

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Troy, NY

Freshman Admission Requirements
Entrance Difficulty

Very Difficult: More than 50% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1230 on the SAT I or over 26 on the ACT; about 60% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High School Graduation	High school diploma required and GED is accepted
High School Program	College preparatory program is required

High School Units Required or Recommended

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English	4	
Mathematics	4	
Science	3	4
Foreign Language		
Social Studies	2	3
History		
Academic Electives		

Examinations

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Required	December 31
SAT Only		
ACT Only		
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT	Required for some	December 31
SAT Subject Tests Only	Considered if submitted	
SAT Essay Component Policy	Accepted with or without essay component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Accepted with or without writing component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: Used for admission ACT: Used for admission	

Applying for Admission
Admissions Office

Address	110 8th Street
City, State, Zip	Troy, NY 12180-3590
Phone	(518) 276-6216
Fax	(518) 276-4072
E-mail	admissions@rpi.edu

Application Dates and Fees

Regular Admisson Deadline	January 15
Application Fee	\$70
Application Fee Waiver	Available
Regular Admission Notification	March 12
Accept Offer of Admission	May 1
Waiting List Used	Yes
Defer Admission	Student can defer admission

Transfer Admission **Transfer applications accepted**

Early Admission

Early Decision Offered	Yes
Early Decision Deadline	November 1, December 15
Early Decision Notification	December 10, January 14
Early Action Offered	No
Early Action Deadline	
Early Action Notification	

Application Form

Common Application	Accepted, supplemental forms required
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	https://admissions.rpi.edu/undergraduate/apply

Other Application Requirements

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	Required for some freshmen
Letters of Recommendation	1 recommended for all freshmen
Other	Portfolio for electronic arts recommended for some freshmen
Financial Need	Financial need is not a consideration in the admissions process

Selection of Students

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record	X			
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized Tests	X			
Class Rank	X			
Recommendations		X		
Essay		X		
Interview				X
Level of Applicant's Interest		X		
Extracurricular Activities		X		
Volunteer Work			X	
Particular Talent/Ability			X	
Character/Personal Qualities		X		
First Generation to Attend College				X
State Residency				X
Geographic Residence			X	
Relation with Alumnus			X	
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity			X	
Work Experience			X	

Profile of Fall Admission

Overall Admission Rate	43% of 19,505 applicants were admitted
Women	47% of 6,030 applicants were admitted
Men	42% of 13,475 applicants were admitted
Students Enrolled	1,663 (20%) of 8,420 admitted students enrolled
Women	499 (18%) of 2,816 admitted students enrolled
Men	1,164 (21%) of 5,604 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	57% of 903 applicants were admitted
Early Action Admission Rate	
Students Offered Wait List	4,803
Students Accepting Wait List Position	2,662
Students Admitted From Wait List	22

Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)

Average GPA	3.78
3.75 and Above	66%
3.50 - 3.74	23%
3.25 - 3.49	7%
3.00 - 3.24	3%
2.50 - 2.99	1%
2.00 - 2.49	

SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SAT Math	680-770 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	69%
Score of 600 - 700	28%
Score of 500 - 600	3%
Score of 400 - 500	0%
Score of 300 - 400	0%
Score of 200 - 300	0%
SAT EBRW	677 average 640-730 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	43%
Score of 600 - 700	47%
Score of 500 - 600	10%
Score of 400 - 500	0%
Score of 300 - 400	0%
Score of 200 - 300	0%

ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

ACT Composite	30 average 28-32 range of middle 50%
Score of 30 - 36	53%
Score of 24 - 29	43%
Score of 18 - 23	4%
Score of 12 - 17	0%
Score of 6 - 11	0%
Score of 5 or Below	0%

Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

High School Class Rank	Top tenth: 63% Top quarter: 91% Top half: 98%
National Merit Scholar	2%
Valedictorian	3%
Class President	Not reported
Student Government Officer	Not reported