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OPPORTUNITIES FOR
UNDECLARED STUDENTS

Opportunities for *Undeclared* Students

You might be just like one of these students below, who came to RIT because of our dynamic and innovative programs, but needing time to explore their options. RIT offers 11 options for undeclared students. **University Exploration** is for students with interests in two or more of our colleges, and there are nine colleges or departments that offer **undeclared or exploration options**. There's even an option—Applied Arts and Sciences—that lets you design your own degree program! Regardless of your academic path, we look forward to helping you get started on your educational and career paths that take full advantage of everything that RIT has to offer.



AMIR HAMOUDA

Undeclared Option: Business Exploration
Chosen Major: Finance

I chose the business exploration option to help determine where my interests lie and what business majors were best suited for me. I was able to experience many different professional specializations during my time in the program. The advising was great. They were very helpful with scheduling meetings and working around my availability so I wouldn't have to miss anything important. My adviser kept me up-to-date on scheduling and set out an entire plan for me to follow as I moved through my college career. It's a great feeling knowing that your college's staff wants you to succeed and will help you every step of the way.



MY TRAN

Undeclared Option: University Exploration
Chosen Major: Software Engineering

I wanted to learn about different RIT majors before I decided which program to choose. I was so happy that University Exploration allowed me to explore different programs and still graduate on time. I liked how my adviser had a broad connection to so many academic departments. This gave me a chance to learn more about the majors that interested me. University Exploration has built a great community where students can grow confident about their exploration process.



WILLOW BAKER

Undeclared Option: Engineering Exploration
Chosen Major: Mechanical Engineering

I enrolled in the engineering exploration option because I wasn't sure what field of engineering I wanted to go into before coming to RIT. The exploration option provided a thorough understanding of what each engineering field was like, as well as the kinds of work I could end up doing depending on which major I chose. It is much better to spend a semester undecided than to choose a major that you aren't happy with and have to change. The exploration program allowed me to get a feel for RIT's engineering programs and gave me the certainty to pick mechanical engineering.

University Exploration

If you have interests that span two or more of our colleges, the broadest and most flexible option, University Exploration, allows you up to a year to explore and focus your academic and career interests. As a University Exploration student, you'll be assigned an experienced adviser who will help you through the process of identifying a suitable program of study. In addition to helping you select courses, your adviser will provide you with encouragement and guidance throughout the career decision process.

Career exploration

During your first semester in University Exploration, you'll be required to participate in a career exploration seminar. This will provide you with a systematic plan for making decisions in a timely manner. You'll explore RIT's colleges and academic programs, and you'll learn about the research and career opportunities that are available in different disciplines.

Individualized plan of study

In University Exploration, you'll take general education courses that satisfy requirements for all majors within the university. This will allow you to research potential majors without wasting credits. Additionally, University Exploration will allow you to sample introductory courses from RIT's nine colleges. The goal is to help you make the most informed decision about your major and career choices.



Undeclared Art Undeclared Design

If you have a passion for the visual arts, but are undecided about which major to pursue, you may want to consider the undeclared art or undeclared design option. Students in the schools of Art and Design begin their studies in a foundation studies program, which provides you with a broad set of introductory experiences in several areas of the visual arts. Admission is based, in part, on a portfolio evaluation. Portfolio guidelines can be found at: artdesign.rit.edu/prospective-students/portfolio-guide.

Business Exploration

If your interests fall into the business realm, the business exploration option in Saunders College of Business is the place to begin. By building on the liberal arts and sciences and business core components, the business exploration option provides you up to a year and a half to declare a major. During this time, you will complete required courses that provide an understanding of all facets of business and serve as a foundation for the exploration option as well as advanced study in a specific area of interest. Advisers are available to assist you in selecting a major that matches your area of interest.

Computing Exploration

The computing exploration program provides you with exposure to the six undergraduate majors in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. The goal of the option is to enable you to make an informed decision about the computing major that best fits your interests and career goals, without losing any time toward graduation. You will take courses in computer science, computing security, and web and mobile computing, and may elect course work in software engineering, computing and information technologies, or human-centered computing. All course work taken in the exploration option is applied to your selected major. All students in the option take a one-credit course, Computing Exploration Seminar, which provides an overview of the six computing majors. You will learn about the course of study and career opportunities in each major, and be introduced to each program's faculty, students, and laboratory facilities. In addition, you will take a two-course sequence in both programming and mathematics, appropriate for all computing degrees. An academic adviser will consult one-on-one to ensure that you stay on track. You may choose a major at the end of fall or spring semester.

