



RIT Survival Tips

Emergency Contact Information

- Emergency: (585) 475-3333
- General: (585) 475-2853
- Text: (585) 205-8333

Dorm Life

- **When you're in your room, leave your door open!** Try to get to know people on your floor, wherever you live, even if you just recognize them and wave on the Quarter Mile. You are the one who makes your floor a fun and friendly place!
- **Always bring your keys & ID with you when you leave your room,** even just for a second. You don't want to be stuck in the hallway in a towel coming back from the shower because your roommate left.
- **If something is broken, report it.** You can submit maintenance requests to Facilities Management Services (FMS) at rit.edu/fa/housing/requests and they will typically fix the problem in 1 business day.

Campus Life

- **Join a club!** The Tigers Activities Fair is coming up on Sunday 8/25 and it is a great place to see some of the 200+ clubs on campus.
- **Go to campus festivals.** Fall Fest, Brick City Homecoming, Freeze Fest, Spring Fest, and Imagine RIT are all great events with lots of giveaways.
- **Join intramural teams and take wellness classes** to have fun while staying healthy.

Laundry

- **Avoid doing laundry on the weekends** as these are the busiest times.
- **Be sure that you have time to finish before you start.** If you leave your clothes in a machine after the cycle is done, people will move them.

Employment

- **Use Handshake** to look for on-campus jobs. Making a profile early can help get co-ops later!
- **Go to the Career Fair** your first year. It will make it a lot less intimidating when you actually need to get co-ops.

Academics

- **Get to know your academic advisor and Honors Advocate(s)** as early as possible.
- **It is possible to change your first semester schedule** by talking to your advisor.
- **Get to know your professors** before your class starts, but also build a relationship with them. Professors are more understanding if they know you and can be a great resource.
- **Go to speakers and events** put on by your college. Hearing from people in your industry will give you great things to talk about with faculty members and make networking easier.
- **Read your syllabus and put deadlines on your calendar early on** to help prevent you from getting behind on work.
- **Ask for help when you need it.** There are several tutoring centers on campus as well as the Academic Support Center.

Parking

- **Register your car within 10 days** at myParking.rit.edu to get a virtual permit.
- **Know where you can park!** You will get ticketed if you're in the wrong lot.

Health and Wellness

- **The August Center** is where you go if you're sick on campus or if you want to talk to a counselor.
- **Know warning signs.** College can be hard, make sure you're watching out for your friends and reaching out for help if you need it.
- **The gym is a great place to go.** Membership is free for students and the Freshman 15 is real.

Food and Eating

- **Try all the eateries on RIT's campus** in your first few weeks. You can find a list and daily menus on the RIT Mobile app.
- **Pick the meal plan that works best for you.** You can find information about different options at mylife.rit.edu.
- **See RIT's Nutritionist** in the August Center if you are having eating problems.