

**ACADEMIC RHODEMAP  
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**GENERAL EDUCATION:** A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS) or online at <https://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/catalog.php>; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. All courses marked with an asterisk \* have a prerequisite.

Academic Major Checklist	Course
CIS 251 Computers in Management	
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management* (Sp)	
POL 202 American Government	
POL 301 Foundations of Public Administration* (F)	
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F)	
POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	
300-400 level course outside POL*	
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POL 300 Methodology in Political Science* or GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I* (Sp)	
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp)* or POL 328 Field Experiences in the Public Sector*	

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation in four years. Not everyone graduates in four years as it depends on how many courses you can take, and how you do in those courses. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer (or early spring/winter) to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the correct prerequisites for a course you plan to take.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. The Map is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time, but transfer students may also use the RhodeMap with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit, and will be starting further into the program. Maps assume a Fall start.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart above.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level).
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which FYW to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting">www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting</a>
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-139 MATH here, if not will need to take MATH 010
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied, another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
POL 202 American Government	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Math competency completed <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed MATH. If taken, Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Math (M); consider MATH 139
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102, grade C or better (if needed)
CIS 251 Computers in Management	3	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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POL 301 Foundations in Public Administration* (F)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. POL 202
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
PBAD 325 Public Budgeting and Human Resource Administration* (Sp)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. POL 301
** Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE</b>
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose POL 300 or GEOG 202 (Sp) to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq for GEOG 202 is GEOG 201
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE</b>
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector *	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for POL 331 is POL 202 <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for POL 328 is consent of department chair
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose POL 300 or GEOG 202 (Sp) to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for GEOG 202 are GEOG 201
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS <input type="checkbox"/> Note: POL offers three options: 262, 266 and 267.
POL 327 Internship in the State House (Sp) if not done POL 328; or POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Need SIX 300 level or above POL courses (POL 208 can count) <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for POL 327 is recommendation by Advisory Comm. <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for POL 355 is POL 202
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector * (if not done POL 327)	<b>4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> POL 331 is completed
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL* or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE</b>
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>12-14</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
POL 327 Internship in the State House (Sp); POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp); or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> POL 355 is completed <input type="checkbox"/> POL 327 or 328 is completed
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL * or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE</b>
Elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 120 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>12</b>	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Public Administration Program website:**

<http://www.ric.edu/politicalscience/publicadministration.php>

**\*\*Cognates:** THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300 or 400-level taken outside of the political science department offerings and chosen in consultation with the public administration coordinator. The cognate requirement can be satisfied by completing a dual major, a minor, or a college-approved, credit-bearing certificate program.