

# Academic Rhode Map for BA Liberal 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
LIBS 261 Introduction to Liberal Studies*	
LIBS 461W Liberal Studies Seminar * (WID)	
Eight courses chosen in consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor. These can be taken in any order, but <b>at least ONE course must come from four of the five areas listed below</b> , and NO MORE THAN four courses may come from any one area or department. At least FOUR of the courses must be at the 300-level or above. <b>Courses that have been used to fulfill the student's Gen. Ed. requirements may not also be counted toward the Liberal Studies major.</b>	
Area 1 Arts: from Art, Art History, Dance, Film Studies, Music and Theatre or COMM 241 or ENGL 113.	
Area 2 Humanities: from English (except ENGL 113), History, Modern Languages, Philosophy or COMM 208, 242 (Sp), or 255W (Sp)*.	
Area 3 Mathematics: from Mathematics or Computer Science	
Area 4 Natural Science: from Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science or Physics	
Area 5 Social Science: from Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, International Non-Governmental Organizations, Non-Profit Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Gender and Women's Studies or COMM 230 (F)*, 240, 332 (F)*, 333*, 340W (Sp)*, 347 (Sp)*, 351W*, 353*, 354 (Sp)*, 356 (Sp)*, or 357(F,Su)*	
300-400 level*	
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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.

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. 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.
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); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Science (NS), or Social and Behavioral Science (SB).	4	Several M or NS Gen Ed. use Math Milestone as a prerequisite.
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	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Another Gen Ed Distribution	4	
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.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS</b>
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Science (NS), or Social and Behavioral Science (SB).	4	Complete MATH Gen Ed. (M)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102,* other Gen Ed course, or required course for major/minor	3-4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Another Gen Ed Distribution	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 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 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Science (NS), or Social and Behavioral Science (SB).	4	Complete Natural Science Gen Ed. (NS)
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.
Course from any one of the five specified areas (1-5)	3-4	
Course from a different specified area (1-5)	3-4	
Another Gen Ed Distribution	4	Complete Natural Science Gen Ed. (NA)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-17	Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss 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.
Course from a specified area not yet covered (1-5)	3-4	
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Elective	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	13-16	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose ONE Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M;
LIBS 261 Introduction to Liberal Studies	4	Prereqs are completion of 60 credits and permission of the program director
Course from the remaining specified area (1-5)	3-4	Completed at least ONE course from each of the five suggested areas.
Elective	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 in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS</b>
300 level course from any of the areas	3-4	
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300 level course from any of the areas	3-4	Note: no more than three courses may come from any one area or department.
Elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
300 level course from any of the areas	3-4	Note: no more than three courses may come from any one area or department.
Elective	3-4	
Elective	3-4	If elective course is 3 credits, need additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE 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 in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
LIBS 461W Liberal Studies Seminar* (WID)	3-4	Prereqs. are LIBS 261 and permission of program director
Elective	3-4	
Elective	3-4	If elective 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	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Liberal Studies Department website:**

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-ba>

**Note: The total credit count for the major is 32-40 credits depending on which courses are chosen, plus 40 credits for General Education, leaving room for 40- 48 elective credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a minor or even another major.**