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beginning January 2, 2020!

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**I feel that being able to take
advantage of choosing your
own room and roommate is a
huge advantage to any incoming
freshman going to RIT!**

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Submitting Your RIT Housing Contract

Once your tuition deposit is paid or waived, you will have access to the 2020-2021 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 2, 2020. Go to **mylife.rit.edu** to complete your online housing contract.

Check us out!

View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities under Housing Options on our website at housing.rit.edu and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing.

RIT is made up of people like you, people who are interested in their education and welcome a supportive environment for living and learning.





Welcome to Residential Living at RIT

Where Living and Learning Come Together!

As executive director of RIT Housing and director of Residence Life, we welcome you to RIT and what may be one of the most exciting times in your educational career and development.

RIT residence halls offer you a secure and supportive environment for living and learning. We offer a special-interest houses and themed options that support students' interests in specific ways. Take advantage of the choices provided to create your own comfortable environment in your home away from home.

Our residence halls are full of unique students with great ability. They are interested in their education, excited about learning, and eager and hopeful about future careers. Like you, they want to learn about the world around them and explore life's possibilities. While you'll find many similarities among your fellow students, you'll also find differences. You might have a roommate from another town or geographical region. You'll learn from your peers about their cultures, languages, or religions and you'll discover the multitude of academic programs they're pursuing at RIT.

Our residential communities are supported by both professional and student staff who will be available to assist you with your transition to RIT and living on campus. Resident Advisors (RAs) are student leaders who are trained and prepared to connect you with all types of campus resources. RAs support the development of the community by planning events and facilitating individual interactions. Each residence hall is managed by a full-time professional Residence Coordinator (RC), who has extensive experience in higher education and student affairs.

We look forward to welcoming you into the residence halls. You'll be hearing more from us in the months to come. We are always ready to assist you.

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Where You'll Live

Residence Halls

The RIT community feeling begins in the residence halls, where engineering students live side by side with art students, where a student from India experiencing his first winter is living with a skier from Maine, where a hearing student and her deaf floormate are experiencing each other's cultures. Our residence halls are characterized by the diversity of students living there—many of them first-year RIT students like yourself.

RIT's suburban campus is designed with all the residence halls clustered together on the eastern side of campus—perfect for when you want to work on a project with classmates living in other halls. The halls are joined to the academic side of campus by the Quarter Mile walkway—meaning no place on campus is more than a 15-minute walk.

The residence halls are connected by tunnels, which are like an underground city with free laundry facilities; RITchies,

a Residence Life-run game room, post office, and the Corner Store and Sol's Underground—two convenience stores—a real benefit in the winter.

The residence halls consist of double, triple, and quadruple rooms for you to choose from. All rooms and suites are furnished and carpeted*, and have Tiger TV (live streaming TV that includes SHOWTIME, wireless access, and high-speed Ethernet connections. Even though all floors have similar characteristics, each has distinct benefits for the students living there.

Mobility-challenged students find the RIT campus one of the most accessible in the nation. RIT makes all efforts to meet your needs based on the availability of resources.

Each building, each floor, even each room has been designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to technology.

The emphasis on safety includes residence halls being locked 24/7 with card access on the exterior doors and elevators leading to student rooms, smoke-free buildings, and RIT's alcohol and drug policy, which prohibits possession, consumption, or evidence of alcohol and drugs in all residence halls.

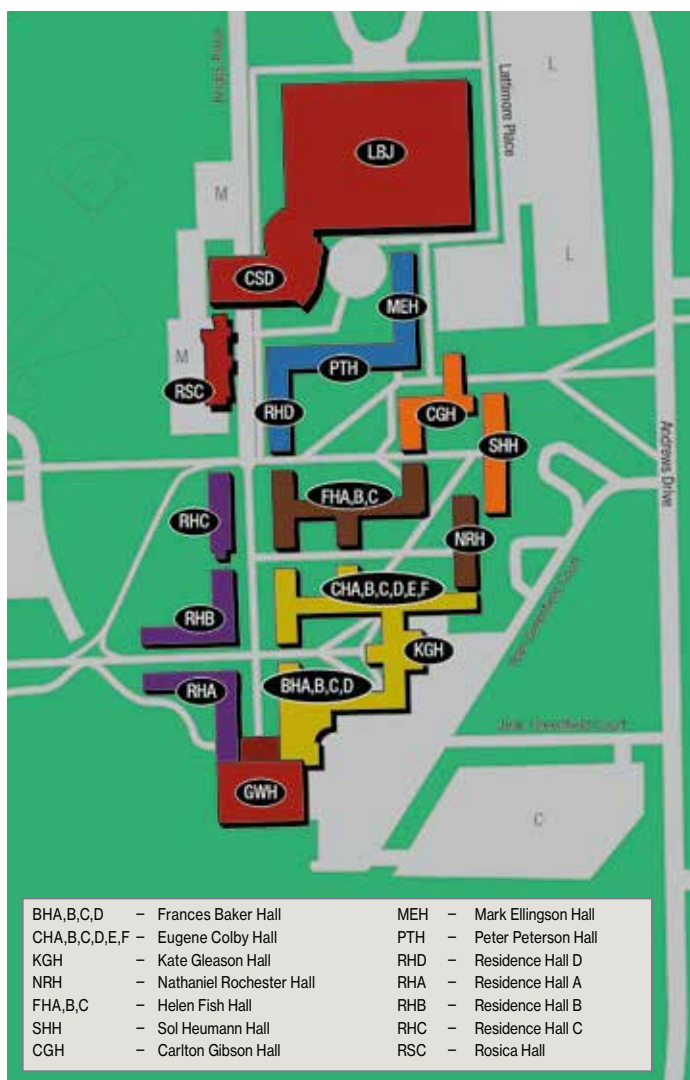
■ **Frances Baker, Eugene Colby, and Kate Gleason Halls** are closest to the Quarter Mile and Gracie's dining hall. Baker Hall houses gender-inclusive spaces, and co-ed floors. Colby Hall is home to Art House, House of General Science, International House, and Unity House. Kate Gleason Hall is air-conditioned.