Engineering Exploration

The engineering exploration option is for students who are undecided about which engineering major is right for them. During your first year, you will take a one-credit course, Introduction to Engineering, which provides an overview of all our engineering majors. You will be introduced to faculty and students from each major and will have the opportunity to tour laboratories and participate in discussions with student and employer committees. In addition, you'll complete foundational engineering courses in the majors that interest you most. Other career-oriented activities available to you in as part of the exploration option include participating in small-group discussions with faculty and other students, observing classroom presentations of senior engineering design projects, and consulting one-on-one with an academic adviser regarding engineering courses. Students in engineering exploration may choose a major at the end of the fall or spring semester of their first year and are still able to graduate on time.

Engineering Technology Exploration

If you are interested in one of the engineering technology programs or packaging science, but are unsure about selecting a specific program, you should consider the undeclared engineering technology option. This option allows you to spend up to a year exploring the various engineering technology programs and packaging science while earning course credit that can be applied to any of the programs. By the spring semester of your first year, you will be asked to select a major.

Film and Animation Exploration

For students interested in majors in the School of Film and Animation, but who may be unsure which program best meets their career goals, the film and animation exploration option gives you time to explore your options. You'll begin with introductory courses in film and animation to help you decide between our two majors: the BFA in film and animation or the BS in motion picture science. Students are encouraged to decide upon a major before the end of their first year.

Liberal Arts Exploration

If your career interests are in the liberal arts, the liberal arts exploration program is a great path to consider. By building on the core liberal arts as well as other general education core components, this program provides you up to two years to declare a major. During this time, you will complete required courses that serve as a foundation for each of the programs in the College of Liberal Arts. Advisers are available to assist you in selecting a major that matches your area of interest.

Science Exploration

The science exploration program is an excellent place to start if you have a strong interest in careers that fall into the science, mathematics and statistics, or health and medical science fields, but would like some time to explore the programs available. A customized schedule of courses in science and mathematics is developed for you based on your ability, interests, and goals. A team of academic advisers assists you in selecting courses and identifying a major in which to enroll. In addition to the traditional science options of biology, chemistry, math, and physics, you may explore courses in environmental science, imaging science, or the medical sciences. Students decide on a major in either the College of Science or the College of Health Sciences and Technology before the end of the first year.

Photographic Arts and Sciences Exploration

For students interested in photography but unsure which major best meets their career aspirations, the undeclared photography option provides you with an overview of the six photography programs—advertising photography, biomedical photographic communications, fine art photography, imaging and photographic technology, photojournalism, or visual media—offered in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Undeclared photography allows you to take up to four semesters to learn about each program while you complete general education and liberal arts courses.

Applied Arts and Sciences

The applied arts and sciences program allows you to create a personalized degree directly related to your interests and aspirations. Many students are unsure of their career goals, but they know they want to maximize out-of-class learning and craft a distinct educational pathway. The applied arts and sciences degree provides you with an interdisciplinary, customized approach to learning, incorporating courses or sets of courses from across the RIT curriculum that meets your personal and professional goals.

Have You Considered ... ?

RIT offers a number of unique programs, including:

- Bioinformatics
- Biomedical Photographic Communications
- Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience
- Dietetics and Nutrition
- Digital Humanities and Social Sciences
- Exercise Science
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Human-Centered Computing
- Imaging and Photographic Technology
- Imaging Science
- Media Arts and Technology
- Museum Studies
- New Media Marketing
- Packaging Science

For more information on these and all programs, visit www.rit.edu/programs.

MAJORS (Bachelor's degree programs only)

College Key

College of Art and Design	●
Saunders College of Business	●
B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences	●
Kate Gleason College of Engineering	●
College of Engineering Technology	●
College of Health Sciences and Technology	●
College of Liberal Arts	●
National Technical Institute for the Deaf [§]	●
College of Science	●

[§]Qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing students may enroll in RIT bachelor's degree programs with full support of NTID's access services.

