First-Year Admission

Overview

Admission Pathways

Applicants select from three entry paths:

- Apply directly to a major and start your desired course work right away.
- Apply to a college-based Exploration Option to learn more about specific majors within a college.
- Apply to the University Exploration Option to explore majors across our nine colleges.

Admission to RIT is competitive, but our admission process is a personal one. Each application is reviewed holistically for strength of academic preparation, counselor recommendations, and your personal career interests. We seek applicants from a variety of geographic, social, cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

For all bachelor's degree programs, a strong performance in a college preparatory program is expected. Generally, this includes 4 years of English, 3-4 years of mathematics, 2-3 years of science, and 3 years of social studies and/or history. **See specific math and science requirements and other recommendations below.**

RIT is test-optional. You may choose to apply SAT/ACT test-optional, or choose to have scores considered with your application.

College	Majors and Options		Specific Math and Science Requirements and Other Recommendations	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants for 2021
College of Art and Design	**School of Art** • Illustration • Medical Illustration • 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 • Art Exploration Option[1]	**School of Design** • 3D Digital Design • Graphic Design • Industrial Design • Interior Design • New Media Design • Design Exploration Option[1]	• Studio art experience and a portfolio of original artwork are required for all programs in the Schools of Art and Design. • Portfolio guidelines can be found at artdesign.rit.edu/prospective-students/portfolio-guide. • Medical illustration requires biology.	**GPA** 90-96 **SAT** 1210-1370 **ACT** 28-33
	School of Film and Animation • Film and Animation 　– Animation Option 　– Production Option	• Motion Picture Science	• A portfolio of expressive, original work is required for film and animation. • Portfolio guidelines can be found at artdesign.rit.edu/prospective-students/portfolio-guide. • Motion picture science requires 3 years of math; pre-calculus **and** physics are recommended.	**GPA** 92-97 **SAT** 1260-1440 **ACT** 29-34
	School of Photographic Arts and Sciences • Photographic and Imaging Arts 　– Advertising Photography Option 　– Fine Art Photography Option 　– Photojournalism Option 　– Visual Media Option	• Photographic Sciences • Photographic Arts and Sciences Exploration Option[1]	• Biology is recommended for photographic sciences.	**GPA** 88-94 **SAT** 1140-1230 **ACT** 27-30
Saunders College of Business	• Accounting • Finance • Hospitality and Tourism Management • International Business	• Management • Management Information Systems • Marketing • Supply Chain Management • Business Exploration Option[1]	• 3 years of math required; pre-calculus recommended	**GPA** 89-95 **SAT** 1210-1380 **ACT** 28-32
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences	• Computer Science • Computing and Information Technologies • Computing Security • Game Design and Development	• Human-Centered Computing • New Media Interactive Development • Software Engineering • Web and Mobile Computing • Computing Exploration Option[1]	• 4 years of math including pre-calculus required in all programs except computing and information technologies, human-centered computing, and web and mobile computing, where 3 years of math are required and pre-calculus is recommended • All programs require chemistry or physics and strongly recommend both • Computing electives are recommended	**GPA** 92-97 **SAT** 1300-1480 **ACT** 30-34
Kate Gleason College of Engineering	• Biomedical Engineering • Chemical Engineering • Computer Engineering • Electrical Engineering (all options)	• Industrial Engineering (all options) • Mechanical Engineering (all options) • Microelectronic Engineering • Engineering Exploration Option[1]	• 4 years of math required; including pre-calculus or above • Chemistry and physics required • Biology required for biomedical engineering	**GPA** 93-98 **SAT** 1310-1470 **ACT** 30-34
College of Engineering Technology	• Civil Engineering Technology • Computer Engineering Technology (all options) • Electrical Engineering Technology (all options) • Mechatronics Engineering Technology • Packaging Science	• Robotics and Manufacturing Engineering Technology • Mechanical Engineering Technology • Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety • Engineering Technology Exploration Option[1]	• 3 years of math required; pre-calculus recommended • Chemistry **or** physics required; biology recommended • Technology electives desirable	**GPA** 89-96 **SAT** 1220-1390 **ACT** 27-32
	Department of Graphic Media Sciences and Technology • Media Arts and Technology		• 3 years of math required • Chemistry **or** physics required	**GPA** 89-95 **SAT** 1080-1430 **ACT** 27-35

