

Academic Rhode Map for BA Modern Languages Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Latin American Studies

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
ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology		
HIST 241 Colonial and Neocolonial Latin America*		
HIST 242 Modern Latin America*		
LAS 363 Latin American Studies Seminar*		
MLAN 360 Seminar in Modern Languages*		
ONE course from ANTH 461*; HIST 243*; MLAN 320*; POL 103, POL 317 (Sp)*, POL 341 (Sp)*, or 400-level Spanish or Portuguese in LA Culture		
NOTE: A track in either Brazil (BR) or Spanish-speaking Latin America (LA) must be selected, and students should take the courses indicated for their track.		
BRAZIL (BR)	SPANISH-SPEAKING LATIN AMERICAN (LA)	
PORT 201W Conversation and Composition (Sp)* (WID)	SPAN 201W Conversation and Composition* (WID)	
PORT 202W Composition and Conversation (F)* (WID)	SPAN 202W Composition and Conversation* (WID)	
PORT 304 Brazilian Literature and Culture*	SPAN 312 Latin American Literature and Culture: Pre-Eighteenth Century*	
Portuguese Elective (300-level or above)*	SPAN 313 Latin American Literature and Culture: From Eighteenth Century *	
Spanish Elective (300-level or above)*	Portuguese Elective (300-level or above)*	
Spanish Elective (300-level or above)*	Portuguese Elective (300-level or above)*	

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 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.

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. 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 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 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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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 Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Math (M); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider GE-M here, if not will need to take MATH 010. PORT/SPAN 115 fulfills the Gen Ed Literature requirement
Gen Ed. History (H)	4	
PORT 201W Conversation and Composition (F)* (BR) (WID) or SPAN 201W Conversation and Composition (F)* (LA) (WID)	4	Prereq. for PORT 201W is PORT 115 or equivalent, or consent Prereq. for SPAN 201W is SPAN 115 or placement test, or consent
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Take Portuguese/Spanish Placement Exam (Dept. website) to determine your level. Students enrolled in 113/115 please see Latin American advisor. 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 in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4	Satisfies Gen Ed. Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
Gen Ed Distribution course, or elective	3-4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Gen Ed Math course); prereq. is Math Milestone
PORT 201W Conversation and Composition (Sp)* (BR) (WID) or SPAN 201W Conversation and Composition* (LA) (WID)	4	Prereq. for PORT 201W is PORT 115 or equivalent, or consent Prereq. for SPAN 201W is SPAN 115 or placement test, or consent
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Sciences course. Prereq. for most of these is Math Milestone
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors*	1	Not required but recommended ; prereq. FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours.
HIST 241 Colonial and Neocolonial Latin America* OR HIST 242 Modern Latin America*	3	Prereq. Gen Ed. HIST
PORT 202W Composition and Conversation (F)* (BR) (WID) OR SPAN 202W Composition and Conversation* (LA) (WID)	4	Prereq. for PORT 202W is PORT 115 or equivalent, or consent. Prereq. for SPAN 202W is SPAN 201 or SPAN 201W, or consent of department chair
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 45 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. and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Connections (Gen Ed C)*	4	Prerequisites: FYW, FYS, and 45 completed credits
Gen Ed Distribution course	4	
PORT 304 Brazilian Literature and Culture* (BR) or SPAN 313 Latin American Literature and Culture: From Eighteenth Century (Sp)* (LA)	4	Prereq. for PORT 304 is PORT 202 or PORT 202W, or by consent. Prereq. for SPAN 313 is SPAN 202 or SPAN 202W, or by consent
HIST 241 Colonial and Neocolonial Latin America* OR HIST 242 Modern Latin America*	3	Prereq. Gen Ed. HIST. Complete HIST 241 and HIST 241
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15	Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed AQSR)*	4	Prerequisite: Gen Ed Math and/or Gen Ed Natural Sciences
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
PORT Elective (300-level or above)* (BR) or SPAN 312 Latin American Literature and Culture: Pre-Eighteenth Century (F)* (LA)	3-4	Prereq. for PORT elective—vary, see catalog Prereq. for SPAN 312 is SPAN 202 or SPAN 202W, or by consent
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	Be sure to have declared your minor or second major with relevant department, if pursuing
MLAN 360 Seminar in Modern Languages*	3	Prereqs. two 300-level courses, and one second language elective
SPAN Elective (any level) (BR) or PORT Elective (any level) (LA)	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Choose ONE from ANTH 461*, HIST 243*, MLAN 320*, POL 103, POL 317 (Sp)*, POL 341 (Sp)*, 400-level Spanish or Portuguese in LA Culture*, or elective	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	13-15	Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
SPAN Elective (any level) (BR) or PORT Elective (any level) (LA)	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Choose ONE from ANTH 461*, HIST 243*, MLAN 320*, POL 103, POL 317 (Sp)*, POL 341 (Sp)*, 400-level Spanish or Portuguese in LA Culture*, or elective	3-4	Completed ONE from ANTH 461, HIST 243, MLAN 320, POL 103, POL 317 (Sp), or POL 341 (Sp). Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	All ten Gen Ed courses and Second Language requirements completed
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major.
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
LAS 363: Latin American Studies Seminar*	3	Prereq. consent of Chair of Modern Languages
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major.
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Attend Gradfest, Cap and Gown, and Commencement

For more information, please see the Department of Modern Languages website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-modern-languages>

Internship

The Department of Modern Languages strongly encourages students to undertake internship experiences as part of their undergraduate education. Every semester, the department offers twelve-week internships for students in all modern languages concentrations. Students are placed in area agencies, organizations, and companies where they have the opportunity to use the language of their concentration. In order to participate in an internship, students must register for MLAN 320 and have a minimum GPA of 2.67.

Language Courses

The Department of Modern Languages offers elementary and some intermediate courses in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish. Placement for language study is determined by the student's performance in course work or, for French, German, and Spanish, by their score on the modern languages online test. Students who demonstrate proficiency on the CEEB or the College Level Examination Program tests are granted credit toward graduation in accordance with Rhode Island College policy.

Elementary courses (101 and 102) and intermediate courses (113 and 114) may be offered in languages not listed on this Rhode Map. Refer to the schedule of classes published each semester and contact the department chair for details. Advanced courses are available in French, Italian, Latin American studies, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Elementary courses may be taken for elective credit, except in the language presented to meet college admission requirements. Students who wish to continue their study of the language presented for admission should elect language courses numbered 102, 113, or 114. For fulfillment of the Second Language Requirement see the section on General Education.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for this major is 40 credits (depending on choices), and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. The minimum credit count will be 80 credits (secondary language requirement will be satisfied with major courses), which would leave 40 elective credits, which could be used for minors or second major. This does not include the one credit for RIC 100.