

Academic Rhode Map for BA Justice Studies 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(s)
PHIL 208 Introduction to Theories of Justice	
POL 102 American Government	
SOC 207 Crime and Criminal Justice	
ONE from POL 208 Introduction to the Law, PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 215 Social Psychology, or SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 302W Social Research Methods* (WID)	
SOC 404 Social Data Analysis* (or POL 300 Methodology in Political Science* if double major in POL, or PSYC 320 Research Methods II: Behavioral Statistics* if double major in PSYC)	
POL 332 Civil Liberties in the United States*	
SOC 362W Theories of Crime Seminar* (WID)	
Any FIVE core courses from: ANTH/SOC 333, ANTH 347, CSCI 410, JSTD 350, PHIL 321, PHIL 322 POL 330, POL 331 (F), POL 344 (Sp), SOC 318, SOC 320, SOC 324, SOC 340, SOC 341, SOC 342, SOC 343, SOC 344, or SOC 345 (all*); ONE could be an Internship (Field Experience) POL 327 (Sp)* or POL 328* or SOC 435* (or double majors in SWRK may choose SWRK 436)	
JSTD 466W Senior Seminar in Justice Studies* (WID)	

Note: Not required but recommended SOC 215 Careers and the Social Sciences (1 credit)

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 its 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. 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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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100).	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.
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
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)
Choose ONE "Introduction to major" course from POL 102, SOC 207 or PHIL 208	4	POL 102 or SOC 207 will fulfill your Gen Ed for Social and Behavioral Science (SB)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 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.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider doing a Gen Ed-MATH now, if not will need to take MATH 010.
Choose different "Introduction to major" course from POL 102, SOC 207 or PHIL 208	4	POL 102 or SOC 207 will fulfill your Gen Ed for Social and Behavioral Science (SB).
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 30 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.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Choose different "Introduction to major" course from POL 102, SOC 207 or PHIL 208; or ONE from POL 208 Introduction to the Law, PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 215 Social Psychology, or SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	4	Complete POL 102 and SOC 207 as they are needed as prerequisites for other required courses
Gen Ed Natural Sciences (NS) (if needed), or other Gen Ed	4	Complete Gen Ed NS (BIOL 100 a suggested choice); some Gen Ed. NS have Math Milestone as their prerequisite.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible minor/second major	3-4	Note: For Gen Ed, only need one course per category, though you may take more as electives
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible minor/second major	3-4	Complete Gen Ed. Math (M)
SOC 215 Careers and the Social Sciences*	1	Not required but recommended: Prereq. FYW 100 and 15 completed credits.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss possible minor/second major

