The Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is one of the world's leading career-oriented, technological universities. RIT's eight colleges offer more than ninety undergraduate programs in areas such as engineering, computing, information technology, engineering technology, business, hospitality, science, art, design, photography, biomedical sciences, game design and development, and the liberal arts including psychology, advertising and public relations, and public policy. Students may choose from more than eighty different minors to develop personal and professional interests that complement their academic program. Experiential education is integrated into many programs through cooperative education, internships, study abroad, and undergraduate research. As home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), RIT is a leader in providing services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. RIT enrolls students from every state and more than ninety countries.

Close to 70 percent of RIT's approximately 11,000 full-time undergraduate students live on campus in residence halls or campus apartments. The residence halls have eight special-interest houses where students with shared interests live and learn together. Park Point is located on the northeast corner of the campus and consists of more than 100 residential units and approximately 80,000 square feet of retail space, including a mix of restaurants and shops.

Because RIT's student body is so diverse, there are many different activities, clubs, organizations, and sports in which students may participate. There are seventeen fraternities and twelve sororities, representing approximately 5 percent of the student population. A radio station and a biweekly student magazine allow those interested in media to gain experience on campus. A number of special interest clubs and career organizations are also available, and RIT offers twenty-three varsity sports, including Division I men's hockey. Recreational facilities include an ice rink, an aquatics center, a field house with an indoor track, and fitness facilities.

Location

The greater Rochester area has a population of about 745,000. Per capita income is among the highest in the nation for metropolitan centers. The area's many internationally known industries employ a high proportion of scientists, technologists, and skilled workers. Rochester is the world center of photography, the largest producer of optical goods in the United States, and among the leaders in graphic arts and reproduction and in production of electronic equipment and precision instruments. Rochester's industries have always been closely associated with RIT's programs and progress.

Majors and Degrees

The College of Applied Science and Technology offers the Bachelor of Science in civil engineering technology, computer engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, and telecommunications engineering technology. It also grants the Bachelor of Science in environmental management and technology, hospitality and service management, nutrition management, packaging science, and safety technology. Undeclared options allowing freshmen to delay the selection of their major for up to one year are available in both the School of Hospitality and Service Management and in Engineering Technology.

The E. Philip Saunders College of Business offers the Bachelor of Science in accounting, consumer finance, finance, graphic media marketing, international business, management, management information systems, and marketing. An accelerated B.S./M.B.A. option is available, as is a minor in entrepreneurship. An undeclared option allowing freshmen to delay the selection of their major for up to one year is also available.

The B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences offers the Bachelor of Science degree in applied networking and systems administration, computer science, game design and development, information technology, medical informatics, new media interactive development, and software engineering.

The Kate Gleason College of Engineering grants the Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, industrial and systems engineering, mechanical engineering, and microelectronic engineering. Degree options in aerospace, automotive, bioengineering, biomedical, energy and environment, ergonomics, information systems, manufacturing, and software engineering are also offered within the college. Accelerated B.S./M.S. options are available. The Engineering Exploration Program, which allows freshmen to delay the selection of their major for up to one year, is also available.

The College of Imaging Arts and Sciences offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts in advertising photography; ceramics and ceramic sculpture; film, video, and animation; fine art photography; fine arts studio, glass and glass sculpture; graphic design; illustration; industrial design; interior design; medical illustration; metals and jewelry design; new media design and imaging; photojournalism; 3D digital graphics; visual media; and woodworking and furniture design. The college also offers the Bachelor of Science in biomedical photographic communications, digital media, graphic media, imaging and photographic technology, and new media/publishing.

The College of Liberal Arts confers the Bachelor of Science in advertising and public relations, criminal justice, economics, journalism, international studies, professional and technical communication, psychology, public policy, and urban and community studies. The RIT Exploration Program is designed to help undecided students formulate education and career plans. Students may spend up to one year sampling courses in each of RIT's colleges (except NTID) before selecting a major.

The College of Science offers the Bachelor of Science in applied mathematics, applied statistics, biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics, biomedical sciences, biotechnology, chemistry, computational mathematics, diagnostic medical sonography (ultrasound), environmental chemistry, environmental science, imaging science, physician assistant studies, physics, and polymer chemistry. Special options are available in premedical studies (medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine). Minors are available in astronomy, exercise science, imaging science, mathematics, physics, and statistics. Accelerated B.S./M.S. and B.S./M.B.A. programs are available. The General Science Exploration Program, which allows freshmen to delay the selection of their major for up to one year, is also available.

As home of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, RIT is a leader in providing educational opportunities and access services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. NTID awards associate degree programs and offers a prebaccalaureate study program for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. The associate degree programs prepare students for immediate employment after graduation or transfer into one of RIT's bachelor's degree programs. The prebaccalaureate studies program prepares students, who may not qualify initially, for entry into a bachelor's degree program. Nearly 50 percent of the 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students at RIT are enrolled directly into one of the bachelor's degree programs in the other seven colleges.