■ **Nathaniel Rochester Hall (NRH)** is a high-rise that features air conditioning. NRH is home to Photo House, Computer Science House, Engineering House, and the NRH Microcomputer Lab, which features Macintosh OS and Windows workstations complete with software, printers, and internet access. Located in the tunnels below NRH are the Corner Store and the post office.

■ **Helen Fish Hall** is a low-rise building that houses gender-inclusive spaces and co-ed and all-male floors.**

■ **Sol Heumann Hall** is a mainstream high-rise building that houses co-ed, gender-inclusive, and all-male floors. In the tunnels below Sol Heumann is Sol's Underground, a convenience store that features flat-bread pizza, Upstate Farms frozen treats, and more.

■ **Carlton Gibson Hall**, a low-rise building, houses our honors students on the top three floors.



	Frances Baker Hall	Eugene Colby Hall	Kate Gleason Hall	Nathaniel Rochester Hall	Helen Fish Hall	Sol Heumann Hall	Carlton Gibson Hall	Mark Ellingson Hall	Peter Peterson Hall	Residence Hall D	Residence Hall A	Residence Hall B	Residence Hall C
Available Housing													
Co-ed Floors	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Fraternity/Sorority Housing											•		•
Mainstream Floors					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Single-Sex Floors (men)**		•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	
Single-Sex Floors (women)**								•				•	•
Single-Sex Suites								•	•	•			
Smoke-Free Building	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Special-Interest Housing													
Art House		•											
Computer Science House				•									
Engineering House				•									
House of General Science		•											
International House		•											
Photo House				•									
Unity House		•											
Other Options													
Gender-Inclusive	***					•		•	•				
Gender-Inclusive Spaces	****	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Honors Housing						•							
University Exploration												•	

** Visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

*** Gender-inclusive rooms clustered on one floor.

**** Gender-inclusive rooms assigned through floor/building—not clustered.

■ **Mark Ellingson Hall, Peter Peterson Hall, and Residence Hall D** make up the only residence area where most students live in air-conditioned suites—three student rooms sharing one adjoining bathroom. The majority of the students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) will be housed in Ellingson, making up approximately 50 percent of the residential population. Ellingson and Peterson Halls house gender-inclusive floors.

■ **Residence Hall B** is a mainstream low-rise building that houses University Exploration, single-sex floors for males and females,** co-ed floors, and gender-inclusive spaces. Students living in this building have elevator access to the tunnels.

■ **Residence Hall A and C** house single-sex floors for males and females** and also houses fraternities and sororities. These two mainstream low-rises have elevator access to the tunnels. Several fraternities and sororities have their own meal plans and their own basements with kitchens and/or space for meetings and recreation.

* Some residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

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The seven special-interest houses are:

- Art House
- Computer Science House
- Engineering House
- House of General Science
- International House
- Photo House
- Unity House

Where You'll Live

Special-Interest Housing: Life Outside the Classroom

The RIT special-interest houses are unique communities of students who share mutual passions. Designed for students who like to share their interests, these seven houses offer a specific focus to residence-hall living and provide tailored activities to a common group. These communities are equipped with specialized facilities that promote the lifestyle of the students living on floor. Special-interest houses are self-governed organizations that challenge their residents to explore opportunities on floor, on campus, and in the Rochester and global communities.

Special-interest houses have been close-knit communities that have pushed the residential experience forward for over 40 years. The connections to faculty, departments, upperclass students, and alumni make them a special experience.

House members are selected based on a written application process—not on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by May 1 in order to be considered for fall membership. Current house members are actively involved in the selection process of new members with assistance from their Residence Life Advisor and RIT Housing.

To support the activities of these communities, members are expected to pay dues to support amenities available to you if you live in this space. Dues range from \$50 to \$175 per year depending on the house. As the houses are designed for members to share interests, they require residents to be active in house events, attend weekly meetings, and to participate in special projects throughout the year, and participation is reviewed by house members and their Residence Life Advisor.

An Art Studio Just Two Doors Down...

