



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	<i>Abbreviation for 15 Westminster Street – Houses the Fleet Library and dorms.</i>
Artist's Ball	<i>Annual student dance held close to Halloween in which students often come in outrageous costumes. Watch for volunteer opportunities to support this event.</i>
The Bank Building	<i>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.</i>
BEB	<i>Bayard Ewing Building – Located at 231 South Main Street. This building houses the departments of Architecture & Landscape Architecture</i>
The Beach	<i>The RISD Beach is the small patch of grass at the intersections of Angell, Waterman and Benefit Streets.</i>
BRDD	<i>Brown RISD Dual Degree</i>
CAPS	<i>Counseling & Psychological Services</i>
CE	<i>Continuing Education</i>
CFA	<i>Academic area term meaning Committee on Faculty Appointments</i>
CIT	<i>The Center for Integrative Technologies. This building was formerly known as the Mason Building. It is located downtown at 169 Weybosset Street.</i>
Crit	<i>To critique a final project</i>
CSI	<i>Center for Student Involvement</i>
EFS	<i>Experimental & Foundation Studies- the first year academic program of study all new students embark on in their first year before declaring a major for their sophomore year</i>
The Farm	<i>Tillinghast Farm is a property owned by RISD located in Barrington, RI.</i>
FAV	<i>Film Animation Video Department</i>

Frazier Terrace	<i>Terrace on Benefit Street across from the entrance to the Museum. Named for former RISD President John R. Frazier.</i>
The Green Door	<i>Entrance to the Museum from the driveway on South Main Street in back of the Metcalf Building. Employees entering the Museum outside of their 'open to the public' hours enter through this door.</i>
IA	<i>Institutional Advancement</i>
ID	<i>Industrial Design</i>
ISB	<i>Illustration Studies building- located at 55 Canal Walk</i>
ISE	<i>Intercultural Student Engagement</i>
ISSA	<i>International Students and Scholars Affairs</i>
J&M	<i>Jewelry & Metalsmithing</i>
Market Square	<i>The area surrounding Market House and outside the Auditorium Building is known as Market Square.</i>
The Met	<i>The Metcalf Refectory is the main "all you care to eat dining" facility located within the first year quad- located at 30 Waterman Street</i>
Moore Terrace	<i>Terrace located between the museum that can be accessed from College Street or up the stairs near the South Main Street entrance of the museum.</i>
Portfolio	<i>Cafe located in the Fleet Library</i>
Quad	<i>The block of RISD between Benefit, Waterman, Prospect and Angell Streets that includes Homer, Nickerson, North, East and South Halls, along with The Met, Residence Life office & Public Safety.</i>
RISD Bucks	<i>funds added to your RISD ID that can be used at RISD dining establishments, in the laundry rooms, and at select local businesses</i>
SEI	<i>Social Equity and Inclusion</i>
Washington Place	<i>Located at 20 Washington Place. Formerly referred to as ProvWash.</i>
Watermark	<i>Cafe located on the 2nd floor of the RISD store</i>