

Brown | RISD Dual Degree Orientation Calendar 2019



Sunday, August 25, 2019

BRDD Welcome Night

9:00am – 2:00pm

Arrival and Move-in at 30 Waterman Street

First-year students move into RISD South Hall
Receive your BRDD orientation packet!

*Students and families are welcome to join us for pizza at Residence Life at noon.

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Welcome and Information Session for Students and Families

RISD Fleet Library, 15 West Building, 15 Westminster

Co-Chairs of the Dual Degree Program, Deputy Dean of the College at Brown, Christopher Dennis, and Vice Provost and Faculty in History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences at RISD, Daniel Cavicchi, will welcome our newest cohort. Dean of Experimental and Foundation Studies at RISD, Joanne Stryker, will speak about what the Class of 2024 can expect in their studios this year. Assistant Director and Advisor of the Dual Degree Program, Michele Zager, will discuss advising and support structures in the BRDD Program. Brown|RISD Dual Degree Peer Advisors will share their experiences and answer questions.

Attendance by incoming students required. Family welcome.

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Welcome Dinner

RISD Portfolio Café, 15 West Building, 15 Westminster

New students and their families, as well as Peer Advisors from the previous BRDD cohorts, administrators, and faculty members from both institutions will celebrate the launch of the new academic year.

Break Outs:

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Class of 2024 Cohort Gathering

Peer-to-peer introductions and Q&A. Introduction to “BRDD Advising Families.”
Attendance by all first-year Dual Degree students required.

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Family Roundtable Discussion

Join families with upper class Dual Degree students to discuss their experiences, ask questions, and learn more about what to expect from your student at different points of the year. Administrators from Brown’s Dean of the College, RISD’s Academic Affairs, and RISD Student Affairs will be available to answer questions about campus resources. Senior Peer Advisors will also be able to lend the student perspective.

Meals on Monday are at the Brown Verney-Woolley (V-Dub), located at 135 Cushing Street

Meal Times:

Breakfast	7:30am – 9:00am
Dinner	5:00pm - 7:30pm



Monday, August 26, 2019

9:00am-11:00am

Scavenger Hunt

Campus legend has it, that stepping on this seal while a student will alter your time while at Brown! Meet us on the steps outside Alumnae Hall (but don't tread on the seal!)
Meet outside of Brown Alumnae Hall promptly at 9:00am (minus 5 points for every minute you're late) to get your list of clues, and divide into teams. During this scavenger hunt you and your team will compete to gather the most points, learn some quirky things about our campuses, and just have some fun prepared for you by your Peer Advisors!

11:00am-12:45pm

Welcome Lunch and Finding a Place of Belonging on Our Campuses

RISD Ewing Multicultural House, 41 Waterman Street

As the newest members of both the Brown and RISD communities, we hope that while with us on College Hill you find a sense of community and belonging. Over lunch, representatives from a range of campus offices at both Brown and RISD will share information about resources to support you in this journey. Over lunch, they'll be on hand to answer questions and discuss various ways students form meaningful connections outside of the classroom and studios and access the resources needed to be successful within them.

1:00pm-2:30pm

BRDD Forum

Brown Science Library, Room 315

This informal gathering offers the opportunity to hear more about the kinds of work in which faculty members at Brown and RISD are currently invested and the paths that they traveled to this point. We'll begin a dialogue about interdisciplinarity, multilingualism between disciplines and ways of thought, and different ways of working in the overlaps and dissimilarities of fields. As you enter a Program which prompts reflection in both the overlaps and moments of dissonance, this is an important pause to consider your own pursuits.

3:00pm-5:00pm

Workshop with Michael Lye, Professor of Industrial Design

Brown Design Workshop (BDW), Prince Lab 222, Brown Engineering Building

How do you approach a problem that has complex, perhaps contradictory, and interdependent requirements? How can you begin to address a problem before "knowing" all the information needed for a solution? And how will you recognize when you know enough to try to find a solution? In this hands-on workshop facilitated by Michael Lye, Professor in RISD Industrial Design, we'll use the making-process to explore the margins of our knowledge in the process of working through a design problem. We'll also learn more about Professor Lye's interests and work within socially responsible design, including his recent work collaborating with NASA.