Academic Programs

Students entering RIT enroll directly in the college and academic program of their choice; specialization is spread over the duration of their study. Approximately one third of the program of each professional curriculum consists of general education courses in the humanities, math and science, and social sciences. Students may choose from more than eighty different minors to develop personal and professional interests that complement their academic program. Double major and accelerated dual-degree (bachelor's/master's) options are available. An honors program admits approximately 180 students each year, representing the top 5 percent of students admit-
Every academic program at RIT offers some form of experiential education opportunity. This takes many forms, including cooperative education, internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, and industry-sponsored project work. Notable among these programs is cooperative education (co-op). The College of Applied Science and Technology, the E. Philip Saunders College of Business, the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, and the Kate Gleason College of Engineering all require co-op for undergraduate students. It is available on an optional basis in other RIT colleges. Co-op students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time paid work experience in business and industry directly related to their field of study and career interests. Last year more than 5,500 students completed work assignments with nearly 4,900 employers, earning collectively in excess of $50 million.

**Off-Campus Programs**

RIT has two international branch campuses. The American College of Management and Technology is a branch campus in Croatia. The college offers an associate degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality and service management, a Master of Science degree in service management, and several certificate programs to serve the local tourism industries. The American University of Kosovo provides a careening education that fosters links between the university, industry, and government necessary to support the workforce development needs of Kosovo. RIT has a growing study-abroad program. Through affiliations with other institutions, RIT offers study-abroad programs in twenty countries. RIT students may choose from more than 150 affiliated programs.

**Academic Facilities**

Excellent facilities add to the quality of academic life. Students have access to a laser-optics laboratory, an observatory, an animal-care facility, more than 100 color and black-and-white photography darkrooms, electronic prepress and publishing equipment, ceramic kilns, glass furnaces, a blacksmithing area, a student-operated restaurant, computer graphics and robotic labs, and some of the most up-to-date microelectronic, telecommunications, and computer engineering facilities in the U.S. Wallace Memorial Library is a true multimedia learning center. Its collections are exceptionally extensive in the areas of art and design, education for the deaf, photography, and printing.

RIT is a leader in academic computing, and students work with state-of-the-art computer equipment regardless of their major. Central computer systems can be accessed via a high-speed data network connecting the library, academic facilities, residence hall rooms, and on-campus apartments. There are more than sixty locations campuswide, with wireless networking connectivity utilizing 802.11b technology. The RIT campus network is served by two OC3 connections, each operating at a data rate of 155 Mbps, and one T3 connection operating at 45 Mbps. RIT is among a select group of institutions with access to the Internet2 research network. Internet2 is a collaborative research and development effort led by more than 170 U.S. universities working in partnership with industry and government. Its goal is to develop a new family of advanced Internet applications and technologies.

**Costs**

For 2008-09, tuition for the normal academic year (three academic quarters) was $27,624. Students on the cooperative education plan pay tuition only for the quarters they are at RIT. Fees, including the activities and health fees, are $411 for the academic year. Room and board (twenty meals per week) cost $9,981.

**Financial Aid**

Approximately 77 percent of the full-time undergraduates receive some form of financial aid that includes RIT scholarships, alumni or industry-supported scholarships, and state and federal government grants. A variety of loans and part-time work positions are also available. The FAFSA must be submitted by March 1. Giving full recognition to scholarship apart from financial need, RIT awards a number of academic scholarships based on grades, test scores, and activities. Freshmen applying by February 1 and transfers applying as juniors by April 1 are considered for these scholarships.

**Faculty**

There are 798 full-time faculty members, 406 part-time faculty members, and an administrative and supporting staff of more than 1,800.

Approximately 80 percent of the faculty members have earned a Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their field.

**Student Government**

The Student Government is the representative body for students. It works with RIT administration and faculty and staff members to communicate the needs and desires of the student body and to communicate the decisions of the administration to the students. Fraternity and sorority members, off-campus and hearing-impaired students, and students from minority groups elect special representative bodies. All full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students become members of the Student Government when they pay the student activities fee.

**Application and Information**

An application, a nonrefundable processing fee of $50, official transcripts of all high school or college records, and SAT or ACT scores (for prospective freshmen) should be forwarded to RIT. Freshman applicants who provide all required materials for entry in the fall quarter by February 1 receive admission notification by March 15. Prospective freshmen who apply after February 1 and all transfer students are notified of the admission decision by mail on a rolling basis four to six weeks after their application is complete. RIT also offers an early decision plan, whereby prospective freshmen must have their completed application with all supporting credentials on file in the Admissions Office by December 1 to receive notification by January 15.

For application forms, students should contact:

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