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College of Health Sciences and Technology	• Biomedical Sciences • Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) • Dietetics and Nutrition	• Exercise Science • Nutritional Sciences • Physician Assistant (BS/MS)	• 3 years of math is required. Pre-calculus is recommended for all programs except dietetics and nutrition and nutritional sciences. • Biology is required for all programs. Chemistry is required for all programs except diagnostic medical sonography, where is it recommended.	**GPA** 92-97 **SAT** 1235-1440 **ACT** 27-33
College of Liberal Arts	• Advertising and Public Relations • Applied Modern Language and Culture 　– Chinese Option 　– Japanese Option 　– Spanish Option • Communication • Criminal Justice • Digital Humanities and Social Sciences • Economics	• English • History • International and Global Studies • Journalism • Museum Studies • Philosophy • Political Science • Psychology • Public Policy • Sociology and Anthropology • Liberal Arts Exploration Option[1]	• Public policy requires 3 years of math. • Strong performance in English and social studies is expected.	**GPA** 90-96 **SAT** 1210-1380 **ACT** 28-33
College of Science	• Applied Mathematics • Applied Statistics and Actuarial Science • Biochemistry • Bioinformatics and Computational Biology • Biology	• Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience • Chemistry • Computational Mathematics • Environmental Science • Imaging Science • Physics • Science Exploration Option[1]	• 3 years of math required; pre-calculus is required for imaging science and physics and recommended for all • Biology required for biological sciences and environmental sciences and recommended for science exploration • Chemistry required for biological sciences, bio-chemistry, chemistry and environmental science • Chemistry **or** physics required for physics	**GPA** 92-98 **SAT** 1280-1460 **ACT** 29-34
National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID)	**Deaf and hard-of-hearing students seeking admission to bachelor's degree programs in the other colleges of RIT should refer to the information for the appropriate college and apply for NTID support and access services during the application process.** **A Pre-baccalaureate Studies Option** also is available for students who may need additional preparation before entering a bachelor's degree program in engineering, liberal arts, science and mathematics, or visual communications.			
	Bachelor's Degree Programs • American Sign Language-English Interpretation		• Strong performance in English is expected • Must demonstrate competency to begin at ASL II	**GPA** 89-96 **SAT** 1180-1370 **ACT** 25-32
	• Community Development and Inclusive Leadership		• Strong performance in English and social sciences is expected • ASL fluency required for hearing students applying to the Deaf Leadership track	**GPA** 89-95 **SAT** 1160-1340 **ACT** 25-31
	Associate Degree Leading to Bachelor's Degree (A + B) Programs (Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students ONLY) • Accounting Technology • Administrative Support Technology • Applied Computer Technology • Applied Liberal Arts • Applied Mechanical Technology • Business	• Business Administration • Civil Technology • General Science • Laboratory Science Technology • Mobile Application Development • 3D Graphics Technology	• 3 years of math for engineering and science; 2 for other programs • 2 years of science for engineering and science; 1 for other programs • English language skills as evidenced by application materials	If submitting test scores, NTID recommends the ACT. **GPA** 81-88 **ACT** 18-21
	Career-focused Associate Degree Programs (Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students ONLY) • Accounting Technology • Administrative Support Technology • Applied Computer Technology • Business Administration • Business Technology • Career Exploration Studies[1]	• 3D Graphics Technology • Architectural and Civil Drafting Technology • Design and Imaging Technology • Laboratory Science Technology • Mobile Application Development • Precision Manufacturing Technology	• College-bound high school curriculum • English language skills as evidenced by application materials • Career-related electives desirable	If submitting test scores, NTID recommends the ACT. **GPA** 80-86 **SAT** 780-940 **ACT** 14-17
School of Individualized Study (SOIS)	• University Exploration Option[1] • Applied Arts and Sciences[2]			**GPA** 88-94 **SAT** 1180-1370 **ACT** 26-32

[1] A one-year program for students wishing to explore alternatives before selecting a specific major.
[2] This degree offers students the opportunity to create individualized undergraduate programs of technical and professional study.

RIT Combined Accelerated Pathways	RIT/SUNY Upstate Medical University BS+MD	RIT/Syracuse University College of Law 3+3 BS/JD
Earn two degrees in less time with one of RIT's 55 combined bachelor's/master's degrees. Outstanding applicants may be offered conditional acceptance to a master's degree as an incoming first-year student. Current students can apply after their second or third year. Learn more: rit.edu/study/combined-accelerated-pathways	The Accelerated Scholars Program allows for early admission to Upstate College of Medicine. Apply to RIT by November 15. SAT or ACT are required for admission consideration. Learn more: upstate.edu/com/admissions/options/bs-md.php	The accelerated 3+3 BS/JD fast-tracks your pathway to law school, maximizing time and financial resources. Apply by RIT application deadlines. Learn More: rit.edu/liberalarts/33-bs-jd-pre-law-program