OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDECLARED STUDENTS
You might be just like one of these students below, who came to RIT because of our dynamic and innovative programs, but needing time to explore their options. RIT offers 10 options for undeclared students. University Studies is for students with interests in two or more of our colleges, and there are eight colleges or departments that offer undeclared options. There’s even an option that lets you design your own degree program! Regardless of your academic path, we look forward to helping you get started on your educational and career paths that take full advantage of everything that RIT has to offer.

TIFFANY REEDER
Undeclared Option: General Science Exploration
Chosen Major: Biomedical Sciences

Tiffany Reeder knew she wanted to study science, but choosing a major proved difficult. She began her studies at RIT in the science exploration program, which gave her the opportunity to learn about each major in the colleges of Science and Health Sciences and Technologies. “I am really glad that I took the time to look around and decide on biomedical sciences, which is a perfect fit for me,” Reeder was part of a group of ten students who travelled to Croatia for a pre-medically focused study abroad experience, and she is also active in community outreach through both the Premedical Student Association and the Center for Bioscience Education and Technology (CBET). Reeder is interested in attending medical school and pursuing a career in some aspect of family- and community-based medicine.

RYAN HARRIMAN
Undeclared Option: University Studies
Chosen Major: Biomedical Photographic Communications

Uncertain about a career path, Ryan Harriman enrolled in the university studies program as a freshman at RIT. The program is for students who are undecided on a major or have so many interests that they cannot choose just one. “What I liked most about the program was that it gave me time to attend RIT without being committed to one specific major as an incoming freshman,” he says. That time gave him the chance to research different majors before deciding on biomedical photographic communications in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. Harriman, who completed an international co-op at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, Wales, is eyeing a future in the creative arts. “Instead of jumping into a major that I may not have liked, I was able to see first-hand what the university had to offer and confidently make a choice for my major,” he says.

KADRE ROBERTS
Undeclared Option: Undeclared Business
Chosen Major: Management Information Systems

Kadre Roberts loves computers and information technology, but wanted a career were she could interact with people instead of hardware and software. After she enrolled in the business undeclared program, she began talking to professors to learn more about the various majors in Saunders College of Business. She quickly learned that management information systems fit her career goals. “The program was the perfect opportunity for me to combine business and technology,” she says. Roberts finished a co-op as an innovation analyst at Lowe’s Corporate Headquarters, where she learned first-hand how computers and information technology can impact business performance. “Meeting with faculty and learning about the career paths and co-op opportunities gave me the information I needed to make the right choice,” she says.
University Studies
If you have interests that span two or more of our colleges, the broadest and most flexible option, University Studies, allows you up to a year to explore and focus your academic and career interests. As a University Studies student, you’ll be assigned an experienced adviser who will help you through the process of identifying a suitable program of study. In addition to helping you select courses, your adviser will provide you with encouragement and guidance throughout the career decision process.

Career exploration
During your first semester in University Studies, you’ll be required to participate in a career exploration seminar. This will provide you with a systematic plan for making decisions in a timely manner. You’ll explore RIT’s colleges and academic programs, and you’ll learn about the research and career opportunities that are available in different disciplines.

Individualized plan of study
In University Studies, you’ll take general education courses that satisfy requirements for all majors within the university. This will allow you to research potential majors without wasting credits. Additionally, University Studies will allow you to sample introductory courses from RIT’s nine colleges. The goal is to help you make the most informed decision about your major and career choices.

Undeclared Art & Design and Undeclared Crafts
If you have a passion for the visual arts, then you may consider either the undeclared art and design or the undeclared crafts option. Students in the School of Art, School of Design, and the School for American Crafts begin taking courses in the Foundation Studies program, which provides you with a broad set of introductory experiences in several areas of the visual arts. Students interested in one of the programs in the School of Art or the School of Design should apply for the undeclared art and design option, while students interested in programs in the School for American Crafts should apply for the undeclared crafts option. Admission to these programs is based, in part, on a portfolio evaluation. Portfolio guidelines can be found at admissions.rit.edu.

