126 credits

Liberal Arts Graduation Requirements:

For students who started at RISD before 9/1/2024
and transfer students who started at RISD anytime during or before AY 2024-25

Notes

Courses designated as LAEL or SCI do not count toward HPSS, THAD, or LAS credit.

Courses in business or engineering are typically not accepted for Liberal Arts credit unless they are taught from a liberal arts perspective (e.g. sociology of business).

Theory + History of Art + Design THAD
12 credits required

THAD courses include the theory and history of art and design.
- ● THAD-H101 Theory + History of Art + Design I (3 credits)*
- ● THAD-H102 Theory + History of Art + Design II (3 credits)*
- ○ THAD Elective (3 credits)
- ○ THAD Elective (3 credits)

Literary Arts and Studies LAS
9 credits required

LAS courses include courses about literature, literary movements, literary theory, and creative writing.
- ● LAS-E101 First-year Literature Seminar (3 credits)*
- ○ LAS Elective (3 credits)
- ○ LAS Elective (3 credits)

History, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences HPSS
9 credits required

HPSS courses may include anthropology, economics, geography, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, and sociology.
- ● HPSS-S101 Topics in History, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences (3 credits)*
- ○ HPSS Elective (3 credits)
- ○ HPSS Elective (3 credits)

Liberal Arts Electives LAEL
12 credits required

Liberal Arts elective courses include any course offered through the Liberal Arts Division (courses designated as THAD, LAS, HPSS, SCI, or LAEL).
- ○ Liberal Arts Elective (3 credits)
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14 courses	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	4 courses	AIM FOR: 4 courses	AIM FOR: 3 courses	AIM FOR: 3 courses
FALL	E101* H101*			
WINTER	STUDIO	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
SPRING	S101* H102*			

Keep track of your liberal arts courses!

Total Liberal Arts credits granted upon completion of requirements:
42 credits
126 credits total for graduation

*These four first-year courses are required for graduation for all undergraduates, including transfer students.

Advising Resources:

Who's here to help you navigate your academic life?

First Year

EFS Advisor*: helps you with choosing a major, possible concentration directions, academic concerns in your EFS courses

First-Year Academic Advisors: provide extra support in your first-year courses (including around midterm warnings, incompletes, withdrawing from or failing a first-year course), connecting to campus resources, mentoring for First-Generation and Pell-Eligible students

Jen Horwitz, *Liberal Arts*
jhorwitz@risd.edu
College Building, room 420

Jonathan Sylvia, *Studio*
jsylvia@risd.edu
Carr House, room 13

Spring of First Year & Fall + WS of Sophomore Year

Liberal Arts Advisor*: helps you with an overview of liberal arts requirements, selecting liberal arts courses, possible concentration directions, academic concerns in your liberal arts courses

Sophomore thru Senior Year

Major Advisor*: helps you with major requirements; selecting courses; exploring career paths, directions, and campus opportunities; academic concerns in your major courses

All Years

Student Success Support: provides extra pathfinding support for students (including processes around academic probation, taking or returning from a leave of absence, connecting to campus resources)

Brittany Goodwin
bgoodwin@risd.edu,
401-454-6204
Carr House, floor 3

Liberal Arts Senior Academic Specialist: helps clarify questions about Liberal Arts credit requirements, transfer credits, and taking non-RISD courses

Gail Hughes,
ghughes@risd.edu,
401-454-6572
Liberal Arts Division Office (College Building, room 418)
Offers walk-in appointments (M-W, 8 am-3 pm) & virtual appointments

Optional

Concentration Advisor (when you declare thru graduation)*****: helps you with concentration requirements, selecting concentration courses, exploring career paths and directions

* How do you find who your advisors are throughout your time at RISD?

1 Log onto Workday: click Menu, then Academics.

2 On your dashboard, you will see a chart with your advisors' names, photos, and email addresses.