzas, calzones, grab-and-go meals and snacks, and the Crossbar rotating international cuisines.

Visit us online for available Dining Plans & Rates!
www.rit.edu/diningservices/mealplans

- **Freshmen**
  Resident freshmen may select from any of the dining plans offered. Dining 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 for the Any 5 Plus and All Debit dining plans.

The Commons
Made-to-order Shumway Subs & Salads, Hettie’s Grill, Stone Oven Pizza & Pasta Cucina, fresh soups, desserts, grab-and-go items, and gourmet chef specials in a cozy environment with a fireplace. Online delivery orders available via The Commons’ website.

Global Village Cantina and Grille
Three distinct dining experiences are offered at the cantina and grille. Salsarita’s offers fresh made-to-order Mexican cuisine. The Global Grille features cooked-to-order international cuisines. Oishii Sushi serves freshly prepared, made-to-order sushi. Fresh grab-and-go sandwiches, wraps, desserts, and fruit are also available.

Gracie’s
All-you-care-to-eat fresh, vegan, vegetarian, traditional, and international fare. Specialties include a Mongolian Grill offering fresh cook-to-order meals, Simply Eats allergen-friendly cuisine, full deli, pizza, soup and sandwich pairing station, freshly baked desserts, waffle bar, grill favorites, and salad bar.

Petals at the RIT Inn and Conference Center
Bistro-style dining offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus, snacks, grab-and-go offerings, and coffee station.

RITZ Sports Zone
Sports restaurant with big-screen HD TVs open for lunch, dinner, and special sporting events. Menu includes house-made pizzas; made-to-order wraps, subs, quesadillas, and paninis; fresh soups; grill favorites; rotating local international vendors; and desserts. Also features a game room complete with billiards and arcade games.

Markets and Convenience Stores

The Café and Market at Crossroads
Selection of common grocery and household items including fruits, snacks, dry goods, refrigerated and frozen foods, dairy products, beverages, school supplies, baking/cooking ingredients, and more.
The Corner Store
Open until 2 a.m. offering a wide range of snacks, beverages, dairy products, dry goods, refrigerated and frozen foods, fruits and vegetables, common household items, coffee station, DVDs, and gifts.

The Market at Global Village
International foods, spices, and candies, refrigerated and frozen foods, fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, meats, and baked goods, local, sustainable products, dry goods, snacks, beverages, all-natural foods, and coffee station. International gifts, housewares, and all-natural health and beauty products are also available.

Sol’s Underground
Large variety of health and beauty products, vitamins and supplements, housewares, school supplies, greeting cards, gifts and balloons, magazines, snacks, and other common grocery items. Also offers flat bread pizzas, quesadillas, sushi, paninis, wraps, and Perry’s scoop ice cream and milkshakes.

Express Dining
Artesano Bakery and Café
On-campus patisserie offering upscale pastries, including breakfast pastries, brownies, cookies, tarts, several gluten-free and vegan products, and more. Proudly serves Peet’s Coffee and Tea, an organic coffee company offering blended frozen drinks, espresso, lattes, and cappuccinos.

Beanz
Freshly baked gourmet pastries and desserts, bagels, soups, and paninis. Also features coffee, cappuccinos, espresso, and teas from Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters, as well as Sicilian sodas and Freshens smoothies.

Ben & Jerry’s
Ice cream, sundaes, cakes, cookies, real fruit smoothies, and shakes.

Bytes
Snack and sweet shop offering snacks, gourmet grab-and-go sandwiches, beverages, bulk candy, gifts, ice cream, and novelty items.

Ctrl Alt Deli
Design your own sandwich from a selection of wraps, breads, meats, cheeses, veggies, and sauces, chili bread bowls, sizzling cheese sandwiches, hearty soups, baked goods, fresh and healthy grab-and-go salads and snack trays, and Finger Lakes coffee.

The College Grind
Starbucks brewed coffee and tea beverages, freshly baked goods, Tazo teas, and Freshens smoothies.

Freshens
Healthy made-to-order savory and dessert crepes and smoothies for quick grab-and-go breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Midnight Oil
Coffee lounge open late offering light fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Starbucks coffee beverages, and house-made baked goods.

Nathan’s Soup and Salad
A local Rochester favorite offering a variety of healthy home-style soups, sandwiches, and fresh baked breads.

Campus Vending Machines
Tiger Bucks, food debit, and cash are accepted in all 160 food and beverage vending machines on campus.

Special Delivery
Special Delivery is an exclusive gift service provided by RIT Dining Services. Send your son or daughter warm thoughts along with locally baked cakes, unique gift baskets, balloons, and more. Whether it’s for a birthday, a nice treat during finals, holidays, good luck, or just because, we ensure that your gift arrives at its destination with your well wishes. Order online at rit.edu/specialdelivery.

Order Online
Order online from your favorite Dining Services locations (The Commons, Crossroads, and Ritz Sports Zone) and pick it up or have it delivered to your office or meeting room. We deliver to most buildings on campus. Plan your next event, meeting, or party ahead with our Large Group Menus.

