



RISD

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Each year approximately 2,500 students from around the world pursue a creative, studio-based education at Rhode Island School of Design, which offers rigorous bachelor and master degree programs in 19 majors in architecture, design, fine arts, and art education. The college is located in Providence, Rhode Island, which offers its own vibrant art scene and is conveniently located between two other major cultural centers: Boston and New York.

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RISD GLOBAL: global.risd.edu

SEMESTER DATES

Fall: September — December
Spring: February — May
[RISD Calendar \(Link\)](#)

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange is available in all RISD undergraduate departments. RISD's Master's programs are not available for incoming exchange. Exchange students can apply to only one RISD department. Please carefully consider which RISD department best matches your portfolio and strengths as a student and artist/designer. Read more about the RISD departments on the [RISD website \(Link\)](#)

COURSES

Upon your arrival your RISD department head and coordinator will advise you on how best to select your RISD courses and register for them. All exchange students must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 RISD credits while at RISD. Check general course offerings of each major in our [course announcement\(Link\)](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2020: October 13, 2019
Fall 2020: March 10, 2020

CONTACT INFORMATION

[Exchange Webpage \(Link\)](#)
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ELIGIBILITY

To apply for exchange at RISD you must be enrolled full-time at one of RISD's partner institutions. All students should be enrolled in their junior or senior year, or at a graduate level (United States equivalent), while at RISD. RISD courses open to you as an exchange student will typically be at a bachelor - level.

To maintain your student visa immigration status, you must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 RISD academic credits throughout the semester. In the U.S. credit system 12 RISD credits = 24 ECTS.

Before applying, you must first be nominated by the international office at your home institution. Check with your international office to determine their nomination process. RISD reviews only two nominated applications from each partner each semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once nominated, your electronic application must be submitted via our [Online Application Portal \(Link\)](#)

- Application form
- Statement of purpose
- 10-15 portfolio images
- 2 faculty references
- Nomination from international office advisor
- Official transcript
- Scan of passport bio page
- CV/Resume



LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English fluency is required to apply for exchange at RISD, as all RISD classes are taught in English language only. Although no language test scores are required to be submitted with your application, please note: RISD retains the right to terminate the exchange experience of students whose language ability does not comply with this policy. RISD does not offer English as a Foreign Language (ESL) classes or tutoring for exchange students.

HOUSING + MEAL PLANS

You may apply for on-campus housing in RISD's student dorms, pending availability. Due to the nature of RISD's Residence Life policy for degree-seeking students, however, availability of on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed for exchange students. On-campus housing rates can be found on the [RISD Residence Life website \(Link\)](#). Resources and support for off-campus housing search are also provided to all accepted students.

Whether living on or off-campus, RISD Dining offers a range of student meal plans that you can utilize to access RISD dining facilities around campus (they also accept cash).

Learn more about meal plans on the [RISD Residence Life website \(Link\)](#).

On-campus housing and meal plans have additional fees which will be billed to you separately, in addition to your tuition, which is waived by the Global Exchange Program.

STUDENT VISAS

A student visa is required by US immigration law for all international exchange students who wish to study in the United States. RISD's Office of International Student Services (OISS) will assist you with the student visa application process, in collaboration with RISD Global.

HEALTH INSURANCE

In order to comply with legal and visa regulations, exchange students at RISD are required to purchase insurance through our partnered provider. The 19/20 academic year cost was \$125.50/month. The current cost will be provided upon your acceptance. This is the only required fee that RISD charges to all exchange students at RISD.