

Acronyms and Other RISD Lingo

Welcome to RISD! Below are some of the terms you will likely hear as you begin your career at Rhode Island School of Design. The list is not comprehensive, but is intended to help you translate some of the more common acronyms and phrases into understandable terms.

"15 West"	Abbreviation for 15 Westminster Street – Houses the Library and dorms.
"Artist's Ball"	Annual student dance held close to Halloween in which students often come in outrageous costumes. Student Life looks for staff to volunteer to help with this event.
"The Bank Building"	Located on South main Street adjacent to the Chace Center of the RISD Museum. Both the 3D supply store and furniture design studios are within this building.
"BEB"	Bayard Ewing Building – Located at 231 South Main Street. This building houses the departments of Architecture & Landscape Architecture
"The Beach"	Were you aware that there is a beach in Providence? The RISD Beach is the small patch of grass at the intersections of Angell, Waterman and Benefit Streets.
"CFA"	Academic area term meaning Committee on Faculty Appointments
"CIT"	The Center for Integrative Technologies. This building was formerly known as the Mason Building. It is located downtown at 169 Weybosset Street.
"Crit"	To critique a final project
"Degree Project"	Final project for students who are due to graduate.
"The Farm"	Tillinghast Farm is a property owned by RISD located in Barrington, RI.
"FAV"	Film Animation Video Department
"Frazier Terrace"	Terrace on Benefit Street across from the entrance to the Museum. Named for former RISD President John R. Frazier. There are stairs from the Terrace to the Ewing Center.
"The Green Door"	Entrance to the Museum from the driveway on South Main Street in back of the Metcalf Building. Anyone entering the Museum outside of their 'open to the public' hours enters through this door.
"Ј&М"	Jewelry & Metalsmithing
"Market Square"	The area surrounding Market House and outside the Auditorium Building is known as Market Square.
"Prov Wash"	20 Washington Place – RISD's administrative office building including the President's office. Also know as the Providence Washington building, since the Providence Washington Insurance Company used to own it.