Art House, which was the first special-interest house on campus, provides a creative and productive atmosphere for its members. Open to all campus residents of any major, it is of particular interest to students enrolled in the schools of American Crafts, Art, and Design. Art House provides a number of dedicated workspaces with equipment to allow members to comfortably complete assignments, study, and socialize. Community workspaces include worktables, a cutting station, an enclosed gallery, an industrial light table, and a space that holds a community store of resources and tools, including a projector, a computer with software useful for art students, and new animation equipment. House members engage in activities and community service in order to take part in the annual trip to Toronto. Due to its high concentration of art majors, Art House provides a mentoring and nurturing environment for future artists and hobbyists with support from RIT's faculty and staff. Learn more about Art House at rit.edu/arthouse.

Breaking Down the Walls Dividing Social and Technical

As one of the most popular and oldest special-interest houses on campus, **Computer Science House (CSH)** provides its members with a state-of-the-art technology environment, as well as a warm and inviting family atmosphere. Not only a home for computing majors, CSH is a diverse organization consisting of students from a variety of majors who share a common interest in technology.



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Members operate and maintain an enterprise-grade computing environment to fuel innovation and keep its members ahead of the technological curve. CSH’s members benefit from in-house email and web hosting, web-accessible vending machines, ludicrous network speeds, and access to other resources and opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. Those who wish to expand their technical knowledge will greatly benefit from specialized rooms (such as a server room and workshop) and the remarkably broad expertise of other members.

But what is work without play? CSH also offers a vibrant social atmosphere with traditions ranging from Capture the Flag and camping trips to house meetings and faculty gatherings. With a strong ongoing connection to more than 35 years of alumni, CSH offers unique networking opportunities between its members and industry professionals. The members of CSH look forward to making you a part of their family. Learn more about CSH at csh.rit.edu.

Supporting Future Engineers

Engineering studies at RIT are demanding, but first- and second-year students will find they have an advantage by living in **Engineering House**. Engineering House promotes an environment where students with an interest in engineering can grow both academically and personally.

On-floor Engineering House facilities help support the needs of both on- and off-floor members. A study lounge with white-

board-surfaced walls and desks allows for large group study sessions in a comfortable environment.

Given that college can be stressful, Engineering House also offers a relaxing environment to help relieve the stress of everyday college life. Members can take advantage of the on-floor movie theater, pool lounge with stadium speakers, and a lounge in the kitchenette that looks across campus as the sun sets. Engineering House encourages socialization and connections that last a lifetime. Learn more about Engineering House at rit.edu/ehouse.

The Adventure of Science

The **House of General Science** (HoGS) is a community of students who share a common interest in science. The house attracts students who are interested in the traditional sciences (e.g., chemistry and physics), the medical science professions, mathematics and statistics, and innovative fields like biotechnology, bioinformatics, and imaging sciences.

The house maintains a close link with faculty from the College of Science, and provides many social, recreational, and educational activities throughout the year to encourage communication and learning between house members and the campus scientific community. The house provides students with a great way to establish lifelong friendships and a way to build their professional careers and experiences. Learn more about HoGS at hogs.rit.edu.



Diversity at its Best

International House (I-House) is made up of students from all over the world. A mosaic of students who share a passion for diversity, its members share interests across political and physical boundaries, enhanced by the variety of languages spoken and signed. I-House is a place that enables students to connect and build bridges with others from many different backgrounds and academic interests. Do not be fooled by the International in the name; I-House isn't only for students from other countries. In fact, many of its members were born and raised in the United States. I-House is a place where its members from both the U.S. and abroad participate in a cultural exchange, learning how to be a part of an open, friendly environment. Through the provision of bi-annual floor dinners, ski/snowboarding getaways, amusement park trips, and other cultural festivities, I-House seeks to foster an appreciation for all walks of life. I-House has a fully equipped kitchen/lounge where members and alumni can cook homemade cultural meals, watch movies, and celebrate in the community. I-House also has a separate lounge that is used as a study space and a hang-out and gaming area on the weekends. Living in International House is a rewarding experience and students will come to understand that there is never a dull moment on floor. Learn more about International House at ihouse.rit.edu.



In addition to its studio, and photo finishing facilities, **Photo House** even has its own exhibition space. The **Photo House** gallery offers members an exciting public venue for their work and helps them get an idea of what it's really like to hang a show, to have an opening, and to see their work exhibited on a wall. The community atmosphere in **Photo House** fosters strong, lasting friendships with other students who have similar interests in photography.

“Living in **Unity House** reminds you of your neighborhood at home, where you know everybody. It helps you assimilate into college better because you live with people you share a culture with and who have had similar experiences. Now when I see my friends on the floor, they’re like my inner circle of friends back home.”



Photography at all Hours

Photo House is the ideal place for RIT students with a passion for photography, whether they are photo majors or not. Photo House draws students from many programs, including film, engineering, computer science, and new media. Photo House provides convenient facilities that are open 24 hours a day. Without leaving your hall, you can shoot in the studio, mount in the print finishing room, and present your work in the gallery or on the Photo House website at rit.edu/sg/photohouse.

