

RISD 2022 Orientation for Undergraduates

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Schedule and information booklet for all incoming

**UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS**

Dear Students,

Welcome to RISD! We have been preparing for your arrival and we are pleased to welcome you to the unique, artistic, and educational community that is the Rhode Island School of Design. The RISD education is unparalleled, and our talented faculty and rigorous program will offer you excellent opportunities to grow as an artist and designer.

New Student Orientation is designed to give you all the information you need to begin your college career with enthusiasm and confidence, so you may best take advantage of all that RISD has to offer. This publication and other materials in your welcome bag are designed to answer questions most frequently asked by new students and their supporters. Please share it with everyone involved in your education.

We encourage you to read everything here carefully. Your Orientation Leaders and Resident Advisors are here to help you!

Sincerely,
The Center for Student Involvement

Offering a Land Acknowledgment

Rhode Island School of Design is built on what is now called College Hill, part of the ancestral homelands of the Narragansett Nation. Indigenous people from many nations—near and far—live, study and work in Providence today. The amplification of Native voices and histories is crucial to rectifying the many violent legacies of colonialism, and we gratefully acknowledge the ongoing critical contributions of Indigenous people across our state, region and nation.

Overview

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

First Year Student Move-in/ Orientation

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Brunch / Orientation Check-In	The Met / Upper Quad
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	RISD Resource Fair / Banks & Phones	Upper Quad / Met B
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Welcome & President's Address	First Baptist Church
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Family Send-Off	First Baptist Lawn
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	OL Group Time	Various Locations
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	The Met
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Res Hall Meetings	Residence Halls
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Outdoor Movie Night	RISD Beach

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

First Year/Transfer Orientation & Returning Student Move-In

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	The Met
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	OL Group Time	Various Locations
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Campus Tours	Various Locations
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch	The Met
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	CSI and Residence Life Presentation	RISD Auditorium
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Student Employment Presentaton	RISD Auditorium
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Public Safety Presentation	RISD Auditorium
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	Break	RISD Auditorium
2:10 PM – 2:30 PM	CAPS, Health Education and Promotion	RISD Auditorium
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	The Culture of Consent Workshop	RISD Auditorium
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Title IX and Institutional Discrimination	RISD Auditorium
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	OL Group Time	Various Locations
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	The Met
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Wellness Night	Upper Quad

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Academic Convocation

TIME

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

EVENT

Breakfast
OL Group Time
Fall Convocation
Your 1st Year: EFS & Liberal Arts
Lunch
Building the Capacity for Greater Inclusion
Extrademics Fair
OL Group Time
Dinner
Student Panel
End of Orientation Celebration

LOCATION

The Met
Various Locations
RISD Auditorium
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The Met
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Market Square & Moore Terrace
Various Locations
The Met
RISD Auditorium
RISD Auditorium & Market Square

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

First Day of Class

TIME

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

EVENT

Karaoke Takeover

LOCATION

Upper Quad

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Evening Program

TIME

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

EVENT

Night at the Museum

LOCATION

RISD Museum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Afternoon Block Party

TIME

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

EVENT

Block Party

LOCATION

Benefit St

Sunday, September 4

First Year Student Move-in/ Orientation

Brunch

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, The Met

Head over to The Met, the main dining location at RISD, located at 30 Waterman Street. Please bring your RISD ID and Orientation nametag in order to enter.

Move-In / Orientation Check-In

Upper Quad, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Welcome to New Student Orientation! If you have not already, now is the time to check in, pick up your RISD ID card, and move into your new home. Commuter & Transfer Students: Even if you are not living on campus, this is your time to check in, say hello, and gather your Orientation materials!

RISD Resource Fair / Bank & Phones

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Upper Quad / Met B

Offices across the RISD campus are dedicated to supporting you and providing you with the resources you need to be healthy, happy, and successful. Visit our many tables at this fair to learn about the important resources that you can utilize throughout your time at RISD.

Break

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Welcome & President's Address

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM, First Baptist Church

(rain location: 20 Washington Place lobby)

Receive your first official welcome to the college from President Crystal Williams and Provost Anaïs Missakian

Family Send-Off

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM, First Baptist Lawn

(rain location: 20 Washington Place lobby)

Time to enjoy some light send-off snacks before saying goodbye to parents and families.

OL Group Time

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Various locations

Get ready to start your RISD adventure! You will meet with your Orientation Leader and go over the week's events. Get to know your fellow students, and get excited for the days ahead!

Dinner

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, The Met

Enjoy dinner at The Met with your Orientation Leaders and small group.

Res Life Meetings

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, The Met

You have been spending a lot of time with your Orientation Groups, and now it is time to get to know some new people... your neighbors and peers in your Residence Hall! Attend your floor or building meeting and get acquainted with one another.

Outdoor Movie Night

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM, RISD Beach (corner of Waterman St and Benefit St)

Celebrate the First Night of New Student Orientation on the Beach! Grab a picnic blanket and a bag of popcorn from Carr House, then find a spot across the street on the Beach for a movie! (Rain location: Carr House).

Monday, September 5

First Year/Transfer Orientation & Returning Student Move-In

Breakfast

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, The Met

Be sure to eat a good breakfast before a full day of Orientation!