Dinner

6:00pm

Night on the Town

Join a small group led by Peer Advisors to casually socialize at some of their favorite locations in the nearby Providence community. Earlier announcements will describe the outings and times of departure so that you can choose.



Meals on Tuesday 8/27 are at the RISD MET, located in the RISD First-Year Quad.

Meal Times:

Breakfast	7:30am – 9:00am
Lunch	11:30am - 1:30pm
Dinner	5:00pm - 6:30pm

* *The neon pink sticker on your ID has a meaning to RISD Dining. Please don't remove this sticker until after dinner on 8/27.*

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

9:00am-10:30am The Critique

*Meet at South Fountain at 8:45am
Chace Center, EFS Studio 506*

Join RISD Experimental and Foundation Studies professor, Jonathan Sylvia, and RISD CAPS psychologist, Erin Unkefer, to learn more about the critique process as a central component of your art education. We'll discuss how we share with, learn from, and support each other in critiques, which can be by the very nature of displaying our art, sharing our personal identities, intentions, and ideologies. We'll explore the possibility of finding community in the critique model by taking care of ourselves and each other.

10:30am-12:30pm BRDD RISD Museum Workshop

Tour the Museum including, a close up viewing of works in one of the Museum study centers, and participate in gallery exercises.

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch

**1:30pm-3:30pm Introduction to the Brown Arts Initiative (BAI) and
Workshop with Thalia Field, Professor of Literary Arts**

Brown, McCormack Theater, 70 Brown Street

The Brown Arts Initiative (BAI) is dedicated to supporting interdisciplinary arts at Brown University through working with departments, faculty, staff and students to help realize projects that are experimental, collaborative and engaged. Granoff Center for the Creative Arts is home to the BAI, and the location for interdisciplinary courses, performances, installations, exhibitions, lectures, conferences and more. Additionally, BAI produces a full season program featuring internationally known artists with many opportunities for direct student engagement. We'll briefly be introduced to BAI programs and resources by Sophia LaCava-Bohanan, BAI Program Manager. Thalia Field, Adele Kellenberg Seaver Professor of Creative Writing, Professor of Literary Arts, Director of Provost Office Initiative on Interdisciplinary Masters of Fine Arts Degrees, and Interim Director of the BAI will lead us in an interactive and interdisciplinary workshop. Please bring something to write with, paper or a notebook, and clothing you can move in.



3:30pm-5:00pm

**Introduction to Providence and a Critique of the Museum Culture:
Look at Art. Get Paid. (LAAGP)**

Swearer Center Room 311, 2 Stimson Ave

Betsy Shimberg, Engaged Co-Curriculum Director at the Swearer Center, and Assistant Dean of the College will introduce us to the city of Providence and to the community of scholars, students, practitioners and community members that work together to build on community strengths and address community challenges at the Swearer Center. Josephine Devanbu, BRDD alumni from the class of 2016, artist and Research Grant Specialist at RISD, will share her recent collaborative work, Look at Art. Get Paid. Josephine will share how she and Maia Chao developed this socially engaged art project, piloted it in the RISD Museum, and engage us in thinking about a critique of museum culture and access.

Dinner

8:00pm – 9:00pm

meet at 7:30pm

Visit Brown Ladd Observatory

210 Doyle Ave

The Observatory is open on Tuesday nights, so let's go gaze at the stars! The Observatory houses a 12" refracting telescope, transit telescopes, precision pendulum clocks, chronometers, and other instruments.

Meet outside South Hall by the fountain at 7:30pm. *Be sure to have your student IDs.* We can catch RIPTA Bus # 1 north bound, at the tunnel and Thayer St at 7:55pm and ask the driver to get off at Hope and Doyle. We can return via RIPTA #1 south bound (approx. 9:19pm) or call Brown University Shuttle (BUS) On-call to request a ride back to residence (make a request at 401-863-1778 or online at <http://shuttle.brown.edu/>)

BRDD Pre-Orientation ends. Students join the Brown or RISD Pre-Orientation for which they've registered. See appropriate Pre-Orientation schedule (Brown International Student Orientation, Brown TWTP, RISD POSE, and RISD Thrive).

