

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the Department of Software Engineering (SE) in the Golisano College of Computing & Information Sciences. You are joining an exciting and demanding college that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be fruitful and challenging.

Before you arrive on campus for New Student Orientation, we will need for you to complete the following:

- Here are your first steps to get ready for the fall semester – we recommend you complete these items by June 16.
 - You are required to take the [Math Placement Exam \(MPE\)](#). We are offering the MPE May 15 – June 30, but you are encouraged to take the test no later than June 16.
 - Please fill out the [questionnaire](#) by 7:00 PM EST on June 16 to aid in pre-registering your classes. This questionnaire is how we get to know you in order to build the best possible schedule for you!
- On August 1, access your tentative fall semester schedule online at www.rit.edu/infocenter/ using your [RIT computer account](#). Instructions for setting up your password can be found here: start.rit.edu.
- You have an opportunity to prepare yourself for your introductory programming class via an optional and free online class experience called Code Zero. More information will be forthcoming. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Find departmental related information, refer to our SE website: www.se.rit.edu.
- “Like” our Facebook page (@SEatRIT) to start connecting with the department and find out about great events that you can be a part of during your time with us.
- If you haven’t already done so, review the Orientation [checklist](#).

We are excited to meet you on **Thursday, August 22** of Orientation week, during Academic Day! You will have an opportunity to:

- Meet fellow students, faculty, and staff.
- Attend a mandatory advising session and meet your academic advisor, who will be available to you throughout your entire RIT career. <https://www.se.rit.edu/advising/services>
- Review curriculum requirements.
- Answer scheduling questions.

The SE Department will offer you the support, challenges, and rewards expected from a high quality academic program. If we can assist you as you prepare for college, please contact us by telephone at (585) 475-5461 or email your assigned academic advisor at advising@se.rit.edu. Please introduce yourself to me during Orientation, and I congratulate you thus far on your accomplishments. We trust that your experience at GCCIS and in the SE department will be as fulfilling for you as it is for us. We are looking forward to meeting you this fall!

Sincerely,

Naveen Sharma, PhD
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