OL Group time

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM, Various Locations

Meet with your OL and look at the day's events together / do an activity.

Campus Tours

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, RISD Campus

Explore RISD's urban campus with your Orientation Group and your Orientation Leaders to guide the way!

Lunch

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, The Met

Time to re-fuel! Stop by The Met between 11:30 and 12:30 with your RISD ID and your Orientation nametag for some lunch.

Get Involved with CSI & Res Life

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, RISD Auditorium

Meet the CSI and Res Life team! Learn more about the First Year Experience in the residence halls and explore our Involved platform to learn how to stay connected and involved on campus.

Student Employment

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

Learn about jobs on and off campus, where you can find them and how to apply!

Public Safety

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM, RISD Auditorium

Whether you are navigating the RISD community or the Providence community, this session will highlight ways to stay safe and informed.

Break

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM, RISD Auditorium Lobby

CAPS, Health Education and Promotion

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

What do you need in order to make your best work? Join us to learn more about available health and wellness resources to help you navigate the rigors of RISD.

The Culture of Consent Workshop

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

Join SHIP, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing culturally inclusive, medically accurate, and pleasure guided sexuality education, therapy, and professional training to adults. The goal of this workshop is to introduce participants to a model of consent that goes beyond yes and no and includes conversations about power, pleasure and care.

Title IX & Institutional Discrimination

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, RISD Auditorium

Whether you have questions about healthy relationships or would like to explore the ways the college is set up to support you through uncomfortable situations, the Office of Institutional Discrimination + Title IX, in collaboration with our partners at Health and Wellness (HAWA) are here to support you!

OL Group Time

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Various Locations

Return to your OL groups.

Dinner

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, The Met

Dinner time! Gather with your Orientation Group for your next meal. Begin to unwind after a busy day, and get excited about the night time activity options!

Wellness Night

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Upper Quad

Day two, who needs a facemask?! Join CSI and Health and Wellness Promotion to have some snacks and fun. We will have stuffed animals, plants, face masks, pet rocks, and button making! Come enjoy these wellness activities and unwind!

Tuesday, September 6

Academic Convocation

Breakfast

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, The Met

Begin your day with a much-needed breakfast! Make sure to leave enough time to enjoy your meal before Orientation begins.

OL Small Group Time

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Various Locations

Meet up with your Orientation Leaders and group so you can all head over to Convocation together.

Fall Convocation

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, RISD Auditorium

Join President Crystal Williams, Provost Anais Missakian, Deans, Department Heads, new faculty members, and others for the official opening of the academic year.

Your 1st Year: EFS & Liberal Arts

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

Your first day of classes is right around the corner! This session overviews important information about your first year academics, including what to expect and what is expected of you. Joanne Stryker, Dean of Experimental and Foundation Studies (EFS) and Jennifer Prewitt-Freilino, Dean of Liberal Arts, will both lead this session.

Lunch

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, The Met

Time to re-fuel! Stop by The Met between 12:30 and 1:30 with your RISD ID and your Orientation nametag for some lunch.

Building the Capacity for Greater Inclusion

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

This is a defining moment when we start our journey together. This event gives you permission to be curious and to explore our similarities and our differences. See how much there is to learn about yourself and others as we launch the year building community together. Jamie Washington facilitates this session to help you explore our full human and artistic potential by engaging both you and your closest educators in the RISD community!

Extrademics Fair

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Market Square & Moore Terrace

Come learn about all the resources available to you through RISD's Extrademics team! Meet professional representatives from the Fleet Library, RISD Museum, Career Center, and more. This is also a great time to explore the museum if

OL Group Time

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Reflect on the day with your OL groups. What was your favorite part of the orientation so far?

Dinner

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, The Met

Dinner time! Gather with your Orientation Group for your next meal. Begin to unwind after a busy day, and get excited about the night time activity!

Student Panel

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, RISD Auditorium

Get the tea on RISD from current students.

Talk about Crit Culture and how to be resilient as a student after tough critics.

End of Orientation Celebration

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, RISD Auditorium &

Market Square

During this time-honored RISD tradition, returning students pass the flame of knowledge to a new class.

In true RISD fashion, this ceremony is anything but traditional. Following the ceremony, we will move outside to market square to enjoy complimentary desserts and hang out.

Wednesday September 7

First Day of Class

Karaoke Takeover

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Upper Quad

Take over the upper quad and sing your heart out! If you don't want to sing, just come hang out and meet new friends--participation is completely optional.

Who doesn't love fun with friends?!

Thursday September 8

Evening Program

Night at the Museum

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM, RISD Museum

Come unwind and enjoy one of RISD's most valuable resources! Draw in the galleries, chat with RISD students about their artistic practice, take a gallery tour, explore the collection on your own, jam with a student band *The Arkhalite's*, and mingle with friends over snacks in the grand gallery. Enter the RISD Museum through the Benefit Street entrance.

Saturday September 10

Afternoon Block Party

Block Party

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Benefit St

Stop by Benefit Street to check out RISD's Student Organizations. Enjoy food trucks, bouncy houses, DJ and dancing, and get involved! This fun-filled street fair is not to be missed. All are welcome as we take over Benefit Street to showcase RISD's impressive student opportunities.