**Meals on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are with your
Pre-Orientation Programs**

**Brown International Student Orientation & TWTP: Eat Meals at Brown
RISD POSE and RISD Thrive: Eat Meals at RISD**

ALL BRDD students eat meals at RISD at the start of RISD Orientation on Sun. Sept 1.



Wednesday, August 28, 2019

9:00am -10:00am BRDD & Financial Aid

Brown Page-Robinson Hall, Room 203

BRDD first-year students on financial aid are required to attend this meeting with Dean Vernicia Elie and the Brown Office of Financial Aid to learn about the use of financial aid for books and materials during Foundation Year.

If not in other programming, all BRDD students are welcome to attend:

10:00am – 2:00pm RISD Banks and Phone Fair

RISD Met Room A

Let us assist you in getting situated with a new bank and phone service! Representatives from banks and phone companies will be on campus during this time to meet with you to help set up your accounts.

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Brown Orientation Begins!

Consult the [Brown Orientation schedule](#) for today's activities:

Take a tour. Check out the Resource Fair (and get free stuff). Attend sessions around specific topics. Join the entering class for an ice cream social!

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Reminder: Throughout RISD Orientation, your meals will be at RISD.

RISD Orientation Begins!

First-Year BRDD students primarily follow the RISD Orientation schedule with the exception of the meetings at Brown listed on Monday and Tuesday, which must be prioritized.

8:00am-2:00pm: Pick up your Orientation Schedule and RISD swag bag!

RISD Upper Quad

While your RISD classmates move in, consider attending the clinics and fairs at RISD or sessions at Brown Orientation.

2:30pm-3:30pm: Orientation events at RISD begin with the Welcome and President's Address in the First Baptist Church.



Monday, September 2, 2019

9:00am-10:20am: Brown First-Readings Seminar (Session One)

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Brown Advising Meetings

Times for your advising meetings are listed on a separate page in your folder. Most students (but not all) will follow the times below:

9:00am-9:30am: Brown First-Year Group Advising Meetings

11:00am-2:00pm: Individual meetings with Brown Faculty Advisors

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Brown Classes Begin!

Be sure to attend your first class if it meets on Wednesday!

The BRDD Peer Advisors have also compiled a list of courses at Brown that they are shopping. If you'd like to "browse" with an upperclassman, reach out to join them.

Thursday, September 5, 2019

RISD Classes Begin!

5:00pm-8:00pm Brown Fall Activities Fair

Brown College Green (Rain site: Olney-Margolies Athletic Center (OMAC))

Over 400 recognized student organizations and club sports will show their stuff. You'll be amazed and maybe a little overwhelmed by the opportunities. Visit [Bearsync](#), the online directory of student organizations or Brown Recreation's directory for club sports to learn more.



Saturday, September 7, 2019

10:00am-11:30am BRDD Sharing our Stories

RISD Upper Met. Room A

Facilitators: Jorge Palacios, BRDD Minority Peer Advisor and Felicita Devlin, RISD First-Year Student AIR

We each have our own personal story: the people, places, events and identities that make each of us who we are. This essential BRDD meeting will introduce you to vocabulary and tools that can be used to share your own story, and to listen to the stories of others. We'll begin a conversation that we hope, like your story, will continue to evolve throughout your time on College Hill.

Attendance by all BRDD first year students is required.

12:00pm-4:00pm RISD Block Party

Benefit Street between Waterman and College Streets

Come out to learn more about clubs and organizations at RISD! Check out the Block Party for opportunities to get involved on campus and in the community. There will be music, food, and great tables! Visit RISD [orgsync](#), the online directory of clubs and organizations at RISD to connect and learn more.

2:00pm-5:00pm BRDD Annual All Cohort Gathering at Tillinghast Farm

Departure: at 2 and 3pm Return: at 4 and 5pm

Shuttles depart from RISD Farnum Lot (Congdon Street)

Join BRDD students of all cohort years, for a fun and relaxed day at RISD's bay front beach property. This is an annual Program tradition and a great time to connect with other Dualies. Bring a frisbee or ball, games, a book, drawing materials, a swimsuit, or just yourself.