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### Testo

Being accepted at RISD is one of the most beautiful and valuable educational experience I could ever gain. Here you will find out for a fact what your strenghts or weakness are. You will see and meet other artist and future designers and learn from them as well. That I will never forget. All the inspirations and amazing work you are able to produce- they bring it out from you.

My advice is to - not be afraid, and just do. If you have to do a giant charcoal drawing- go all out! Get the biggest paper you can draw on and draw everything you got out. Don't be stuck in numbers and limit yourself. That's the only way you can grow. None of the professors at RISD doesn't limit you because you are the graduate student and you should know the right limits!

Interior archtiecture is far from interior design. It is very spacial. Many projects are adaptive reuse projects.

I enjoyed every moment of the studios and classes. I didn't mind staying late, living in studio on the weekends and not having a life, because at that time RISD was my life. They talk about RISD bubble, and it's true it exist. I was sucked into this world of art, concepts, beautiful, thoughtful design that had every form with function.

When I speak about living expenses, I have lived on campus which is quite expensive than sharing an apartment. Before you get there you will receive an e-mail to choose between living on- or off-campus. The RISD global advisor will connect you with other students who are looking for the same accomodation so it will be easier for everyone to find the right one. Luckily the monthly costs are more less equal as in Milan due to Providence is small place and a bit isolated comparing to New York and Boston where is everything twice expensive. Providence is a small town with not much, although some attractiveness is present as the RISD museum itself, the Brown University with its buildings also designed by Philip Johnson, and Atheneum library where he also passed Edgar Allan Poe. Boston can be visited in one day, It takes about an hour by train and at a cost of only \$ 15 a / r. New York is 3 hours and it can be reached by bus, if you want even a day trip is feasible. The bus company called Megabus connects Providence to New York at very low prices. If you book in time you can also find tickets for \$ 8 one way.

About all the activities, sights, transportation, healthcare, careerservice at on- and off-campus you will be well-informed on the Orientation day.

Comparing the education at RISD to PoliMi is quite different. Since at RISD there is a small amount of people (10 to 15 people per each studio), professor is easier focused on every student. The

thing is that the main project is individual work while at PoliMi it is a group work. As a result of this, experience I quote Michael Jordan: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships!"

All in all, it was a great honor participating the classes of the outstanding professors and hanging out with best students! Their way of teaching, translated from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, has widen my mind and knowledge and increased my creative freedom. It revived me completely not only in work, but also it did with my personality, it completely raised my self-confidence.

I will be thankful forever to Politecnico di Milano for giving me such a wonderful opportunity for being a participant of its exchange program.

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