

## 2023 Undergraduate Student Orientation Timeline

*We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. In order for a student to request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact [disabilitysupportservices@risd.edu](mailto:disabilitysupportservices@risd.edu) or call 401-709-8465. At least two weeks' advance notice will help us to provide seamless access. Disability Support Services will work with the Center for Student Involvement to support students who may need accommodations for Orientation related events.*

### Summer Webinar Series

*This summer we hosted a series of Pre-Orientation webinars to get you familiar with campus resources! These webinars were recorded and posted to the [Webinar](#) page on the Welcome website for all incoming undergraduate students to view.*

### New International Student Orientation

**\*\*All programs MANDATORY\*\***

#### Primary Locations of Use:

Upper Quad - 30 Waterman St. Providence, RI 02903

The Met Refectory (The Met) - 30 Waterman St. Providence, RI 02903

Metcalf/Chace Auditorium - 20 N Main St, Providence, RI 02903

RISD Auditorium - 17 Canal Walk, Providence, RI 02903

### Thursday, August 31

#### New International Student Move-in

It all begins today! Make sure to check-in at the International Student and Scholars Affairs table with your documents before you move into your new home. There will be plenty of time to put things down and settle in once you've checked in!

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast available, The Metcalf Refectory (The Met)

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Move-in / Orientation check-in beginning at 8:00 AM, Upper Quad

International Student & Scholar Affairs (ISSA) representatives at 10:00 AM, Upper Quad

Bank & phone representatives available at 10:00 AM, Upper Quad

Yard Sale

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Lunch available, The Metcalf Refectory (The Met)

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Shopping shuttles available at 2:00 PM, Depart from 55 Angell Street

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Dinner available, The Metcalf Refectory (The Met)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Providence Hidden Gems Scavenger Hunt, Start/End in the Upper Quad

Your Orientation Leaders will guide you on a scavenger hunt around Providence and the evening will end with a sweet summer treat.

## **Friday, September 1**

### New International Student Orientation (Day 1)

Meet your Orientation Leaders (OLs) and become acquainted with RISD's various resources. You will be spending the next few days together as you move through the Orientation Schedule, learning about the various tools on offer to support your transition to RISD (and to America!)

*7:00 AM - 9:00 AM*

Breakfast available, The Met

Hungry? 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 the building.

*9:00 AM - 10:00 AM*

Group time with Orientation Leaders (OLs), Upper Quad

*10:00 AM - 11:00 AM*

Center for Arts & Language & Academic Support, Metcalf Auditorium

RISD'S Center for Arts and Language offers writing and communication services all year long to support your academic success. Attend this session to learn more about the center.

*11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

Health + Wellness: How to take care of yourself while in the U.S., Metcalf Auditorium

This session will provide you with information regarding various offices that you can access for support during your time at RISD. It will also help you understand different terms and concepts related to health and wellness and teach you how to use the great offices and resources on RISD's campus! We hope to see you there!

*12:00 PM - 1:30 PM*

Lunch available, The Met

Time to refuel! Stop by The Met with your RISD ID and Orientation nametag for some lunch.

*1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*

Exploring U.S. Culture in the Classroom, Metcalf Auditorium

Moving to a new country can be an adjustment. Join us for group activities as we explore US culture, the cultural adjustment process, and ways of navigating your time at RISD and in Providence as an international student.

*2:30 PM - 5:00 PM*

Group time with Orientation Leaders (OLs), Various locations

RISD Store Supply Shopping

Walking tours of Providence with your OL

Have any questions? Ask your OLs! Use this time to unpack the day with your orientation group, relax, or get some supply shopping in. Or head out for a city tour!

*5:00 PM - 6:30 PM*

Dinner available, The Met

Enjoy dinner time!

*6:30 PM - 8:30 PM*

Silent Disco!, Memorial Hall Taproom

Join us in the taproom for a night of silent disco! Silent Disco is an activity where people dance to music coming through to wireless headphones. We'll have 2 playlists going so you can choose what your vibe is for the night. We'll have punch, snacks, and giveaways!

## **Saturday, September 2**

### New International Student Orientation (Day 2)

*8:00 AM - 10:00 AM*

Continental Breakfast available, The Met

Grab some breakfast at The Met! Be sure to leave yourself enough time to enjoy your meal before the Orientation session begins.

*10:00 AM - 11:30 AM*

Your F-1 Journey, What It Means to Be an International Student, Metcalf Auditorium

This is an important session for all non-US citizen students. Learn about maintaining your immigration status in the US, how to return to the US after traveling, your basic employment options, and more! Please note: if you did not check in your I-20, passport, visa, and I-94 on Move-In Day, you will need to visit OISS at Carr Haus, 210 Benefit Street, Room 303.

*11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

Navigating U.S. Systems, Metcalf Auditorium

Getting started in a new country can be confusing and difficult. Let us help you! During this session we will be going through a step-by-step process for obtaining a Social Security Number (SSN), Driver's License, opening a Bank account, understanding taxes and reviewing potential scams.

*12:30 PM - 2:00 PM*

Brunch available, The Met

Lunchtime challenge: try and sit with someone you haven't met yet. Don't be shy!

*2:00 PM - 5:00 PM*

Shopping shuttles available, Depart from 55 Angell Street

If you haven't had the opportunity to shop yet, RISD shuttles will be available to take you downtown and shop for school supplies and anything else you might need.

*5:00 PM - 6:00 PM*

Lawn Games & Chill, Nickerson Green & Upper Quad

Join us in the Upper Quad and on the Nickerson Green for board games, lawn games, and downtime with your new friends and OLS!

*6:00 PM - 7:00 PM*

Dinner available, The Met

Finally, grab some dinner before we close for the day. Round 2 of Orientation begins tomorrow so be sure to get lots of rest!

