

# ACADEMIC ADVISING NEWSLETTER

*For new RIT Dubai students - July 2020*



## WELCOME!

**Welcome to RIT Dubai** from the Academic Advising Office! We are so glad you will be joining the RIT family and can't wait to meet you at Orientation at the end of August!

## WHO ARE WE?

Your **Academic Advisor** is **your guide to all things academic at RIT Dubai**. We will help you *\*choose courses, \*understand graduation requirements, and \*navigate all the policies, opportunities, and resources available to you*. Our goal is to **help you reach your goal of earning your university degree** while having the best experience possible!



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND SEE YOUR  
ACADEMIC  
ADVISOR**

## YOUR ADVISORS

You will be assigned to **one of 4 Academic Advisors, depending on your major**. We will help you with all general academic questions, issues, and guidance. You will also be assigned to a **Faculty Advisor** from your major, who is an expert in the field you are pursuing, and can guide you more specifically in major-related and career issues.



# YOUR MAJOR

Some of you have been dreaming about your major since you were 5. Others of you **might not have any idea** why you checked the box you checked on your application form! Take the time this summer to really **\*think about your major and how well it fits your strengths, interests, and goals.\*** If you have any doubts, **talk to different people who know you well** - your friends, teachers, family -and consider all the pros and cons. **It's not too late to change!**

# ORIENTATION

## Are you ready for Orientation??

University can be confusing and daunting, and this is your first chance to get to know life at RIT Dubai! You'll:

- hear from all the departments
- get your questions answered
- choose your courses with your advisor
- meet the rest of the Freshmen class!

Many lifelong friendships begin at Orientation - **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT! Put the dates in your calendar now!**



# IMPORTANT DATES

## FALL SEMESTER 2020-2021

**Aug 24-27**

**Orientation** (including Advising appointments to choose your courses) - Detailed schedule to come

**Aug 30**

**First Day of Classes**

**Aug 30-Sept 6**

**Add/Drop Week**

**Dec 9**

**Last Day of Classes**

**Dec 13-19**

**Final Exams**