Members are always finding fun things to do in their free time, including movie nights, gallery visits, picnics, game nights, and an annual trip to Letchworth State Park. Looking to develop your photographic style? Several times a year, professionals in the field come to speak at Photo House and share their real-world experiences. Photo House members also benefit from mutual critiques of their work in a supportive atmosphere. If you are planning on coming to RIT, why not join Photo House—RIT’s residential center for photographic creativity. Follow Photo House on Facebook at campusgroups.rit.edu/photohouse.

United for Student Leadership, Cultural Enrichment, and Successful Transition to RIT

Unity House is dedicated to a supportive community focused on developing AALANA (African American, Asian American, Latino American, Native American) student leaders. Unity House has built a tradition of welcoming new students and provides a variety of academic workshops, programs, and community service activities in an environment that promotes academic achievement.

Members develop leadership skills through a first-year project, diverse cultural celebrations, personal development opportunities, and social events. Unity House members engage with various clubs, including AALANA Collegiate Associations, Latin American Student Association, National Society of Black Engineers, Caribbean Students Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, and the American Indian Science and Engineer Society.

Getting involved in Unity House means you’ll have a home away from home. Learn more about Unity House at campusgroups.rit.edu/uhouse.



If you want the variety of people and experiences of living in a residence hall, but like the idea of floors designed for a particular lifestyle, consider these special living arrangements:

- ▶ All Male/All Female
- ▶ Honors Housing
- ▶ Mainstream Floors
- ▶ University Exploration
- ▶ Gender-Inclusive

Where You'll Live

Lifestyle Floors

All-Male/All-Female Floors

If you prefer to live on a floor that is all male or all female, you may choose this option when selecting your room online. Students may also be placed on a single-sex floor without requesting this option. Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.



“RIT is like a kaleidoscope. We have people from Italy, Texas, New York City, and Asia living together on my floor, and we’re all growing and changing together. Meeting new people is refreshing because so much of your learning doesn’t come from books and lectures.”



Honors Housing

Students who have been accepted into the Honors Program live in honors housing in Gibson Hall, where they can build friendships and mutual support in the honors community while taking advantage of special activities beyond the classroom.

Mainstream Floors

These communities encourage intentional interaction between hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing students, providing opportunities to learn from each other by sharing a floor.

The RAs assigned to these floors have varying American Sign Language skill levels, and are inclusive of all residents who select or are placed in this housing option. RAs may be hearing or deaf/hard of hearing.

There are many mainstream floors located throughout our residence halls, including communities in Ellingson, Peterson, Residence Halls C and D, and Sol Heumann Hall.

University Exploration: A Community for Undecided Majors

First-year students admitted into University Exploration (UE) are encouraged to live together as they gain insight from one another about the process of deciding on a final RIT major. Students living on University Exploration floor are all in the process of trying to choose a major and they will be provided opportunities to further their exploration through social and academic events with the advisors in UE. Even more prevalent is the ability to interact with other Exploration students to gain new perspectives on majors and paths that may not have been previously considered. Staff engage the residents throughout the year through events such as “Coffee Talks” with former UE students, and the kick-off event, “Chocolate Chat.”

Gender-Inclusive Housing

Gender-inclusive housing provides students with the opportunity to room with any student(s) regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation. Only students who apply for gender-inclusive housing are assigned to this option.



Your Room

Express Yourself!

What will your room look like? Each double, triple, and quadruple room has a bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet/wardrobe, wastebasket, and recycling trash can for each student assigned to the room. **Each room type has a variance in size and layout.** All rooms are carpeted* and have window shades. Double rooms in the residence halls come in two basic shapes. *(These are approximations. Room sizes, shapes, and layout vary from building to building—even room to room—on any given floor.)*

- Rectangular, measuring **approximately 18' long by 10' wide.** These rooms are generally located in the high-rise sections of the residence halls.
- Square, **approximately 12' long by 14' wide.** These rooms are generally located in the low-rise sections.

In addition, there are approximately 120 triple rooms located throughout the residence halls. These rooms are larger to comfortably accommodate three students. **Triple rooms have a wide variety of shapes and vary in size.** There are also quadruple rooms scattered among the other rooms in the residence halls that house four students.

Our mattresses have a vinyl covering for health and sanitary reasons. Due to safety requirements, only RIT mattresses can be used. We recommend that you bring a cotton mattress cover to place over the vinyl covering. Mattresses in all rooms are 33" wide by 79" long or 36" wide by 80" long. All rooms have window shades. Curtains are not needed and are prohibited.

Room care and cleanliness are the responsibility of the students who share the room. Rooms must be kept clean for health and safety reasons. Vacuum cleaners may be obtained from your resident advisor. The common areas of the buildings (bathrooms, lounges, etc.) are cleaned regularly by Facilities Management Services staff.

Pets

Out of consideration for other residents, we do not allow pets other than fish in the residence halls. The tank size should be no larger than 10 gallons. Please leave your piranha and oscars at home!

Semester Break Residence Hall Closing

Residence halls close during the break between semesters. All students must leave the residence halls. Students' belongings may stay in their rooms during the closing if they plan to return to RIT for spring semester. Card access will be disabled on the exterior doors to ensure the safety of room contents. Alternate housing at the RIT Inn & Conference Center can be arranged for the semester break by students who live in the residence halls. There is no additional cost for the alternate housing during the break for students returning spring semester. Contact RIT Housing to arrange alternate housing.

