



IGM Student Four Year Checklist

Freshmen:

- Meet your academic adviser
- Find your faculty adviser on SIS (and introduce yourself in person!)
- Review your program worksheet and Academic Advising Report in SIS
- Go to class, take notes, work on examples, and ask questions
- Look at student handbooks
 - o New Media: <https://www.rit.edu/gccis/igm/bs-new-media-interactive-development-overview>
 - o Game Design & Development: <https://www.rit.edu/gccis/igm/bs-game-design-development-overview>
- Visit the Academic Support Center (ASC) <http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/asc/>
- Visit the IGM tutor website <http://igm.rit.edu/tutors>
- 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
- Schedule your first year advising meeting with your specific academic adviser prior to spring course enrollment – adviser calendars fill up quickly
- Consider applying to become a Student Ambassador
- Consider Study Abroad – start with your academic adviser for information
 - o Fall application deadline is mid-April
- Attend one or two weekend jams/workshops/events
- Enroll in the IGM Co-op and Career Seminar next fall or spring semester

Sophomore:

- Meet with your adviser to review your Academic Advising Report and plan your advanced courses
- Attend your IGM 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 Services and upload a final resume: <http://www.rit.edu/emcs/occe>
- Start applying for co-ops; attend the Fall and Spring Career Fairs
- Meet with your Co-op Program Coordinator to discuss your job search strategy
- Consider becoming a SI (supplemental instruction) leader <http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/asc/supplemental-instruction/employment-opportunities>
- Consider Study Abroad – start with your academic adviser for information
 - o Application deadlines => spring & intersession is mid-October; summer is mid-March
- GDD students: consider BS/MS. You can learn more about this program during the Co-op and Career Seminar Course.
- Attend RIT Creative Industry Day (held in March) <https://www.rit.edu/emcs/occe/student/creative-industry-day>
- Consider the Center for Leadership and Student Engagement for professional development <https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/lead/>
- 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 or working in a lab
- Start think about Graduate School – meet with a Graduate Adviser soon (if applicable)
- Summer co-op--report your assignment to the [Co-op website HandShake](#)
- Attend more jams/workshops/events (eg., Global Game Jam, Imagine Cup, Brick Hack, WiC Hacks, etc)

Junior

- Meet with your academic adviser to review your Academic Advising Report and make a plan through graduation
- Meet with your Co-op Program Coordinator if you need assistance finding a co-op
- Keep refining your job search material
- Collaborate with a team of students to start building a large-scale project (eg., Production Studio)
- Meet your faculty adviser 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:
 - <http://www.rit.edu/emcs/ptgrad/grad.php>
 - o Some other very helpful sites include:
 - www.allaboutgradschool.com/
 - www.gradschools.com
 - www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx
 - www.princetonreview.com/grad-school-search
 - www.graduateguide.com
- Apply for graduation. You are eligible to apply once you earn 90 total credits and you should apply before you enroll in your last semester of classes

Senior

- Meet with your academic adviser to check your academic progress
- If you have not done so yet, apply for graduation. 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/occe/student/career-fairs-all-majors> and Creative Industry Day in the spring <https://www.rit.edu/emcs/occe/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 adviser
- 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
- Attend Graduation Fair (February)
- 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/>

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