

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Master of Fine Arts in Fine Arts Studio. On behalf of the graduate faculty, we are delighted that you will be joining our program and look forward to working with you.

### **Orientation**

In preparation for the academic year, meetings during orientation week 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:

<b>Graduate Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fine Arts Studio Graduate Orientation	Friday, August 20, 2021	1:00 – 3:00pm	4501 Booth 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**

Your fall schedule will consist of two (2) required studio courses, two (2) major studio courses, and one (1) open elective course. The fall courses that you will automatically be registered for are:

- Technology in the Studio
- Ideation and Series

For the studio courses, your academic advisor, Kristie Gross, will email you to discuss the registration process, explain your elective options, and find out your preferences. Please watch for her email to ensure timely registration and course selection.

### **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 [denton@rit.edu](mailto:denton@rit.edu). I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

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Graduate Director