

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Master for Teachers (MST) – Visual Arts, All Grades, art education program. 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
MST Visual Arts, All Grades Graduate Orientation	Friday, August 20, 2021	2:00 PM	TBD
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 five (5) required courses. You will automatically be registered for:

- Child Development in Art
- Inclusive Art Education: Teaching Students with Disabilities in the K-12 Art Classroom
- Multicultural Issues in Art Education
- Methods in Teaching and Learning
- Methods II: Studio Thinking

For the studio elective, 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.

### 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.

Soon I will start emailing you some tips and hints to get ready, including a suggested reading list. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [larfaa@rit.edu](mailto:larfaa@rit.edu). I can also be reached on my cell at (585) 734-3460.

Sincerely,

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