Features/Services

Tiger TV

Tiger TV is live streaming TV that includes SHOWTIME.

*A small number of residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

Telephone and Phone Lines:

Telephones and phone lines are not provided. If you desire a phone line to be activated in your student room, you need to contact the ITS Service Desk at 585-475-4357 or servicedesk@rit.edu to request a line be activated. There will be no charge for the activation and line. You will, however, need to bring your own telephone. On-campus and local calling will be available with an activated phone line, but long-distance calls require a calling card.

Lighting

All rooms have an overhead light, but we suggest that you bring your own lamps. Any style lamp that uses a halogen bulb 300 watts or greater is prohibited. Torchiere-style lamps are permitted only with the use of compact fluorescent or lower watt incandescent bulbs.

Connections to the RIT Computer Network

All residence halls have wireless access. Additionally, each student has an individual Ethernet jack in the room that allows free, direct, high-speed access to the campus network and the internet. (You may need to purchase additional hardware for your personal computer to use this service. Information about the requirements are available online at rit.edu/resnet.) Students are responsible for protecting their own computer systems with UL-approved surge protectors/suppressors.

Storage

Storage space is not available. We suggest that at the beginning of the year you attempt to send home as much of your excess luggage, boxes, and crates as possible.

Personal Property Insurance

RIT strongly encourages all students to maintain insurance coverage for their personal possessions while attending school. RIT assumes no responsibility for loss of students' personal belongings. RIT offers Personal Property Insurance through CSI Insurance Agency, Inc., and several different limit and deductible options provide students 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 online at collegestudentinsurance.com.





Appliances in the Residence Halls

To comply with fire-safety regulations, we limit appliances to clocks, televisions, personal computers, printers, surge-protection outlet strips, fans, blow dryers, curling irons, hot rollers, electric razors, electric toothbrushes, and small refrigerators (no larger than five cubic feet). All appliances must be UL-approved. All other electrical appliances, including microwaves, are not allowed. All appliances that are intended to cook food are prohibited. No appliance may have an exposed heating element.

Mail Service

A post office is located in the tunnel area underneath Nathaniel Rochester Hall. Mail is delivered once a day and picked up twice a day at posted hours.

Laundry Services

There are several laundry rooms with free service throughout the tunnels connecting the residence halls.

Fire Strobes for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Students

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf/hard-of-hearing student might live.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Special Medical Needs

All residence hall buildings have handicap-accessible bathrooms on every floor.

To discuss accommodation needs, contact the director of Disability Services as early as possible at 585-475-2023. For fall term entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities must be submitted to Disability Services by May 1. RIT will make all efforts to accommodate your needs based on the availability of resources. Please note that only severe allergies may qualify for a housing accommodation.

Let's Eat

Meal Plans, Campus Dining, and More

RIT Dining operates 21 campus locations, including six full-service restaurants and dining halls, five market and convenience stores, four quick-service locations, five cafe and bakeries, a full-service and quick-service catering department, and three venues that offer full concessions. RIT Dining offers meal plans that are designed to meet students' diverse dining needs and eating habits. Meal plans provide great value and flexibility for catching a meal on the go or enjoying a sit-down meal with friends. Each meal plan has been developed with input and regular feedback from students. To complement the flexible meal plans, RIT Dining hosts monthly special events to enliven your dining experience and highlight the culinary talents of our experienced chefs. For current meal plan pricing, visit dining.rit.edu/meal-plans.

The Dining Dollars account may be used for meal purchases made in any dining service area. When using your Dining Dollars account for payment of your meal purchases, you will receive an 8 percent tax savings at all dining service locations. Students using Dining Dollars in Gracie's will receive a 10 percent discount off the cash price of the meal. Dining Dollars is valid only for food items (perishable and nonperishable).

How do I sign up?

All meal plan selections and changes must be completed online within your housing contract at mylife.rit.edu. Students have the opportunity to change plans online until the day before classes begin each semester. No changes can be made after that time. Meal plans and Dining Dollars are accessed through your RIT ID card.

Full Service

Brick City Café

Brick City Café features a wide variety of breakfast and lunch entrées and daily specials. There is an extensive salad bar, full deli with subs and wraps, hot grill selections, daily visiting chefs, fresh soups, desserts, snacks, and a coffee station offering Seattle's Best blends.

Café and Market at Crossroads

The Café and Market at Crossroads features a market-style food court and convenience store. Crossroads has eight different food stations: the grill, salad bar, pasta toss, pizza, the Crossbar featuring daily home-style dishes, Asian cuisine, a deli, and daily rotating visiting chef. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz (USB) is also located here.

The Commons

The Commons offers a wide selection of menu choices with one of the best views on campus. The Commons features lunch and

Visit us online for all meal plan options at dining.rit.edu/meal-plans.

► Freshmen

Resident freshmen may select from any of the dining plans offered. Meal plans include a weekly number of meals at Gracie's all-you-care-to-eat Dining Hall as well as food debit for the semester.

