

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