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We work with all RISD students to insure they have the career tools needed to find and follow their creative path. To help make that possible, we ask their active participation in the seminars, programs and services we offer.

We provide individual and small group career counseling; job and internship listings; an online career library; electronic tools and resources; visual portfolio samples; portfolio reviews; access to companies and recruiting opportunities, and information about marketing, promotion, grants and residencies.

In addition to more than 40 seminars covering timely career topics, we teach in-studio presentations (outlined below) which further educate students as they progress toward careers in art and design. Here is the outline of these programs, year by year.

Career Essentials

Educational strategies for emerging artists and designers:

We provide RISD students with accurate, current and comprehensive career education as part of an on-going process throughout their college experience. In addition to our evening seminars, we teach a sequence of targeted, discipline-specific programs within the studio and classroom.

Freshman Year: Overview

Presentations for freshmen address the wide range of careers and opportunities in art and design, emphasize alumni career outcomes and review available career resources and tools. Programs are designed to inform decisions about major choice.

Create Profile: In-coming students complete their initial ArtWorks registration, and insure they receive emails about job, internship and seminar information throughout the year.

Sophomore Year: In the Field

Presentations within the major discuss the value of internships, how to find and create these experiences, the process for credit and non-credit bearing internships, and examples of successful outcomes. Career resources and tools are introduced with an emphasis on those most critical to the discipline. Students are encouraged to begin creating their resume, portfolio and website.

Update Profile: As they enter the major, students update their ArtWorks registration; this new profile will insure email notification of related job, internship and seminar listings throughout the year.

Junior Year: Emphasis

Programs explore pre-professional issues within the major and demonstrate and discuss alumni career paths. The internship search process is further developed with an emphasis on how to identify and find appropriate sites, as a prelude to later job searches. Students learn about on-campus portfolio reviews and how to access more focused career resources and tools. Students are asked to complete a working resume, portfolio and website.

Expand Profile: Students update and broaden their ArtWorks registration; this in-depth registration will assist in directing appropriate job, internship, and seminar listings and company information throughout the year.

Senior Year: Outcomes

Discipline-specific presentations emphasize professional goals, career outcomes and the search for companies and opportunities leading to career employment. Programs focus on the portfolio reviews and recruitment process while teaching advanced use of career resources and tools. Students are expected to finalize their resume, portfolio and website.

Refine Profile: Students complete a targeted ArtWorks registration; this information helps firms, companies and other hiring partners review the work of graduating students, and insure students get job listings, company visits and recruiting dates.

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