

Greetings!

On behalf of the graduate faculty, we are delighted that you will be joining our program and look forward to working with you.

I know everyone is anticipating fall orientation and class information. We will have those details shortly and will send a follow-up email to you soon! We also encourage you to watch for information at www.rit.edu.

Fall course schedules –

Student Services will be registering you into your fall classes. You do not need to register yourself. Schedules will be available later this summer in the Student Information System (SIS), <https://www.rit.edu/infocenter/>.

The following courses are required in fall semester:

- Design History Seminar
- 3D Modeling and Motion
- Web and UI Design
- Typography
- Digital Design in Motion

To ensure that you have a successful transition into your first semester, preparing yourself with a foundational knowledge in the software used in your classes is paramount. Your fall semester will consist of four intense studio courses. These courses are designed to leverage a working knowledge and competency of software in the Adobe CC suite and Maxon's Cinema 4D. The primary applications that will be used are Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and AfterEffects. Through the RIT library (library.rit.edu) you have access to a wide range of educational materials that are fully available online. Additionally, tutorials through <http://lynda.com> are also available to you with your RIT account – You can sign in through the organizational portal using your RIT sign in.

Learning software and course concepts at the same time is a difficult task. By taking advantage of the resources available to you to learn new skills and refine existing knowledge prior to starting your fall semester, you will be preparing yourself in the best way possible. Please feel to contact the VCD director and co-director for additional information, recommendations and learning materials that best meet your current level. While these initial courses will cover aspects of the Adobe and other software, they will not offer comprehensive lessons. The additional effort you invest now in software skill development will contribute to your success during the program.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at aesfaa@rit.edu or WeChat ID: Adam_at_RITDesign, or the Associate Director of Student Services, Kristie.Gross@rit.edu, who will be doing your fall registration and serve as your academic advisor.

Sincerely,

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