

# Academic Rhode Map for BA English Major at Rhode Island College

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** A complete listing of General Education courses can be found in the online catalog; 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, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. Courses with an asterisk\* have prerequisites. Courses with a "W" in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.

Academic Major Checklist	Course
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture* (WID)	
ENGL 300W Introduction to Theory and Criticism* (WID)	
ENGL 460W Seminar in English* (WID)	
ONE <b>WRITING</b> course from: ENGL 220W Introduction to Creative Writing* (WID); ENGL 222W Introduction to Professional Writing* (WID); ENGL 230W Workplace Writing*; ENGL 231W Multimodal Writing* (WID); ENGL 232W Public and Community Writing* (WID); ENGL 233W Writing for the Health professions* (WID); or ENGL 250 Topics Course in Writing*	
ONE course from ENGL 208 British Literature*; ENGL 209 American Literature*; ENGL 210 Children’s Literature: Interpretation and Evaluation*; or ENGL 212 Adolescent Literature: Images of Youth*	
Any 4 credit ENGL 300/400 level (except 460W) in literature*	
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<b>Note: If you take both ENGL 375 and ENGL 376 they can count as one of the 4-credit 300/400 level non-literature choices. ENGL 477 Internship to Professional Writing is recommended and also would count.</b>	

Note: Not required but recommended ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors (1 credit; graded S/U)

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 you will need to take 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. Maps assume a Fall start.

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 Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit and will be starting further into the program.

**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 and RIC 100 or equivalent
- College Math Milestone (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. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- 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
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in your major

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or (FYW 100P)	4	FYW 100P is a 6-credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website. Try and take FYW before FYS as it is a prerequisite for ENG 200W which is the foundation course for the major.
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139 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	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed--Literature	4	Also needed as a prerequisite for ENGL 200W
Requirements and GPA		Aim for at least 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Math Milestone completed. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	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>
First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	Complete FYS
139 MATH* Gen Ed (M). If taken, choose Gen Ed (NS)	4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Gen Ed Math course; prerequisites include a placement exam or completion of the Math Milestone)
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture* (WID)	4	Prereq. Gen Ed Literature and FYW
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, or a needed ENGL 200-level	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed) Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.) for literature ones, or just the FYW for writing ones.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16	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>
Choose Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors*	1	<b>Not required but recommended</b> ; prereq. FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours.
ENGL 200 level course that is needed*	3-4	Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.) for literature ones, or just the FYW for writing ones.
ENGL 300W Introduction to Theory and Criticism* (WID), or other ENGL course that is needed	4	Prereqs for ENGL 300W is ENGL 200W (or ENGL 200 or ENGL 201)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Note: English offers ENGL 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, and 267 options; though these cannot count toward the major, they do count as a Gen ed. Connections.
ENGL 200 level course that is needed*	4	Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.) for literature ones, or just the FYW for writing ones.
ENGL 300W Introduction to Theory and Criticism* (WID), or other ENGL course that is needed	4	Prereq. for ENGL 300 and most other 300-level ENGL courses is ENGL 200W (or ENGL 200 or ENGL 201). ENGL 300W completed.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	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 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
ENGL 200/300/400 level electives*	4	At least TWO of these must be in 300/400-level literature, of the other three you may include ONE more 200-level, but the others must be 300-400 level.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	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>
ENGL 300/400 level in literature*	4	At least TWO of your 300/400-level courses must be in literature
ENGL 300/400 level*	4	Consider taking ENGL 477 Internship in Professional Writing, with a prerequisite of 3.0 GPA and permission of chair or instructor
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. and get form to enroll in ENGL 460 if ready.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
ENGL 300/400 level*	4	Consider taking ENGL 477 Internship in Professional Writing, with a prerequisite of 3.0 GPA and permission of chair or instructor.
ENGL 460W Seminar in English* (WID), elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prerequisite for ENGL 460 is four completed 300/400 level courses, or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary.
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. and get form to enroll in ENGL 460W

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
ENGL 460W Seminar in English* (WID), elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prerequisite for ENGL 460 is four completed 300/400 level courses, or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary. Complete ENGL 460W
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**Prerequisite for most Literature 300/400 level courses is ENGL 200W; for Creative Writing 300/400 level courses it is ENGL 220W; for Professional Writing it is ENGL 222W.**

**For more information, check the English Department website:**

<https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-english/department-english-undergraduate-programs>

Note: ENGL 200W, ENGL 300W and ENGL 460W are offered Fall and Spring but **not** over the Summer.

**You might also consider the English B.A.—with Concentration in Creative Writing or the Concentration in Professional Writing, both of which have a greater emphasis on writing courses. Or there are 20-credit minors in Creative Writing or Professional Writing which can be done in addition to the English major (a few courses may be able to double-count). See details at the website listed above.**

**NOTE: The total credit count for the BA English major is 40 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100, making an overall total of 80 credits (without secondary language/RIC 100). This leaves room for 40 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses (and RIC 100), but could go toward another major, a minor, or electives.**