Undeclared Business
If your interests fall into the business realm, the undeclared business option in Saunders College of Business is the place to begin. By building on the liberal arts and sciences and business core components, the undeclared business option provides you up to a year and a half to declare a major. During this time, you will complete required courses that provide an understanding of all facets of business and serve as a foundation for the undeclared option as well as advanced study in a specific area of interest. Advisers are available to assist you in selecting a major that matches your area of interest.

Computing Exploration
The computing exploration program provides you with exposure to five of the undergraduate computing programs within the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. The goal of the program is to enable you to make an informed decision about the computing program that is the best fit for you. You will take courses in (1) computer science, (2) computing security, and (3) information technology, and may elect course work in (4) software engineering or (5) networking and systems administration. All students in this undeclared major take a one-credit course, Computing Exploration Seminar, which provides an overview of the five computing majors. You will learn about the course of study and career opportunities in each major, and be introduced to the faculty, students, and laboratory facilities in each program. In addition, you will take a two-course sequence in both programming and mathematics, appropriate for all degrees. An academic adviser will consult one-on-one to ensure that you stay on track. You may choose a major at the end of fall or spring semester; course work taken while in the computing exploration program will be applied to the selected major.
will be asked to select a major. By the spring semester of your first year, you may choose a major at the end of the fall or spring semester of your first year. During the first year, you will take the foundation courses required by all the engineering disciplines as well as a one-credit course, Introduction to Engineering. This course provides an overview of engineering programs, plus the opportunity to learn about the career opportunities and an introduction to the faculty and students of each program. Other career-oriented activities available to you during the freshman year include participating in small-group discussions with faculty and other students, observing classroom presentations of senior engineering design projects, exploring engineering laboratory facilities, and consulting one on one with an academic adviser regarding engineering courses.

Undeclared Engineering Technology

If you are interested in one of the engineering technology programs or packaging science, but are unsure about selecting a specific program, you should consider the undeclared engineering technology option. This option allows you to spend up to a year exploring the various engineering technology programs and packaging science while earning course credit that can be applied to any of the programs. By the spring semester of your first year, you will be asked to select a major.

Liberal Arts Exploration

If your career interests are in the liberal arts, the liberal arts exploration program is a great path to consider. By building on the core liberal arts as well as other general education core components, this program provides you up to two years to declare a major. During this time, you will complete required courses that serve as a foundation for each of the programs in the College of Liberal Arts. Advisers are available to assist you in selecting a major that matches your area of interest.

Science Exploration

The science exploration program is an excellent place to start if you have a strong interest in careers that fall into the science, mathematics and statistics, or the health and medical science fields, but would like some time to explore the programs available. A customized schedule of courses in science and mathematics is developed for you based on your ability, interests, and goals. A team of academic advisers assists you in selecting courses and identifying a major in which to enroll. In addition to the traditional science options of biology, chemistry, math, and physics, you may explore courses in environmental science, imaging science, or the medical sciences. Students decide on a major in either the College of Science or the College of Health Sciences and Technology before the end of the first year.

Applied Arts and Science

Applied arts and science is a program where you can create personalized degree programs directly related to your interests and aspirations. This provides you with a multidisciplinary approach to learning that can be applied to the professional environment. Through this flexible, multidisciplinary program, you can follow a plan of study tailored to your individual interests that incorporates courses or sets of courses from across RIT.

Learn More...

Our website — admissions.rit.edu — can provide you with all of the information necessary to take the next step. Whether you are looking for information on our academic and campus life programs or on scheduling a campus visit, you can find it on our website. You can create a personalized information page by designing your own portal site. The portal gives you the opportunity to apply online and check the status of your application as it moves through the admissions process. Use the portal to stay informed by receiving the latest campus news or research more about your major and potential career.

VISITS TO CAMPUS are encouraged and may be arranged in advance by calling 585-475-6631. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students may arrange campus visits by calling 585-475-6701, toll free in the U.S. and Canada at 866-644-6843, or by videophone at 585-743-1366.

RIT in Brief...

FOUNDED IN 1829, Rochester Institute of Technology is a privately endowed, coeducational university with nine colleges emphasizing career education and experiential learning.

