

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Master of Fine Arts program in the School of Film and Animation (SOFA). We are delighted that you will be joining our graduate program in the College of Art and Design. As a graduate student, you are an important part of RIT's university community. We are confident that you will find this a truly exciting place to pursue your graduate studies.

## Orientation

In preparation for the academic year, orientation meetings have been scheduled for all new graduate students. Your attendance at these meetings is required as you will learn about facilities, meet members of the RIT graduate community, receive an academic planning sheet, learn about graduate assistantships, and review specific details about your graduate program.

Your graduate orientation session in the College of Art and Design (CAD) is:

Graduate Events	Date	Time	Location
MFA Film and Animation Graduate Orientation	Friday, August 20, 2021	3:00 – 5:00pm	A145 Gannett Hall
Classes begin	Monday, August 23, 2021		

In addition to our college orientation, the RIT Graduate School has orientation events planned for the week. For a complete list of RIT Graduate Orientation Events, please visit <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/graduateeducation/online-graduate-student-orientation>.

If you are an international student, the International Student Services Office also has mandatory (virtual) orientation event. Please visit <https://www.rit.edu/orientation/international> for more information.

## Fall Course Schedules

### 2D Animation and 3D Animation Majors

Your fall schedule will consist of six (6) required studio courses. You will automatically be registered for:

- Basic Sound Recording
- Graduate Seminar
- 3D Animation Fundamentals (or Stop Motion Fundamentals for 2D Animation)
- 2D Animation I Fundamentals (or Stop Motion Fundamentals for 3D Animation)
- Pre-Production for Animators
- Animation Film Language

### Production and Screenwriting Majors

Your fall schedule will consist of five (5) required studio courses. You will automatically be registered for:

- Production Processes
- Basic Sound Recording
- Graduate Directing
- Graduate Seminar
- Graduate Screenwriting

Your academic advisor, Kristie Gross ([kristie.gross@rit.edu](mailto:kristie.gross@rit.edu)), will email you to confirm your preferred option (2D Animation, 3D Animation, Production, or Scriptwriting) and ask you to complete a Film and Animation (MFA) Option Form. If you are a 2D or 3D Animation major, she will also need to know if you intend to take Stop Motion Fundamentals. Please watch for her email to ensure timely registration.

**GA Work**

We are potentially looking for a small group of students to help with GA work in the Fall. If you are interested in working on campus, please reach out to me at [kmbpph@rit.edu](mailto:kmbpph@rit.edu) so I can put you on my list. We will hold a training for GA students during orientation week.

**Graduate Student Resources – insideCAD website**

The College of Art and Design has an internal page devoted to Graduate Student Information. Please visit <https://inside.cad.rit.edu/current-students/academic-information/graduate-student-info/> for the new student checklist, academic calendar, and informational handouts to be used throughout your studies at RIT.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [kmbpph@rit.edu](mailto:kmbpph@rit.edu). I look forward to seeing you in August. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,

Kevin Bauer  
Graduate Director