► Upperclassmen

Resident upperclassmen may choose any of the Freshman Residential Dining Plans or the Upperclassmen Residential Plans — Tiger 5 or Orange meal plans.

dinner entrees from the Shumway sub & salad station, Hettie's Grill, stone oven pizza and pasta cucina, made-to-order salads and soups. The coffee station serves Starbucks coffee daily.

Global Village Cantina and Grille

The Cantina and Grille offers three distinct experiences. Choose from freshly made-to-order Mexican cuisine at Salsarita's, cooked-to-order international cuisine at the Global Grille, or freshly prepared, made-to-order sushi from Hissho Sushi.

Gracie's

Located in Grace Watson Hall, Gracie's is our largest dining facility on campus, serving all-you-care-to-eat. Gracie's is a peanut and tree nut free facility offering Mongolian Grill, Plant Based (vegan) station, brick oven pizza, pasta, carving station, grill, made to order deli, salad bar, waffle station, dessert area with fresh baked cookies, and many beverage choices.

Gracie's provides gluten free and vegan foods everyday within the plant based station. This station eliminates animal products including meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, honey. Gracie's Carving Station also eliminates wheat and gluten products.

RITz Sports Zone

The RITz Sports Zone is a favorite spot to socialize, watch sports, and enjoy the wide lunch and dinner selections. The RITz is home to the famous Mascot Tiger Sub: breaded chicken fingers dipped in our original Tiger Sauce, smothered with melted cheddar jack cheese, and served on a sub roll. Lunch and dinner offerings include a salad bar, pasta bake, pizza, panini, grill, deli, daily rotating visiting chefs, and grab-and-go options. The RITz also features a game room complete with pool tables and arcade games.

Coffee/Bakery

Artesano Bakery & Café

Artesano is our on-campus patisserie offering a wide selection of upscale delicacies, including breakfast pastries and sandwiches, cookies, tarts, and a wide variety of gluten-free, vegan baked goods and specialty created treats. Artesano proudly serves blended frozen drinks, espressos, lattes, and cappuccinos from Peet's Coffee.

Beanz

Beanz serves Finger Lakes Coffee beverages, organic coffee, espresso beans, and seasonal specialty drinks. Beanz offers a wide selection of freshly baked goods, desserts, soups, salads, and sandwiches. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz is also located here.

The College Grind

The College Grind offers a variety of hot and cold Starbucks drinks, freshly baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, and desserts. Ultimate Smoothie Blendz (USB) is also located here.

Java Wally's

Find fresh gourmet coffee (made with Java Joe's beans), tea, smoothies, lemonade, and light snacks while relaxing in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. Java Wally's is in partnership with Java's on Gibbs Street in downtown Rochester.

Midnight Oil

Midnight Oil is a convenient destination to relax, converse, and experience music and art. Midnight Oil offers Starbucks coffee and a wide variety of hot and iced coffee beverages and specialty beverages, including teas, chai, Italian sodas, and steamers. Enjoy artisan sandwiches, desserts, and pastries baked fresh daily by Artesano Bakery & Café.

Convenience Store

Bytes

Bytes is a convenient place for grab-and-go breakfast, lunch, beverages, and snack items. Bytes features a great variety of sandwiches, hummus, salads, fresh fruit, Ben & Jerry's ice cream pints, chips, candy, and more!

The Corner Store

The Corner Store is our on-campus grocery store. The Corner Store is filled with fresh produce, sandwiches, ice cream, microwaveable entrees, dairy products, snacks, and beverages. Pick up snacks or all the fixings to prepare a full meal. You can also find cleaning products, paper products, and more. The Corner Store is open late every day!

The Market at Global Village

The Market at Global Village is the on-campus destination to purchase organic, local, ethnic, fair trade, and sustainable foods, beverages, gifts, and household goods. The Market offers a diverse mix of foods and ingredients from around the world and focuses on providing products that are international and ethnic, sustainable, all-natural, and local or fair trade.

Sol's Underground

Sol's Underground is the one-stop-shop for a quick bite to eat, and everyday necessities. Sol's offers a large variety of health and beauty products, vitamins, supplements, housewares, school supplies, greeting cards, gifts, balloons, grocery items, snacks, international and gourmet packaged food, and a selection of sushi from Hissho Sushi. Sol's Underground also offers prepared flat bread pizzas, quesadillas, paninis, soups, wraps, Perry's Ice Cream, and Visiting Chefs.

Quick Service

Ben & Jerry's

Ben & Jerry's offers over 30 flavors of Vermont's best ice cream, right in the heart of the RIT campus. A variety of different dairy and non-dairy ice cream options, shakes, sundaes, smoothies, cookies, and cakes are available.

Ctrl Alt Deli

Ctrl Alt Deli offers a variety of signature sandwiches, pizzas, paninis, and wraps. Design your own sandwich and choose from our selection of wraps, breads, meats, cheeses, veggies, and sauces. Pair a sandwich with one of the daily homemade soups. Ctrl Alt Deli also offers baked goods, fresh fruit, salads, and several grab-and-go options.