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
ONE from POL 208 Introduction to the Law, PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 215 Social Psychology, or SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology, or PHIL 208	4	Complete PHIL 208
Choose TWO Courses from ANTH/SOC 333, ANTH 347, CSCI 410, JSTD 350, PHIL 321, PHIL 322 POL 330, POL 331 (F), POL 344 (Sp), SOC 318, SOC 320, SOC 324, SOC 340, SOC 341, SOC 342, SOC 343, SOC 344, or SOC 345 (all*); ONE could be an Internship (Field Experience) POL 327 (Sp)* or POL 328* or SOC 435* (or double majors in SWRK may choose SWRK 436)	7-8	Any five of these Core courses are required. Must register through the department for POL 327 (S) or POL 328. Cannot take both. Social Work double majors may substitute SWRK 436 for POL 327. All these options have prerequisites—see catalog. CSCI 410 requires: CSCI 102, CSCI 157 or CSCI 211 (the last for which the prerequisite is CSCI 157), and CSCI 402. This course is recommended for students who also major or minor in CSCI who are likely to have these prerequisite courses.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 60 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.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose ONE from SOC 302W*, SOC 362W*, or POL 332* (will need all three for the program)	4	SOC 302W satisfies Gen Ed Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (AQSR); choose this first if available. Prereqs. are any 200-level SOC and completed Math Gen Ed. or consent of dept. chair. SOC 362W prereqs. are SOC 207 and 45 credits or consent. POL 332 prereq. is POL 202.
ANTH/SOC 333, ANTH 347, CSCI 410, JSTD 350, PHIL 321, PHIL 322, POL 330, POL 331 (F), POL 344 (Sp), SOC 318, SOC 320, SOC 324, SOC 340, SOC 341, SOC 342, SOC 343, SOC 344, or SOC 345 (all*); ONE could be an Internship (Field Experience) POL 327 (S)* or POL 328* or SOC 435* (or double majors in SWRK may choose SWRK 436)	7-8	Must register through the department for POL 327 (S) or POL 328. Cannot take both. Social Work double majors may substitute SWRK 436 for POL 327. All these options have prerequisites—see catalog. CSCI 410 requires: CSCI 102, CSCI 157 or CSCI 211 (the last for which the prerequisite is CSCI 157), and CSCI 402. This course is recommended for students who also major or minor in CSCI who are likely to have these prerequisite courses
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 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 Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose ONE from SOC 302W*, SOC 362W*, or POL 332*	4	Must complete SOC 302W by this semester; prereqs. are any 200-level SOC and completed Math Gen Ed. or consent of dept. chair. SOC 362W prereqs. are SOC 207 and 45 credits or consent. POL 332 prereq. is POL 202.
ANTH/SOC 333, ANTH 347, CSCI 410, JSTD 350, PHIL 321, PHIL 322, POL 330, POL 331 (F), POL 344 (Sp), SOC 318, SOC 320, SOC 324, SOC 340, SOC 341, SOC 342, SOC 343, SOC 344, or SOC 345 (all*); ONE could be an Internship (Field Experience) POL 327 (S)* or POL 328* or SOC 435* (or double majors in SWRK may choose SWRK 436)	3-4	Must register through the department for POL 327 (S) or POL 328. Cannot take both. Completed FIVE core courses
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 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC. If GPA is over 3.0 consider applying to joint BA/MA JSTD program now.
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
SOC 404 Social Data Analysis* [Prereq. any SOC 200 level; SOC 302; and Gen Ed (M)]	4	Students double-majoring in Political Science may substitute POL 300 for SOC 404. Students double-majoring in Psychology may substitute POL 320 for SOC 404. SOC 404 could also be taken in semester 8 if needed.
SOC 362W*, or POL 332*	4	Completed SOC 362W and POL 332; SOC 362W prereqs. are SOC 207 and 45 credits or consent. POL 332 prereq. is POL 202.
Elective, course in another major or minor, or additional cognate	3-4	If elective course is 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 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
JSTD 466W Senior Seminar in Justice Studies* (WID)	4	Prereqs. are senior standing, POL 332, SOC 302 or SOC 302W, SOC 362 or SOC 362W, 12 additional credit hours of justice studies courses, and a minimum 2.0 GPA, or consent of program director.
Elective, course in another major or minor, or additional cognate	3-4	
Elective, course in another major or minor, or additional cognate	3-4	If course is 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	12-14	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

JUSTICE STUDIES PROGRAM QUESTIONS? For more information on requirements for JSTD major/minor see:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-sociology/justice-studies-undergraduate-and-graduate-programs>

Financial Aid: FAFSA deadlines are usually in March. Check here for more information <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or see RIC's Financial Aid Department. All RIC Students have their own Financial Aid Counselor. Get in touch with any questions you might have through: <https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/office-financial-aid>.

Office of Academic Advising: Adams Library lower level provides free tutoring services, a math learning center and help with study skills. E-mail: academicadvising@ric.edu or call 401 456-8083. <https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/office-academic-advising>. Need help with writing? **The Writing Center** has peer tutors to help you improve your work. <https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/writing-center>.

Learning for Life (L4L): links students to a wide range of services, supports, and opportunities that will fortify them for college success and remove any challenges and obstacles that may prevent education from remaining a priority in their lives. L4L has offices in the Unity Center and in the Gender and Women's Studies Suite, Library 1b. 401 456-6320. <https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/learning-life>.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the major is 51 credits (depending on choices), and 40 credits for General Education (8 of these credits double count toward the major—SB and ASQR), so the total minimum number of credits is 83. This leaves a possible 37 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100 but could also include a second major or minors, or just taken as electives.