Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design have a cross-registration agreement that allows
Brown undergraduates to obtain credit toward the Brown degree for up to four RISD courses. The agreement
allows Brown students to enroll in RISD studio art courses during RISD’s fall, winter, or spring session
without extra charge. Each RISD course (3-5 credits) is regarded as the full equivalent of a Brown course and
upon satisfactory completion is recorded on the student’s Brown transcript. RISD’s summer session is not
included in the cross-registration agreement. Students pay RISD directly for RISD summer courses, which
students may petition to transfer to Brown following the standard protocol for transfer credit. RISD summer
courses that are approved for transfer are considered the equivalent of one Brown course.

RISD courses requiring approval from the Committee on Academic Standing

Students must petition CAS for approval to study at RISD when they wish to:
• count five or more RISD courses toward their Brown degree
• enroll in a non-studio course, including those within RISD’s liberal arts division.

The following RISD courses require a petition:

Courses that contain the following letters in the course code suffix: “S”, “H”, “LE”, “E”, “C”
(Examples: HPSS 632, ARTH*H562, LAEL*LE41, ENG*E551, HPSS*C523)

Courses that have the following department code: “GRAD” or “ARTE”
(Examples: GRAD*031G, ARTE*401)

How to Petition

To petition CAS, students need to write a letter stating their reasons for wanting to take the course, and obtain
a letter of support from the Chair of the Brown academic department most closely related to the RISD course
subject. Please include the following information in your petition:

• Your full name and Banner ID
• Your email address and Campus Box number
• The RISD course name and number you are petitioning to take
• The RISD department in which the course is housed
• Your reasons for wanting to take the course
• Name(s) of Brown faculty who are writing a letter of support

Submit your petition in person to the Secretary of the Committee on Academic Standing, Room 205A,
University Hall. The faculty letter may be submitted along with your letter or by the faculty member through
Campus Mail.