Nathan's Soup and Salad

Nathan's Soup and Salad is a local Rochester favorite since 1980. Nathan's offers a variety of healthy home-style soups, sandwiches, and fresh-baked breads. With original old-fashioned recipes alongside new recipes, Nathan's offers the perfect meal.

USB

With multiple locations on campus, Ultimate Smoothie Blendz creates handcrafted smoothies with a blend of 100% real fruits, vegetables, and cold-pressed juices from local orchard Red Jacket. These juices are all-natural, unfiltered, and have no added sugar or water. You can get your USB smoothie fix from Crossroads, Beanz, or The College Grind.

Campus Vending

All of our 170 food and beverage vending machines on campus accept Dining Dollars, Tiger Bucks, cash, and credit through the PayRange app.

RIT Care Packages

RIT Care Packages is an exclusive gift service provided by RIT Dining Services. Send your student warm thoughts with one of our care packages or one of our delicious food options! Send a little love, whether it is to wish your student a happy birthday or good luck, or just because. Order online at rit.edu/care-packages.

Dining Express

Get your food delivered right to your residence hall with Dining Express! Order your food online from The Commons at diningexpress.rit.edu.

Tiger Bucks

Tiger Bucks is a valuable and convenient debit account accessed through your RIT ID card and is available to all RIT students, faculty, and staff. Simply deposit funds onto your RIT ID card, and enjoy the ease and convenience of being able to make purchases at over 75 on- and off-campus locations. Add as much or as little as you would like when it's convenient for you.



Where Living and Learning Come Together

According to a national study that captures student responses related to their university housing, RIT students report they are very satisfied with:

- Our online room and roommate selection process
- Our 9-month contracts that coincide with the academic year
- The ease of leaving for co-op or study abroad and having no fees for early termination and the option of a reduced rent to hold space

Staff Who Work for You

RIT Housing and The Center for Residence Life supports the success of 6,500 students residing in RIT housing, which consists of traditional-style residence halls, special-interest houses, theme communities, fraternities and sororities, three apartment/suite complexes, Global Village, and the RIT Inn & Conference Center.

RIT Housing

RIT Housing Operations staff will assist you with your housing contract and assignment, searching and selecting a room and roommate(s) via the mylife.rit.edu portal, keys, card access, room and lounge furniture in the residence halls, summer housing, and maintenance in the apartment and suites complexes. Our team is dedicated to supporting students during their studies at RIT, and we pride ourselves on working with students one-on-one to ensure they experience the on-campus convenience and comfort of RIT housing.

The Center for Residence Life

The RIT Center for Residence Life is responsible for the staffing of the residence halls and apartments. Residence Life hires, trains, and supervises over 130 Resident Advisors. RAs support our residential communities by providing opportunities for students to make connections as well as a 24/7 staff presence with after-hour and on-call support to ensure the safety of our communities.

Resident Advisors

Resident Advisors (RAs) are students leaders who serve as a first line of support to their residents. As students themselves, RAs

Questions?

RIT Housing Operations:
585-475-2572
housing@rit.edu

**RIT Center for
Residence Life:**
585-475-6022

have frequent contact with their residents as supportive peers, leaders, educators, and community builders. RAs are responsible for developing experiences 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.

Residence Coordinators

Residence Coordinators, full-time professionals with master's degrees, work with a team of RAs to manage a residential area. Residence Coordinators are RIT Student Affairs administrators who supervise 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 advisors to a student organization or a special interest house. There is approximately one Residence Coordinator for every 330 students.

Assistant Directors

Assistant Directors—full-time professionals with master's degrees oversee a team of RCs and RAs to serve a residential complex of approximately 1,000 students. Responsibilities include providing leadership for all administrative and programmatic functions for the area level.

RIT's Expectations for Community Behavior: Responsibility, Support, Respect

Integrity and strong moral character are valued and expected within and outside of the RIT community. As members of the RIT campus community, including students, trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators, we will:

- ▶ Demonstrate civility, respect, decency, and sensitivity towards our fellow members of the RIT community, and recognize that all individuals at this university are part of the larger RIT family, and as such are entitled to that support and mutual respect that they deserve.
- ▶ Conduct ourselves with the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior. Such behavior includes taking responsibility for our own personal choices, decisions, and academic and professional work.
- ▶ Affirm through the daily demonstration of these ideals that RIT is a university devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and a free exchange of ideas in an open and respectful climate.

Apply for your RIT housing

Select your own room and roommate(s) beginning January 2, 2020.
mylife.rit.edu

Submitting Your RIT Housing Contract

Once your tuition deposit is paid or waived, you will have access to the 2019-2020 RIT housing contract. Housing contracts will be available online beginning January 2, 2020. Go to the portal to complete your online housing contract at mylife.rit.edu.

Timeline to Select Your Own Room and Roommate(s)

January 2 – May 22: Complete your online RIT housing contract and search and select a roommate

As an incoming freshman, you must go to the housing portal and complete an RIT housing contract. In addition to completing a housing contract, you may search and select your own roommate.

