Welcome to RIT’s Housing Community!

We look forward to helping you get settled in your new home for the 2016–2017 academic year. Please read through this arrival guide carefully.

Contact RIT Housing
If you have questions about housing, your confirmation, or move-in, call our office at 585-475-2572, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Email us at housing@rit.edu, or check the RIT housing portal at myhousing.rit.edu.

Don’t Leave Home Without These!
Most importantly - you must have a photo I.D. in order to be issued your housing key. You need to print all of the items listed below prior to leaving home. You will need each of these items as you navigate move-in on Monday, August 15, 2016.

• Inventory Assessment Instructions
• Debunking Request Slip

They can be found at myhousing.rit.edu and at housing.rit.edu.

Moving Into Your Housing Assignment

When Can I Move In?
Your move-in date is Monday, August 15, 2016. Due to the hectic nature of the day, please leave your pets at home. Pets are not allowed in RIT buildings.

A limited number of moving carts will be available to assist you with transporting your belongings. Once you arrive at your room, if you would like your bed lowered to a different position, call our office at 585-475-2572 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15 to place your request.

You Have 48 Hours to Complete Your Inventory Assessment
Within 48 hours of moving into RIT housing, you must submit an online inventory assessment where you will document the condition of your side of the room and the items within the space. It is critical that you complete the inventory assessment as it will be referred to at the end of the academic year to determine room damages. To complete your online inventory assessment, please go to the RIT housing portal at myhousing.rit.edu and click on the “Inventory” link in the orange header bar.

Understanding the Sections of Your Confirmation

Room Assignment
Your room assignment for 2016–2017 is shown under the confirmation section of your 2016–2017 online RIT housing contract. You can locate the building on the map provided on the RIT housing portal at myhousing.rit.edu using the building name. Soon this will be home sweet home!

Your RIT Mailing Address
You will receive information regarding your mailbox, mailing address, and where/when to pick up your key in August via an e-mail sent to your RIT account.

Your Roommate(s)
Your roommate’s RIT username is shown on the confirmation section of your 2016–2017 housing contract. Add @rit.edu to the username in order to email your roommate(s).
**How Do I Get to RIT?**

**Traveling on the NY State Thruway**
Take exit 46. Immediately after the toll booth, follow the sign for 390 North, Rochester. Follow this road for 200 to 300 yards and look for the sign to Lehigh Station Road and continue straight until you reach the Route 15 junction. Turn right onto Route 15 North. From there follow the directions for your luggage tag color.

**Traveling 390 North**
Use the Lehigh Station Road (253) exit. At the light turn left onto Lehigh Station Road and continue straight until you reach the Route 15 junction. Turn right onto Route 15 North. From there, follow the directions for your luggage tag color.

**Traveling 390 South**
Use the Lehigh Station Road exit (253). At the light turn right onto Lehigh Station Road and continue straight until you reach the Route 15 junction. Turn right onto Route 15 North. From there, follow the directions for your luggage tag color.

**Traveling Route 252 Jefferson Rd**
RIT is located on Route 252. There will be signs to direct you as you near campus. Follow the directions for your luggage tag color.

**Arriving by Plane**
At the Greater Rochester International Airport, you may contact a taxi to transport you to campus. The taxi pickup is located outside the baggage claim area of the terminal. The taxi fare for the trip from the airport to RIT will cost you approximately $20.

**Arriving at the Train Depot**
You may obtain a taxi to transport you to campus. As you exit the train depot, taxis are generally lined up to the left of the depot. If a taxi is not available, the staff at the ticket window will call a taxi for you. The taxi fare from the train depot to RIT will cost you approximately $20.

**Arriving at the Bus Station**
You may contact a taxi to transport you to campus. Taxis are generally parked in front of the bus station. If a taxi is not available, the staff at the ticket window will call a taxi for you. The taxi fare for the trip from the bus station to RIT will cost you approximately $20.

**Arriving by Taxi**
Please ask the driver to use the Lowenthal Drive main entrance.

**Key Pickup**
You will pick up your housing key from RIT Housing Operations located in Grace Watson Hall.

If you arrive after 11:00 p.m., you will be on your own to locate alternative housing for the night at a local hotel.

**Commonly Asked Questions**

**Will I Need Any Insurance?**
RIT strongly encourages all students to maintain insurance coverage either under a parent/guardian’s homeowners insurance or through a separate personal property policy. RIT assumes no responsibility for losses of students’ personal belongings. RIT offers personal property insurance through CSI Insurance Agency which offers several different limit and deductible options to provide students the flexibility to select the type and amount of coverage that best serves their needs. For more information and to enroll in a plan, contact CSI Insurance Agency, Inc. at 888-411-4911 or at collegestudentinsurance.com.

**What is a Mainstream Floor?**
A mainstream floor is a floor where deaf/hard-of-hearing and hearing students live. Deaf/hard-of-hearing students live as floormates with hearing students, but are not assigned as roommates unless requested. Each floor has a Resident Advisor (RA) who serves as a resource for you and your floormates. Residents on mainstream floors make new friends, build community, and can learn a new language.

