

## IGM Student Four Year Checklist

### Freshmen:

- Schedule your first year advising meeting** with your specific academic advisor prior to spring course enrollment – advisor calendars fill up quickly Find your faculty advisor on SIS (and introduce yourself in person!)
- Review the flowchart you received at Orientation and your Academic Advising Report in SIS
- Go to class, take notes, work on examples, and ask questions
- Visit the Academic Success Center (ASC) <http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/asc/>
- Expect to spend 3 hours (or more) on homework and studying per 1 hour of class (on average)
- Explore clubs and organizations on campus <https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/campuslife/>
- Review probation/suspension policy [http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/sectionD/D5\\_1.html](http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/sectionD/D5_1.html)
- Consider applying to become a Student Ambassador during the spring term
- Consider Study Abroad – <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/study-abroad>
  - Fall application deadline is mid-April
- Attend one or two weekend game jams/workshops/events

### Sophomore:

- Meet with your advisor to complete your **Second Year Advising Meeting** and to review your Academic Advising Report
- Attend your IGME 99 Co-op and Career Seminar classes
- Start compiling a list of any volunteer work, work experience, awards, etc., for your resume
- Prepare resumes, portfolio, and cover letters
- Register for Career Connect and upload a final resume:  
<https://www.rit.edu/careerservices/student/careerconnect>
- Start applying for co-ops; attend the Fall and Spring Career Fairs
- Meet with your Career Services Coordinator to discuss your job search strategy
- Consider Study Abroad
- GDD students: consider BS/MS. Discuss with your Advisor during second year meeting.
- Attend RIT Creative Industry Day (held in March)
- Consider the Center for Leadership and Student Engagement for professional development
- Consider immersion options <http://www.rit.edu/programs/immersions>. Please note that immersions are required for graduation.
- If you are considering a minor, pursue options: <https://www.rit.edu/programs/minors>. Please note that a minor is optional.
- Consider doing research (IGME589) or working in a lab
- Start think about Graduate School – meet with a Graduate Advisor or Program Coordinator soon (if applicable)
- Summer co-op--report your assignment to the <https://www.rit.edu/careerservices/students/co-op>
- Attend more jams/workshops/events (eg., Global Game Jam, Imagine Cup, Brick Hack, WiC Hacks, EDGE, etc.)

### Junior

- Meet with your academic advisor to complete your **Mid-Degree Advising Meeting** and to review your Academic Advising Report
- Meet with your Career Services Coordinator if you need assistance finding a co-op
- Keep refining your job search materials
- Collaborate with a team of students to start building a large-scale project (eg., Production Studio)
- Meet your faculty advisor to discuss career paths

- Identify programs of interest regarding graduate schools, tour schools during summer, find out what admissions test(s) they require and begin to prepare (if applicable)
- In selecting a Grad School, start with RIT's Office of Graduate & Part-time Enrollment Services:
  - <https://www.rit.edu/admissions/graduate>
    - o Some other very helpful sites include:
      - [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com)
      - [www.graduateguide.com](http://www.graduateguide.com)
      - <https://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>
      - <https://www.princetonreview.com/grad-school-search>
- Apply for graduation through the Academic Records tile in SIS. You are eligible to apply once you earn 90 total credits and you should apply before you enroll in your last semester of classes
- Attend more jams/workshops/events (eg., Global Game Jam, Imagine Cup, Brick Hack, WiC Hacks, EDGE, etc.)

## Senior

- Meet with your academic advisor to check your academic progress
- If you have not done so yet, apply for graduation through the Academic Records tile in SIS. You are eligible to apply once you earn 90 total credits and you should apply before you enroll in your last semester of classes
- Plan for Post RIT (A, B, or C):**
  - A) Grad school:**
    - o Apply to graduate or professional schools
    - o Colleges and universities usually require a specific graduate admissions test, such as the GRE (Graduate Record Exam), GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test), or LSAT (Law School Admission Test), as part of your application. RIT offers a GRE preparation program on-campus through the Institute Testing Service in the Academic Support Center and the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies. You should plan to take the required admissions exam approximately 4-6 months prior to the application deadline, to allow yourself time to retake the test, if necessary.
  - B) Full-Time Work:**
    - o Attend the job fair in the fall and spring <https://www.rit.edu/emcs/oce/student/career-fairs-all-majors> and Creative Industry Day in the spring <https://www.rit.edu/emcs/oce/student/creative-industry-day>
    - o Visit the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education to meet with your Program Coordinator for assistance in finding full-time employment
  - C) Not Sure:**
    - o Meet with a Career Counselor
    - o Visit the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education
    - o Meet with your faculty advisor
- Contact References to discuss plans and network
  - o Letters of recommendation are usually required as part of the application. Your references will need time to write the letter. Make sure to write a thank you note to each reference and let them know your decision.
- Update Resume
- Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education – Alumni/Networking opportunities
- Consider back up options if not accepted to graduate or professional school
  - Make hotel reservations and dinner reservations for commencement weekend
    - <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/commencement/>
- GRADUATE!

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