Students who complete their housing contracts after May 22 will be assigned to a residence hall space by RIT Housing.

May 28: Receive an appointment time to go online to select your own room in the residence halls

Your appointment time will be sent to your RIT email account May 28, 2020. On the given date and time of your appointment, you will have access to go back to the housing portal to select a room of your choice in the residence halls.

Early June: Select your own room online

Your appointment time to go online to select your room will start and end in early June. Your appointment time is the earliest that you can go to the portal to select a room. You may select a room even if you did not select a roommate. Students will be assigned appointment times based on the order in which they paid their tuition deposit. Those who paid earlier will have early appointment times.

All Entering Freshman Students—Residency Requirement

All freshmen entering directly from high school who do not live with their parent within a 30-mile commuting distance are

required to live in residence halls for a full academic year. This is a university requirement that takes effect as soon as you accept our offer of admission to RIT. Entering freshmen whose credit hours rise above first-year status due to AP credit or college courses taken in high school continue to be bound by this residency requirement. Your housing contract is binding for the full school year. The Terms and Conditions of Housing, Meals, and Debit Plans must be read and agreed upon prior to you having access to a housing contract, which includes the policies and procedures for RIT Housing and Dining. Please read the Terms and Conditions. Your electronic signature on your housing contract indicates that you have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them.

Special-Interest Houses

If you are interested in applying to a special-interest house, you will find the special-interest house application is part of the online housing contract. You are required to complete essay questions as part of the special-interest house application. Members of each house, staff from Residence Life and RIT Housing, select the new members through the written application process. Placement is based on a selection process, not a first-come, first-served basis. Applying to a house does not guarantee acceptance to the house. Special-interest house applications must be received by May 5 in order to be considered for fall membership. Detailed information is on pages 4 – 7.

Lifestyle Options Floors

There are a variety of lifestyle living arrangements available. Detailed information can be found on pages 8 – 9. You may select a room on a lifestyle floor when you select your room online via mylife.rit.edu.

Help With Common Questions:

Meal Plans—Students who live in the residence halls must be on a meal plan. You will select your meal plan on your housing contract. See pages 13 – 14 for more information.

Important Notes:

- Any student who has not selected a roommate or room will be assigned one by RIT Housing Operations.
- All freshmen entering from high school are guaranteed RIT housing for their first year at RIT; however, students who are the last to be admitted may be placed in temporary or over-occupied housing.
- View virtual tours of all RIT housing communities at housing.rit.edu and learn more about the convenience, security, features, and services offered by RIT Housing Operations.

Know what you are agreeing to—read the Terms and Conditions at the portal before you complete and submit your housing contract.

Special Medical Needs—All requests for housing needs, such as a particular type of floor, room, or furniture, that are based on medical or disability needs must be placed with Disability Services. All requests for medical and disability needs at the university are centralized through this office. For fall entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities is included in this packet and should be submitted to Disability Services by May 1. *It is important that Disability Services is contacted as early as possible at 585-475-2023 to initiate this process.*

Smoker/Nonsmoker/No Preference—All residence halls are smoke-free. Smoking cannot occur anywhere inside the building, including the student rooms. Accurate information regarding smoking habits is critical to your roommate(s) and room selection. Answer this question on your housing contract honestly. Link to RIT's Tobacco Restricted Campus policy <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/c160>.

Housing Beyond Your Freshman Year

In late fall of your freshman year you will have the opportunity to participate in the housing selection process, the process in which you will select your housing for the 2021-2022 academic year. The process is very easy—you will complete your contract and select your own roommate(s) and room. Appointment times are based on class order with current first-year students going first, followed by second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. If you are a freshman whose class standing will rise above the first year status due to AP courses, for the purpose of housing selection you will remain in the first-year grouping. Residence halls, Global Village, the RIT Inn, and a limited number of apartments and University Commons suites will be offered to students who participate.

Some students will place themselves on a wait list through this signup process; however, RIT Housing will assign students placed on the wait list to permanent housing prior to the start of the academic year.

Benefits of Housing

- Only RIT Housing can provide you the on-campus living experience!
- Students select their own roommate(s) and assign themselves to the housing of their choice.
- 9-month housing contracts that coincide with the academic year
- No subletting needed
- Varying types of housing that offer a wide range of rent rates; everything from single- to multiple-occupancy housing.
- All utilities and features are included in rent—high-speed wireless, Tiger TV—live-streaming TV that includes SHOWTIME, free laundry facilities, local phone, furnished and unfurnished options, specialty rooms such as maker spaces, study rooms, lounges, media rooms, and more.
- Free shuttle service around the campus and to shopping and entertainment centers—no worries about transportation
- Students leaving for co-op and study abroad can easily end their housing contract with no fee.
- On-campus convenience that ensures you will have a memorable and connected experience
- Safe and secure environment with card swipe access, RIT Public Safety patrols, and on-site RIT Residence Life community staff
- Variety of special interest and lifestyle communities
- Inclusive environment for living and learning that supports the RIT calendar and academics
- Easy online services via the portal for students to submit housing contracts, search for and select their own roommate(s) and room, and much more.

The RIT Housing 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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