Directions for Auditing RIT Undergraduate Courses

As a Full-Year Osher member, you can audit eligible* RIT undergraduate courses for free. Here's how to do it:

- 1. If you don't already have an **RIT University ID card and number (UID)**, instructions for requesting one are on Osher's <u>Resources</u> webpage.
 - If you have ever been associated with RIT in any way (former staff/faculty, student, parent of a student, etc.) you likely already have a UID. Contact registrar@rit.edu to check before submitting a form. After you submit the UID request form, an Osher staff member will be notified by an automatically generated email and will approve the request. You will be notified via email when it's approved and can then get your student ID card on campus in Eastman Hall (Bldg. #1), between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Enter the main RIT entrance on Jefferson Rd., drive to the traffic circle and continue straight to the Information Booth for a parking pass and directions to the building (see map to Eastman Hall on the Osher Resources webpage).
- 2. Go to the <u>Student Information System (SIS)</u> webpage to search for eligible* undergraduate courses you're interested in. Click **Public Class Search > TigerCenter Class Search**. There is not a printed RIT course catalog.
 - a. In the "Public Features" section, click on the orange Class Search button.
 - **b.** On the next page, make sure to choose the correct semester in the "Select a term box".
 - **c.** Type in a search term, e.g., Italian.
 - **d.** Click on "Advanced Search" and choose "**RIT Main**" as the **campus** (we have campuses in several countries, and those courses are not eligible to audit).
 - e. Click "Save Options".
 - **f.** Click the orange "Search" button.
 - **g.** Peruse the list of courses, and click on a course to view its details.
 - h. In the Enrollment Information section, check if there are any **Pre-Reqs** (pre-requisites) listed. If so you will need to contact the instructor and ask for permission to audit the course as an Osher member. The instructor's email can be found by clicking on their name in the Class Details section.
- 3. Complete the **auditing form** on the Osher <u>Resources</u> webpage. You can apply to audit a maximum of two courses per semester until the end of the Add/Drop period. View the <u>RIT academic calendar</u> for Add/Drop dates.
- 4. Take a photo of, or scan, the form, and email it to Osher staff at osher@rit.edu. Or bring the hard copy to an Osher staff member. If requesting a course with pre-requisites, forward the email approval from the instructor to Osher staff also.
- 5. Osher staff will submit your auditing form to the Registrar's Office no earlier than **one week before the RIT semester begins**. View the <u>RIT academic calendar</u> for semester start/end dates. Within that week you will receive an email from the RIT Registrar that will say whether the auditing request has been approved.
- 6. In the meantime, the Osher Program Director will sponsor you for an RIT Computer Account (if you don't already have one). Your user name will be your first initial+last name+olli, e.g., rsmitholli so when you receive an email from the RIT Service Center with instructions on setting your Computer Account password at https://start.rit.edu, you will use the above naming convention for your user name. Once your RIT Computer Account is set up, you can use it to log in to SIS to view the course(s) you're enrolled in and any tasks or forms you might need to complete as an auditor.
- 7. After your Computer Account is activated, a **MyCourses account** will also be activated within 8 hours (updates to MyCourses are made between 4-5am, 11am-12pm, and 4-5pm Eastern). This platform is what RIT instructors use to share course information and syllabi and communicate with the class participants. When you go to the <u>MyCourses</u> login page, click the "**RIT Guest Login**" button and then enter your RIT Computer Account user name and password to view your class information.
- **8.** RIT requires **multi-factor authentication** for most logins to its systems, so in order to access MyCourses and other systems as an auditor, you will have to enroll in the <u>university's multi-factor authentication</u>.