**How Will I Access the Internet?**
All residence halls are wireless. Additionally, all residence hall rooms are equipped with Ethernet jacks. If you are assigned to Ellingson Hall, Peterson Hall, or Residence Hall D and want to utilize the Ethernet jacks, you will need to bring a 15-foot Ethernet cable with you.

**Do I Need To Bring a Fan?**
The following buildings are air conditioned: Gleason Hall, Rochester Hall, Ellingson Hall, Peterson Hall, and Residence Hall D. If you are not assigned to one of these buildings, you may want to bring a fan.

**Can I Bring A Car?**
Yes, RIT does allow students to bring a car to campus. All vehicles must be registered with the RIT Parking Services office in order to park on campus. You can register your vehicle online or in-person at the Parking Office located in Grace Watson Hall (GWH) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Vehicle registrations are required to be processed within the first few days of arrival to campus. Resident permits will be available to order beginning Monday, August 15. If you are unable to pre-order, a kiosk will be available at the Resource Fair for your convenience. Freshman students can pre-order their permits on August 15, 2016 and pick them up at the New Student Orientation Resource Fair on August 16, 2016. Freshmen permits will not be mailed.

The cost for a parking permit is $100.00 and is valid through the entire academic year. This fee is applicable to students living in RIT housing and non-RIT housing. Permits are available for $50.00 for fall semester only. Spring semester only permits will be available to purchase in January 2017.

To register your vehicle online, go to rit.edu/parking. Click on the Parking link on the left and then click on the “My Parking Account” link on the right. You will need your RIT username and password to log in. Visit the PATS website at rit.edu/parking to read about campus parking regulations and view the different parking options available to each student. Free enhanced shuttle services are provided for all RIT resident students in lieu of parking in academic lots during peak hours.

Where to Find Help

Housing Operations and The Center for Residence Life Are Here to Help You!
RIT Housing Operations will assist you with your housing assignment, keys, card access, and furniture. RIT Residence Life staff will assist you with college life in general and residential living.

Resident Advisors
(RAs) are undergraduate students who serve as a first line of support to their residents. As students themselves, RAs have frequent contact with their residents as supportive peers, leaders, educators, and community builders. RAs are responsible for developing an engaging experience for on-campus students, building a community within their assigned area, and encouraging participation in floor and community events and programs. RAs are directly supervised by a Residence Coordinator. There is approximately one RA for every 30 students.

Commonly Asked Questions (cont)

Where to Find Help (cont)

Residence Coordinators
Full-time professionals with masters degrees, work with a team of RAs to manage a residential area. Residence Coordinators are RIT Student Affairs administrators who select, supervise, and train the Resident Advisors, serve as advocates and counsel students, develop and support residential and university-wide programming, serve as conduct officers, resolve roommate conflicts, and serve as an advisor to a student organization or a special interest house. There is approximately one Residence Coordinator for every 330 students.

Need Immediate Help?
The Residence Life professional staff are the most appropriate people to contact to ensure timely and effective response. If there is an emergency situation when you are unable to contact these staff members, a Residence Coordinator is on duty each weeknight from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following morning and from 5:00 p.m. on Fridays to 8:30 a.m. on Mondays each weekend.

To contact the on-call staff member, simply call the RIT Public Safety dispatcher at 585-475-2853 (general) or 585-475-3333 (emergency) and your call will be referred to the appropriate staff person. For general inquires, contact the Residence Life Service Desk in Kate Gleason residence hall during business hours at 585-475-3104, or via email at residencelife@rit.edu.

Cancellation of Your Housing and No-Show Date

If you make the decision not to attend RIT or to commute from your parent’s home within a 30-mile radius of RIT, you must cancel your 2016–2017 academic year RIT housing contract. This can be done at myhousing.rit.edu by accessing your 2016–2017 RIT housing contract and clicking on the cancellation tab.

If you fail to check into your RIT housing by Monday, August 22, 2016, you will be considered a no-show and your 2016–2017 RIT housing contract and assignment will be canceled.
Benefits of RIT Housing

- 9-month contracts that coincide with the academic year.
- No subletting needed.
- Students leaving for co-op or study abroad have no fees for early termination and have a reduced-rent option to hold space.
- Safe and secure environment with card swipe access, RIT Public Safety patrols, and on-site RIT Residence Life community staff.
- Close proximity and on-campus convenience ensure a memorable and connected college experience.
- All utilities and features included (high-speed wireless, standard cable service, laundry facilities, study rooms and resources, furnished/unfurnished options, and more).
- Range of housing types that fit any lifestyle need and preference—from single to multiple occupancy residence hall rooms and suites to apartments and townhouses.
- Variety of special interest and lifestyle housing communities.
- Inclusive environment for living and learning that supports the RIT calendar and academics.
- Easy online services via the myhousing.rit.edu portal for students to submit housing contracts and room inventory assessments, search for and select their own roommate(s) and room, and much more. The Housing Operations team is dedicated to supporting you during your time at RIT and we pride ourselves on working with students one-on-one to ensure all of your assignment and maintenance needs are met. Visit us in Grace Watson Hall (GWH) and contact us at 585-475-2572 or at housing@rit.edu.

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The process that students will participate in to select their housing for the 2017–2018 academic year.

Check out our website housing.rit.edu beginning September for additional information.

View virtual tours for all RIT housing communities at housing.rit.edu and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

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