

Rhode Island School of Design

2021-2022 Housing Options

RISD offers three areas of student housing: **First Year**, **Sophomore**, and **Upperclass**. All on-campus housing includes a dining allotment. First Year and Sophomore Area rooms include meal credits, dining points, and unlimited access to the MET. Upperclass area apartments come with a base level of meal credits and dining points. Students living in apartments can choose to upgrade their dining allotment with a MET Easy-Pass for unlimited MET Access, or can purchase additional meal blocks if they wish to have more meal credits on campus.

Priority is given to each area by class designation, and programming and support is framed with the transitional and developmental needs of these class designations in mind. The First Year Area is designed to support students through the Experimental and Foundation Studies curriculum, and to help them meet new friends and adjust to independent life at RISD and in Providence. Living in the Sophomore Area, second year students at RISD are supported as they enter their major and begin their advanced studies. The sophomore area features suites and community centric housing ideal for both students who wish to room with a small group of friends, or for those who prefer to be around a larger community of makers. The Upperclass Area offers a high degree of independence for Juniors, Seniors, and even Grad Students who prefer to live in a cooperative or independent apartment. Programs are aimed supporting the transition to life beyond RISD with career and professional development opportunities. Independent housing options allow for more self-reliance and meal preparation, while maintaining the financial simplicity and security benefits of living on campus. Although these areas are designed for specific student populations, there are instances where a student may live in an area that does not specifically match their class standing, such as Junior or Seniors living in the Sophomore Area, or Sophomores living in apartments. Room and board offerings are specific to the room, not the class year of the student living in it.

First Year Area

First Year students at RISD live within the First Year Quad (East, South, North, Homer and Nickerson Halls). First Year students are part of the RISD Launch Residential Experience which helps students to transition to life at RISD through community engagement with focus on success through academic, artistic, social, and personal growth. First Year Rooms share community resources like study and work rooms, communal kitchens, social lounges, and communal or semi-private bathrooms. All First Year area rooms are air-conditioned. Students in these rooms enjoy unlimited access to *The Met*, RISD's "Unlimited Access" facility. In addition, students may choose to use one meal credit daily which may be applied at any participating dining venues. Students may also purchase items using the 175 points they received each semester. These rooms also include a one-time \$50 risdbucks credit which work in campus vending machines, all dining venues, campus stores, and laundry machines. Also included are 3 guest meal credits per semester.

First Year Area Pricing (Per Semester)

- First Year Area Shared Rooms (Double, Triple, Quads) - \$7,395
- First Year Area Single Rooms - \$8,450

Sophomore Area

Sophomores at RISD have priority selection to live in the Sophomore Area which includes the Alcove Suites in 15 West, the Hill Houses, and areas of South Hall. The Sophomore Area offers sophomore students a bit more privacy and independence and aims to help sophomores navigate their majors, forge new connections and paths of success within the RISD community, develop concrete connections between academics and extracurricular experiences, and foster skills that will aid them beyond RISD. To support health and wellness through their second year transition, these rooms include unlimited access to *The Met*, 2 meal credits daily which can be used at participating campus dining venues, 175 points per semester, a one-time \$50 risdbucks credit, and 3 guest meal credits per semester.

15 West Alcove Suite amenities include air conditioning, social lounges, laundry and work rooms, and easy access to the Fleet Library and Portfolio Café. Alcove Suites also have small kitchenettes. For a more communal residential experience, the Hill Houses provide amenities for all students living the house to share. The smallest Hill Houses, Dunnell and Larned, are home to 19 students. The largest Hill House is Congdon – which houses 34 students. All others house between 21 and 25 students.

Hill House Pricing (Per Semester)

- Hill House Shared Rooms: \$7,330
- Hill House Single Rooms: \$8,385

15 West Alcove Suite Pricing (Per Semester)

- 15 West Shared Alcove Rooms: \$7,500
- 15 West Alcove Single Rooms: \$8,925

South Hall Pricing (Per Semester)

- South Hall Shared Rooms: \$7,395
- South Hall Single Rooms: \$8,450

**Note that while these rooms are designed to support second year students, they are also made available to Juniors and Seniors after priority selection is offered to Sophomores.*

Upperclass Area

Students living in the Upperclass Area enjoy the highest levels of independence and privacy afforded to students at RISD. Located in 15 West, Colonial Apartments, and Dwight House; these apartments feature bathrooms, common space, and full kitchen facilities. Depending on amenity level and configuration, Upperclass Area apartments at RISD are identified as either **Cooperative** or **Independent**. Independent Apartments are highly desirable with features such as one bathroom per student or a complete apartment for one student, etc.

All apartment rooms come with 200 meal credits and 225 points per semester.

Upperclass Cooperative Apartment Pricing (Per Semester)

Single Rooms

- Colonial 2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments - \$7,985
- Dwight 2 Bedroom Apartments - \$7,985
- 15 West 2 Bedroom Loft - \$8,050
- 15 West 3 and 4 Bedroom Apartments - \$8,050
- 15 West Single Room in a Shared Loft - \$8,050

Upperclass Independent Apartment Pricing (Per Semester)

Single Rooms

- Colonial Studio - \$8,990
- Dwight Studio - \$8,990
- 15 West Studio Loft - \$9,055

Shared Rooms

- 15 West Shared Triple Loft - \$6,625
- 15 West Double Room in a Shared Loft - \$7,475

**Note that while this area is designed primarily for upperclass students, rooms are also made available to Sophomores who choose to live in a group with upperclass students, or to sophomores after priority selection is offered to upperclass students.*

Optional Upperclass Apartment Dining Add-ons

MET Easy-Pass - \$1000 per semester

Add Block A (80 Meal Credits) - \$760*

Add Block B (50 Meal Credits) - \$478*

Add Block C (30 Meal Credits) - \$288*

*Add-on block meal swipes are good for both semesters, but do not roll over year to year.

Additional Information

Dining Terminology

Meal credits are to be used as entree to the Met or a monetary amount(equivalency)which can be applied at participating dining venues.

Points: 1 point = \$1.00, this is for items such as coffee, grab and go that are not a meal or to use in the virtual market.

Dining note:

- Points and Meal credits included with rooms expire at the end of each semester. Fall semester points and Meal credits expire on January 20th. Students who run out of Meal credits may purchase additional blocks.
- Additional meal blocks or points (bonus points) may be purchased through dinings, these tenders carry through until the end of the academic year.
- No part of the dining allotment is carried over from semester to semester, or academic year to academic year.
- If a student changes rooms mid-semester, their charges are prorated by days in each room type. If moving between a First Year or Sophomore room and an Upperclass apartment, their meal and points total may be adjusted based on previous use and portion of semester remaining.

Card Services

risdbucks: risdbucks is a declining balance account not associated with dining allotment. They are accepted in vending machines, laundry, printing and at all dining units; please visit <https://info.risd.edu/card-services-risdbucks/> for more information.

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