Art, Design, & Crafts

3D Digital Design	●
Graphic Design	●
Illustration	●
Industrial Design	●
Interior Design	●
Medical Illustration	●
New Media Design	●
Studio Arts—	●
Ceramics Option	
Expanded Forms Option	
Furniture Design Option	
Glass Option	
Metals and Jewelry Design Option	
Non-Toxic Printmaking Option	
Painting Option	
Sculpture Option	

Business & Management

Accounting	●
Economics	●
Finance	●
Hospitality and Tourism Management	●
International Business	●
Management	●
Management Information Systems	●
Marketing	●
New Media Marketing	●
Supply Chain Management	●

Communications & Digital Media

Advertising and Public Relations	●
American Sign Language–English Interpretation	●
Communication	●
Digital Humanities and Social Sciences	●
Journalism	●
Media Arts and Technology	●
New Media Design	●
New Media Interactive Development	●
New Media Marketing	●

Computing & Information Sciences

Computer Engineering	●
Computer Science	●
Computing and Information Technologies	●

Computing Security	●
Game Design and Development	●
Human-Centered Computing	●
Management Information Systems	●
New Media Interactive Development	●
Software Engineering	●
Web and Mobile Computing	●

Engineering & Engineering Technology

Biomedical Engineering	●
Chemical Engineering	●
Civil Engineering Technology	●
Computer Engineering	●
Computer Engineering Technology—	●
Audio Option	
Telecommunications Option	
Electrical Engineering—	●
Clean and Renewable Energy Option	
Computer Engineering Option	
Robotics Option	
Electrical Engineering Technology—	●
Audio Option	
Telecommunications Option	
Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology	●
Industrial Engineering—	●
Ergonomics Option	
Lean Six Sigma Option	
Manufacturing Option	
Supply Chain Management Option	
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	●
Mechanical Engineering—	●
Aerospace Option	
Automotive Option	
Bioengineering Option	
Energy and Environment Option	
Mechanical Engineering Technology	●
Microelectronic Engineering	●
Packaging Science	●
Software Engineering	●

Environmental Studies

Civil Engineering Technology	●
Electrical Engineering—	●
Clean and Renewable Energy Option	
Environmental Science	●
Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety	●

Health & Life Sciences

Bioinformatics	●
Biology	●
Biomedical Sciences	●
Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience	●
Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)	●
Dietetics and Nutrition	●
Exercise Science	●
Medical Illustration	●
Nutritional Sciences	●
Photographic Sciences—	●
Biomedical Photographic Communications Option	

Physician Assistant (BS/MS)	●
Pre-professional (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-vet)	

Humanities & Social Sciences

Applied Modern Language and Culture	●
Criminal Justice	●
Digital Humanities and Social Sciences	●
Economics	●
International and Global Studies	●
Museum Studies	●
Philosophy	●
Political Science	●
Pre-law	●
Psychology	●
Public Policy	●
Sociology and Anthropology	●

Individualized Study

Applied Arts and Sciences*	
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Mathematics & Physical Sciences

Applied Mathematics	●
Applied Statistics and Actuarial Science	●
Biochemistry	●
Chemistry	●
Computational Mathematics	●
Imaging Science	●
Physics	●

Photography, Film, & Animation

Film and Animation—	●
Animation Option	
Production Option	
Media Arts and Technology	●
Motion Picture Science	●
Photographic and Imaging Arts—	●
Advertising Photography Option	
Fine Art Photography Option	
Photojournalism Option	
Visual Media Option	
Photographic Sciences—	●
Biomedical Photographic Communications Option	
Imaging and Photographic Technology Option	

Exploration & Undeclared Options

University Exploration**	
Undeclared Art	●
Business Exploration	●
Computing Exploration	●
Undeclared Design	●
Engineering Exploration	●
Engineering Technology Exploration	●
Film and Animation Exploration	●
Liberal Arts Exploration	●
Photographic Arts and Sciences Exploration	●
Science Exploration	●

* Offered by the School of Individualized Study in the University Studies Division.

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Exploring your options?

With more than 90 innovative and creative programs and 11 options for undeclared students, RIT can help you discover your future!

Imagine the possibilities...

Photographer?
Web Designer?
Engineer?
Journalist?
Scientist?
Graphic Designer?
Entrepreneur?