THE CAMPUS occupies 1,300 acres in suburban Rochester, the third-largest city in New York state. RIT also has international campuses in Eastern Europe and Dubai.

THE RIT STUDENT BODY consists of approximately 15,000 undergraduate and 2,900 graduate students. Enrolled students represent all 50 states and over 100 countries.

RIT is an internationally recognized leader in preparing deaf and hard-of-hearing students for successful careers in professional and technical fields. The university provides unparalleled access and support services for the more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students who live, study, and work with hearing students on the RIT campus.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION provides paid career-related work experience in many degree programs. RIT has the fourth-oldest and one of the largest cooperative education programs in the world, annually placing more than 4,100 students in professional and technical fields. The university provides unparalleled access and support services for the more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students who live, study, and work with hearing students on the RIT campus.

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.

The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide, upon request, all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. RIT crime statistics can be found at the Department of Education website, http://ope.ed.gov/security, and by contacting RIT’s Public Safety Department at 585-475-6620 (v/r/t).

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# MAJORS

(Bachelor’s degree programs only)

## College Key
- College of Applied Science and Technology
- Saunders College of Business
- B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
- Kate Gleason College of Engineering
- College of Health Sciences and Technology
- College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- College of Science
- College of Applied Science and Technology
- B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
- Kate Gleason College of Engineering
- College of Health Sciences and Technology
- College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf

*Qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing students may enroll in RIT bachelor’s degree programs with full support of NTID’s access services.

## Art, Design, & Crafts
- 3D Digital Design
- Ceramics
- Fine Arts Studio
- Furniture Design
- Glass
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Industrial Design
- Interior Design
- Medical Illustration
- Metals and Jewelry Design
- New Media Design

## Business & Management
- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- International Business
- International Hospitality & Service Management
- Management
- Marketing
- New Media Marketing
- Nutrition Management

## Communications
- Advertising and Public Relations
- American Sign Language–English Interpretation
- Communication
- Journalism

## Computing & Information Sciences
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computing Security
- Game Design and Development
- Information Technology
- Management Information Systems
- Networking & Systems Administration
- New Media Interactive Development
- Software Engineering

## Engineering & Engineering Technology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Computer Engineering Technology—Audio Option
- Telecommunications Option
- Electrical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering—Computer Engineering Option
- Energy Option
- Robotics Option
- Wireless Communications Option
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology—Audio Option
- Telecommunications Option
- Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Industrial Engineering
- Industrial Engineering—Ergonomics Option
- Lean Six Sigma Option
- Manufacturing Option
- Supply Chain Management Option
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering—Aerospace Option
- Automotive Option
- Bioengineering Option
- Energy and Environment Option
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Microelectronic Engineering
- Packaging Science
- Software Engineering

## Environmental Studies
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety

## Mathematics, Science, & Health Sciences
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Statistics
- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience
- Chemistry
- Computational Mathematics
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)
- Imaging Science
- Medical Illustration

## Nutrition Management

## Photographic and Imaging Technologies—Biomedical Photographic Communications Option

## Physician Assistant (BS/MS)

## Physics

## Multidisciplinary Studies
- Applied Arts and Science*

## Photography, Film, & Print Media
- Film and Animation
- Media Arts and Technology
- Motion Picture Science
- Photographic and Imaging Arts—Advertising Photography Option
- Fine Art Photography Option
- Photographic and Imaging Arts—Biomedical Photographic Communications Option
- Imaging and Photographic Technology Option

## Social Sciences
- Criminal Justice
- International and Global Studies
- Museum Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology and Anthropology

## Undeclared Options
- University Studies**
- Undeclared Art and Design
- Undeclared Business
- Computing Exploration (Undeclared Computing)
- Undeclared Crafts
- Engineering Exploration (Undeclared Engineering)
- Undeclared Engineering Technology
- Liberal Arts Exploration (Undeclared Liberal Arts)
- Science Exploration (Undeclared Science)

* Offered by the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies in the Division of Academic Affairs
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With more than 90 innovative and creative programs and 10 options for undeclared students, RIT can help you discover your future!

Imagine the possibilities…