

Greetings!

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I congratulate you on your college acceptance and welcome you to RIT. You are joining a dynamic and innovative college that will allow you to study in both a technical and creative environment. It is our hope your academic career at RIT will prove to be challenging and rewarding.

Once you have paid your deposit, your academic advisor will pre-register you for fall term classes based on your specific degree requirements. Using your RIT computer account and password, you will be able to access your tentative schedule online at www.rit.edu/sis. Click on Student Info Systems in the top left box to access your account to find your schedule and other information specific to you.

To help us register you for the appropriate fall classes, **it is imperative that you let us know in advance** if you will be participating on a RIT varsity athletic team, or if you anticipate receiving transfer credit from AP exams, IB courses, or other universities. If so, please submit the CIAS Fall Schedule Questionnaire found on our website, <https://inside.cias.rit.edu/current-students/> **no later than Friday, June 29, 2018.**

Do not adjust your schedule. Your course requirements need to be taken in sequence and at certain times. If you have questions or if there is an issue with the schedule we plan for you, please contact Student Services at (585) 475-6045 or by e-mail at ciasadvising@rit.edu. For prompt service, please include your full name, university identification number (UID) and your major. We are happy to assist you and want to make sure you stay on-track with your educational plan and career goals.

Students in BS degree programs are required to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE). Students completing a BFA degree program should take the MPE if they plan to take a math or science course while at RIT. The MPE is available from May 15-June 30, 2018. To access the exam or for more information, please visit: www.rit.edu/science/sms/mpe

For information not related to course scheduling, such as equipment or supplies, please look at the list of recommendations for your major on our website, <http://inside.cias.rit.edu/current-students>. You may wish to make these purchases prior to your arrival, at orientation, or during the academic year. Digital Den, located in Monroe Hall, adjacent to the Student Alumni Union, sells photography and computer equipment at an educationally discounted rate. Barnes & Noble @ RIT is our campus bookstore and is located next to campus at Park Point. You can purchase your textbooks, school and art supplies there, as well as various household items, RIT Spirit wear, books for reference and pleasure – and you can enjoy their café.

Transferring to a new college is exciting, but it can be overwhelming. By now you have received information from RIT's [New Student Orientation program](#) about navigating your new campus, including the RIT New Student Welcome Guide, which contains a checklist of to-do items and information about the many services and resources that will help you make the most of your experience at RIT. You will also find details about the [DiscoverRIT Pre-Orientation Program](#), which will be held on Saturday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

All freshmen and transfer students that are not participating in DiscoverRIT will move in on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. To help you have a successful transition, Transfer Student Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 – Saturday, August 25, 2018. You can find more information at www.rit.edu/orientation. Registration is required for Transfer Student Orientation.

Thursday, August 23, 2018 is the day you are with the college during orientation week. In the morning we will be discussing your academic plan and course requirements. It is extremely important that you are at this session and arrive on time. We will be introducing you to your program chair, advisors, and other people important to your success at RIT. After lunch at the college, you can choose to join faculty and the entering freshmen on a journey into the city of Rochester to visit various locations within the Neighborhood of the Arts – or you can meet with your academic advisor with any remaining scheduling concerns you may have. We'll email you more about these options in late July.

If you have any scheduling or general questions, or if we can be of further assistance, you may contact CIAS Student Services at ciasadvising@rit.edu. For questions related to equipment, supplies, or books, you should contact your department as listed on our website, <https://inside.cias.rit.edu/current-students>. We look forward to meeting you at orientation and we anticipate an exciting and productive year together!

Sincerely,

Robin Cass
Interim Dean