## **New Student Orientation (including all new, transfer, and international students)**

### **Sunday, September 3**

#### Move-In/ New Student Orientation (Day 1)

*8:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

Continental Breakfast and Brunch available, 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  
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!

*10:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

RISD Resource Fair, Upper Quad  
Bank and phone representatives available, 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.

*2:00 PM - 2:30 PM*

Break  
Take a breath and gather your essentials before joining us for the opening chapter of Orientation at the First Baptist Church!

*2:30 PM - 3:00 PM*

Welcome & President's Address, First Baptist Church  
Receive your first official welcome to the college from President Crystal Williams, Dean Sara Rothenberger, and your Orientation Co-Directors

*3:00 PM - 3:30 PM*

Family Send-Off, First Baptist Lawn  
(rain location: 20 Washington Place lobby)  
Time to enjoy some light send-off snacks before saying goodbye to parents and families.

*3:30 PM - 5:00 PM*

Group time with Orientation Leaders (OLs), Various locations  
Get ready to start your RISD adventure! You will meet with your Orientation Leader at the location they gave you in an email prior to your arrival. You'll go over the week's events, get to know your fellow students, and get excited for the days ahead!

*5:00 PM - 6:45 PM*

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

*7:00 PM - 8:15 PM*

First-Year Building meetings, RISD Auditorium  
Join Residence Life in the auditorium to connect as first-years and enjoy some sweet treats and desserts before heading to your individual floor meetings!

*8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

Residence Hall Floor meetings, Residence Halls  
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.

### **Monday, September 4**

Resources: RISD Store Open 10am-6pm

#### New Student Orientation (Day 2)

*8:00 AM - 9:00 AM*

Breakfast available, The Met  
Be sure to eat a good breakfast before a full day of Orientation!

*9:00 - 11:30 AM*

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

*11:30 AM - 12:45 PM*

Lunch available, 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.

*1:00 PM - 2:15 PM*

Equity, Compliance, and Counseling, RISD Auditorium  
Offices from Equity & Compliance and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will chat with you about discrimination, consent, and mental health. Raffles will be underway during presentations!

*2:15 - 2:30 PM*

Bio & Snack Break, RISD Auditorium lobby  
Snacks, water, and bathrooms are in the lobby! Take a breather, stretch your legs, and rejoin us in the auditorium for a community building workshop with Dr. Jamie Washington!

*2:30 PM - 4:30 PM*

Building the Capacity for Greater Inclusion with Dr. Jamie Washington, 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!

*4:30 PM - 6:00 PM*

Supply Palooza, Market Square

No need to worry about finding time for supply shopping! The RISD store will be open and some supply samples will be available outdoors for students looking to experiment with new materials

*6:00 PM - 7:00 PM*

Dinner available, 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 activities.

*7:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

Wellness Carnival, Upper Quad & Nickerson Green

Join us for lawn games, crafts, treats, snacks, and wellness supplies! By attending you'll be entered into a raffle for gift cards to local Providence hot spots and get the chance to win many other prizes throughout the night.

## **Tuesday, September 5**

### Academic Convocation

*8:00 AM - 9:00 AM*

Breakfast available, The Met

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

*9:00 AM - 9:45 AM*

Group time with Orientation Leaders (OLs), Various locations

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

*10:00 AM - 11:00 AM*

Fall Convocation, RISD Auditorium

Join President Crystal Williams, Provost Toubia Ghadessi, Deans, Department Heads, and Graduate Program Directors for the official opening of the academic year.

*11:00 AM - 12:30 PM*

Your 1st Year: EFS & Liberal Arts presentations, 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.

*12:30 PM - 2:30 PM*

Advisor Lunch

Meal Pickup: Market Square (Rain Location: Moore Terrace)

Advisor Meeting: Various Locations

After Convocation, pick up lunch in Market Square and meet up with your assigned OL to meet your advisor! Talk about classes and get all your questions answered.

*3:00 - 4:00 PM*

The Culture of Consent workshop with SHIP, 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. TLDR: Sex Toy giveaways!

*4:00 PM - 5:30 PM*

Extrademics Fair, Market Square (Rain Location: 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 you have not already!

*5:30 PM - 6:45 PM*

Dinner available, 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 end of orientation celebration!

*6:45 PM - 7:45 PM*

Student Panel, RISD Auditorium  
Learn more about RISD by asking questions to current students. Also learn about Crit Culture and how to be resilient as a student after tough critiques.

*7:45 PM - 9:00 PM*

End of Orientation Celebration, RISD Auditorium & Market Square  
(Rain Loc: 20 Washington Place lobby)  
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.

### **Welcome Week Events (for all new and returning RISD students)**

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

##### First Day of Classes

*8:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

Welcome Back Kickoff, Various Campus Locations  
Staff will be tabling around campus with coffee and donuts to welcome you back to campus! Locations will be updated here and on Involved.

#### **Thursday, September 7**

##### Evening Program

*8:30 PM - 10:30 PM*

Night at the Museum, 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.

## **Friday, September**

### Evening Program

Residence Life Area Welcome

Excited to meet people and find community in RISD's residence halls? Join the Residence Life team for a welcome celebration!

Hill Houses - 6:00pm | Farnum Park

15 West - 6:00pm | 15 West Lobby

First Year Area - 8:00pm | Nickerson Green

## **Saturday, September 9**

### Afternoon Block Party

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Block Party, Upper Quad

(rain location: 20 Washington Place lobby)

Stop by the Upper Quad to check out RISD's Student Organizations. Enjoy food trucks, bouncy houses, DJ and dancing, and get involved! This fun-filled fair is not to be missed. All are welcome to learn about RISD's impressive student opportunities.

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