BFA Undergraduate Portfolio Requirements | 2027 Admission

For admission into a BFA program within the School of Art, School of Design, and School of Film and Animation, a portfolio of 7-10 examples of your best artwork is required.

Programs that **do not review portfolios** as part of the application process are BFA in Photographic and Imaging Arts, BFA in New Media Design, BS in Photographic Sciences, and BS in Motion Picture Science.

Please include in your portfolio:

- 7-10 pieces of your best visual art work
- For motion work, limited length of work to no more than 3 min in total per portfolio
- Consider work that demonstrates your creativity through innovative ideas and content, interesting composition, and proficient use of materials
- Create an individual file such as JPEG or PDF for each piece of artwork, making sure the artwork takes up the full image frame
- Title, Medium, and Description (your role in any collaborative work) should be typed into the Description Box within the RIT Portfolio Submission Portal

Please do not include:

- AI-generated artwork. All work must be completely original
- Artwork copied from photographs, comics, fantasy, movies, or pop culture
- Fan art or clips from video games, or pieces made in gaming platforms
- Mood boards or screenshots from the internet
- Descriptions of your work or text on your portfolio pieces. These can be added in the Description Box within your application portal
- Scripts, creative writing, short stories or written code
- Performing arts pieces such as dance, music, and theater unless your contribution to the performance is towards creating visual elements (props, backdrops or costumes...)
- Multiple page PDFs are permitted, however, any more than 3 pages within a single PDF file will not be reviewed

Illustration, Medical Illustration, Painting and Printmaking (Studio Arts Options)

The above programs require samples of drawings from direct observation that are not referenced from a photograph or digital screen. You may use any medium, including but not limited to pencil, charcoal, paint, or digital tools on a tablet. Your work must be based on direct observation of an object or setting in front of you.

Ready to Submit Your Portfolio?

Portfolio submission is due at time of application deadline

1. First, submit your RIT application via the **Common App** or **RIT Application**.
   Visit **https://www.rit.edu/admissions/first-year-application** for application information.
2. If applying with the Common App, you will receive instructions for creating your RIT Admissions Portal account via email. It could take 24-48 hours to receive the follow up email indicating that you can submit your portfolio.
3. If applying with the **RIT Application**, use the same login credentials.
4. Upload 7-10 pieces of your best work within the **RIT Portal**. For each piece, ensure that you are uploading an individual file, and use the Description box to type in the title, medium, and description for each piece.
   In the **Descriptions**, you may choose to include details such as assignment or theme (if any), role(s) such as director, writer, editor, and any exhibition or award that this piece earned.
5. Review **Portfolio File Requirements**.
   If you do not follow these directions your portfolio may not be reviewed.

PDF Files	Digital Video
For all drawings, paintings, digital art, photos, etc., **each** example of work must be submitted as a **single PDF** in **RGB** color mode.	All video files must be submitted in either **M4V, MOV, MP4,** or **WMV** format. Audio file formats such as **MP3, AIFF,** or **WAV** are not accepted.
20 MB **(or less)** in size per PDF.	**60 MB** **(or less)** in size per media.
Document sizes should be **at least 8.5 x 11 inches** with the work sized to fit the page. Each PDF file must be **a single example of work**. If you have multiple views of a single example, submit a multi-page PDF with a maximum of 3 pages.	Videos should be **at least 1280 x 720 pixels** for optimal viewing. Do not submit more than **3 minutes total** of media in your application.

6. Click **SUBMIT** when you have uploaded all of your portfolio pieces.

For answers to frequently asked portfolio-related questions as well as a list of examples of artwork to submit, visit the RIT Portfolio website at https://www.rit.edu/artdesign/portfolio-requirements