Tiger Bucks
Tiger Bucks is a taxable spending account accessed through your RIT ID card and is a cost-effective and convenient account that includes a number of worthwhile benefits for both students and parents.

Tiger Bucks are accepted at over 55 on- and off-campus locations for a number of services, products, and activities. Parents and family members particularly find Tiger Bucks convenient, as amounts can be added to their student’s account any time, allowing your student to purchase meal and grocery items, textbooks and supplies at Barnes & Noble@RIT, computer and photo equipment at the Photo Store, a haircut at Shear Global Salon, mailing costs, event tickets, and more. Tiger Bucks also reduces the need to carry cash and multiple cards.

Tiger Bucks, meal options, cash, debit, check, and Visa/MasterCard are accepted at all RIT dining service locations.
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

RIT Housing Operations and The Center for Residence Life serve the needs of 7,100 students residing within RIT housing, which consists of traditional-style residence halls, special-interest houses, lifestyle option floors, 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 myhousing.rit.edu 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
RIT Residence Life staff will assist you with college life in general and residential living. Three groups of staff are available at all times to support your residential needs.

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 supportive 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 administrative and programmatic functions for the area level.

RIT’s Expectations for Community Behavior: Responsibility, Support, Respect

- RIT is a learning community where time, energy, and resources are directed toward learning and personal development.
- Community members will live and work together to foster their own learning, and the learning of others, both in and outside the classroom.
- Within the community, members hold themselves and each other to high standards of personal integrity and responsibility.
- Individual members continually strive to exceed their personal best in academic performance and the development of interpersonal and professional skills and attributes.
- As members of the community, individuals continually conduct themselves in a manner that reflects thoughtful, civil, sober, and considerate behavior.
- As a member of the community, each person respects the dignity of all persons and acts to protect and safeguard the well-being and property of others.
- As a member of the community, each individual contributes to the continued advancement and support of the community, personally challenging behavior that is contrary to the welfare of others.
- Members of the community create a campus culture that values diversity and discourages bigotry, while striving to learn from individual differences.
Timeline to Select Your Own Room and Roommate(s)

January 5 – May 12: Complete your online RIT housing contract and search and select a roommate.

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

May 29: 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 e-mail account May 29, 2015. On the given date and time of your appointment, you will have access to go back to myhousing.rit.edu to select a room of your choice in the residence halls.

Early June: Select your own room online.

Your appointment time to go online to select your room will start and end in early June. Your appointment time is the earliest that you can go to myhousing.rit.edu 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.

Submit Your RIT Housing Contract

Once your tuition deposit is paid or waived, you will have access to the 2015-2016 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 5, 2015. Go to myhousing.rit.edu to complete your online housing contract. If you require a paper copy of a housing contract, contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 or housing@rit.edu.

Important Notes:

• Starting June 13, the myHousing portal will no longer allow students to search and select a roommate or room. Students will, however, still be able to complete a housing contract.
• 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; however, students that are the last to be admitted may be placed in temporary housing.
• View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities at housing.rit.edu and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

Apply for your RIT housing

Select your own room and roommate(s) at myhousing.rit.edu beginning January 5, 2015.

Please read all material carefully.

All Entering Freshman Students—Residency Requirement

All freshmen entering directly from high school who do not live with their parent or guardian 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 academic 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 include 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 through 7. If you prefer a paper copy of a special-interest house application, please contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 or housing@rit.edu.

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. 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.

Help With Common Questions:

**Meal Plans**—Students who live in the residence halls and the RIT Inn must be on a meal plan. You will select your meal plan on your housing contract. See pages 13 and 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. Please note that only severe allergies that cannot be effectively managed with medication may qualify for a 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 June 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; false representation results in immediate removal from your room and reassignment to an appropriate vacant space.

**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 obtain housing for the 2016-2017 academic year. Every eligible student who participates in the housing selection process will be offered RIT housing. The process is very easy—you will complete your contract and select your own roommate(s) and give your housing preferences. Assignments are made in 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 be placed in temporary housing through this signup process; however, they will be assigned to permanent housing no later than July.

**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, RIT Public Safety patrols, and on-site RIT Residence Life community staff
- Close proximity and on-campus convenience ensure a memorable and connected college experience
- Affordable value with per-month rates ranging from $405 to $1,392. You also get five free weeks of rent. RIT housing is billed each semester.
- All utilities and features included (high-speed wireless, standard cable service, 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 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 myhousing.rit.edu 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.

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**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 at myhousing.rit.edu.
2) Enter your RIT user name and password.
3) Click on “RIT Housing Contract/Dining Plans” located on the orange header.
4) Click on “15-16 Full Academic Year.”
5) Select the confirmation tab.
RIT does not discriminate. RIT promotes and values diversity within its workforce and provides equal opportunity to all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, marital status, sex, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, veteran status, or disability.