Slide 1: Immersions

Hello. My name is Amanda Scheerbaum and I’m here to talk about Immersions. This presentation is intended for students in the Game Design & Development and New Media Interactive Development majors.
Slide 2: An Introduction to Immersions

This module will provide you with an overview of Immersions at RIT, how to search for, and declare an immersion, and other important information.
An Introduction to Immersions

- An Immersion is a grouping of 3 upper-level general education courses approved by the university

- You can pick something interesting to you

- You will need to declare your Immersion

Slide 3: An Introduction to Immersions

An Immersion is a grouping of three related upper-level general education courses. Immersions must be university approved; students cannot pick a cluster of courses to create their own Immersion. You can pick an immersion that is relevant to your major, or pick something based on your interests. It is up to you!

All students need to declare their immersion to graduate. However, when you declare is up to you. Some students declare before taking a class, others declare once they’ve taken 1-2 classes, some declare after they have technically finished the Immersion. Our recommendation is to declare the Immersion after completing one course so that you can be bound to the current calendar year Immersion requirements.
The Liberal Arts Navigator is a tool that allows RIT students to explore Immersion options offered through the College of Liberal Arts. There are also Immersions offered through the College of Science, but those are not listed in the Navigator tool. This feature highlights the topics that each immersion covers and how each immersion topic may relate to your specific area of study. Please visit: http://www.rit.edu/cla/navigator and let the exploration begin!
Searching for Immersions

• Through the College of Liberal Arts website https://www.rit.edu/cla/
  – Click on the Academics & Programs tab in the Orange heading
  – Click on the Immersions link on the left

• Through the university catalog at http://www.rit.edu/programs/immersions.

There are two ways to search for Immersions. The first is through the Liberal Arts website. Visit the link on the slide, click on the Academics & Programs tab in the Orange heading, then click on the Immersions link on the left.

The second way is to search through the university catalog by visiting the link on the slide.
Declaring Your Immersion

Log in to the Student Center https://sis.rit.edu/
Declaring Your Immersion

To declare your Immersion, Click on the My Academics link located on the left of your Student Portal. (NOTE: THIS IS NOT ON THE OTHER ACADEMICS… DROP DOWN MENU)

Once you click on the My Academics link, you’ll see the Declare/Change Immersion link. Click on it.

Select the desired immersion from the drop down menu (only immersions available to students in the currently declared major are available – this could be a slightly different list between 2 friends in different majors)

Click Submit and then you’re finished!

To change your immersion for any reason, follow the above steps that you used to declare one in the first place
Other Important information

- We like to suggest that you look over the different categories of Immersions ahead of time.
- Check to see if it has a prerequisite that may fulfill one of your perspectives.
- One example is the Economics Immersion. The prerequisite for that Immersion is either ECON-101 Principles of Microeconomics or ECON-101H Honors Principles of Microeconomics. One of those courses may fulfill your Global or Social Perspective.
Other Important information

- Some Immersions could lead to a Minor
  - Only two more courses!
- Not all Minors have a corresponding Immersion and vice versa
- All students need to declare an Immersion, but Minors are optional
- Minors show up on your transcript, Immersions are part of your worksheet only
- To pursue a Minor, you must contact the minor advisor – information can be found here: https://www.rit.edu/programs/minors

Slide 9: Other Important Information

In many cases, an immersion can lead to a minor with the addition of two courses. However, not all minors have a corresponding immersion and vice versa. All students need to declare and complete an Immersion in order to graduate, but minors are optional. To pursue a minor, you must contact the minor advisor. That information is listed with the individual minors on this page: https://www.rit.edu/programs/minors
Final Words

- Don’t forget that your academic advisor is here to help you with any questions or concerns you may have!
- IGM Walk-in Advising Hours are available Monday – Friday. Check igm.rit.edu for more details.
- You can schedule an appointment with your advisor through myCourses or through SIS/Starfish Connect.
- E-mail your advisor, too!

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Slide 10: Final Words

Some final words – don’t forget that your Academic Advisor is here to help!

3 ways to get in touch:
We have walk in advising hours every weekday – please check the website for more details.
In addition, you can schedule an appointment with your advisor through Starfish Connect.
Finally, you can send an email too.

As a reminder, contact information is at the bottom of the slide.