

Academic Rhode Map for BA Music 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 a “W” in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive. Courses with an asterisk* have prerequisites.**

Academic Major Checklist	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
MUS 230 Music Theory I (F)		TWO courses from MUS 310, 311, 312, 313, or 314 (musical history options)all*	
MUS 232 Music Theory II (Sp)*			
MUS 234 Music Theory III (F)*		Minimum of SIX semesters of MUS 091 Student Recital Series	
MUS 236 Music Theory IV (Sp)*			
MUS 113 Basic Rhythm			
MUS 231 Sight Singing and Ear Training I (F)		Minimum of SIX semesters of MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	
MUS 233 Sight Singing and Ear Training II (Sp)*			
MUS 235 Sight Singing and Ear Training III (F)*		Choose one major ensemble	
MUS 237 Sight Singing and Ear Training IV (Sp)*		Minimum of SIX semesters of MUS 270-289 Applied Music. Choose one instrument	
MUS 205W Music History and Literature I (F)* (WID)			
MUSW 206 Music History and Literature II (Sp)* (WID)			
THREE 300/400 level courses in concentration: A. General Music B. Music Composition/Music Theory C. Music History (see catalog for options)		Minimum of TWO semesters of MUS 164-166 Chamber Ensemble or MUS 268 Opera	
Recommended: SEVEN semesters of MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music		ONE from MUS 305 Form and Analysis (F)*, 307 Composition (F)*, 321 Orchestration (Sp)*, 323 Counterpoint (Sp)*, or 458 Twentieth-Century Theory*	
		PFA 461W Senior Seminar (WID)	

NOTE: Students must earn a grade of C or above in ALL required music courses in their degree program

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 100m 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; Music department additionally insists on a minimum grade of C in all courses.

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 First Year Writing or FYS 100 First Year Seminar	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--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 113 Basic Rhythm	1	
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	Audition for Chorus, Wind Ensemble, or Orchestra
MUS 164--166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	Audition for Chamber Music, Jazz Band, Singers, or consent of instructor for Opera Workshop
MUS 230 Music Theory I (F)	3	
MUS 231 Sight Singing and Ear Training I (F)	1	
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Choose one instrument; additional applied music fee
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, if not take MATH 010. Minimum of C in all music courses.
# CREDITS EARNED	17.5	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor 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
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164--166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 232 Music Theory II (Sp)*	3	Prereq. MUS 230
MUS 233 Sight Singing and Ear Training II (Sp)*	1	Prereq. MUS 231
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed course, or Math or Natural Science Gen Ed course.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits; minimum of C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	16.5	Make appointment with advisor in Feb. to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Math or Natural Science	4	Gen Ed-Math completed; many MATH GE use Math Milestone as prereq.
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164--166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 234 Music Theory III (F)*	3	Prereq. MUS 232
MUS 235 Sight Singing and Ear Training III (F)*	1	Prereq. MUS 233
MUS 205W Music History and Literature I (F)* (WID)	3	Prereqs are MUS 230 and MUS 232
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
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
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15.5	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Natural Science [most*] or other distribution course	4	Gen Ed Natural Science completed
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 236 Music Theory IV (Sp)*	3	Prereq. MUS 234
MUS 237 Sight Singing and Ear Training IV (Sp)*	1	Prereq. MUS 235
MUS 206W Music History and Literature II (Sp)* (WID)	3	Prereqs are MUS 230 and MUS 232
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15.5	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
ONE from MUS 310 (Sp)*, MUS 311 (F)*, 312 (Sp)*, 313 (F)*, or 314 (Sp)*	3	Prereqs. for MUS 310 are MUS 205 (W) and MUS 203 or MUS 230 or consent. Prereqs. others are MUS 205 (W), 206 (W), and 230 or consent
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
ONE from MUS 305 Form and Analysis, 307 Composition, or 458 Twentieth-Century Theory; or elective	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog; 321 Orchestration (Sp)*, or 323 Counterpoint (Sp)* will also satisfy this requirement and could take next semester if on offer
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	14.5	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Arts (A); MUS/ANTH 167 recommended	4	Gen Ed. Arts completed
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
ONE from MUS 310 (Sp)*, 311 (F)*, 312 (Sp)*, 313 (F)*, or 314 (Sp)*	3	Prereq. MUS 205 or 205W, MUS 206 or 206W, and MUS 230.
ONE from 321 Orchestration (Sp)*, 323 Counterpoint (Sp)* or 458 Twentieth-Century Theory*; or elective *	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog. Completed ONE from MUS 305, 307, 321, 323 or 458
MUS 300/400 level	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	17.5	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
MUS 300/400 level	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Gen Ed course	4	
Gen Ed distribution course or Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs for Connections are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15.5	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
PFA 461W Senior Seminar* (Sp) (WID)	3	Prereq. senior standing
MUS 091 Student Recital Series	0	Must be enrolled in this to take MUS 270-289
MUS 161-163 Large Ensembles	0.5	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 164—166 Chamber Ensemble, or MUS 268 Opera Workshop	1	
MUS 269 Master Class in Applied Music*	1	Prereq. by consent
MUS 270-289 Applied Music*	2	Additional applied music fee
MUS 300/400 level	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Gen Ed distribution course or Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs for Connections are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed Need minimum of 120 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and C in all MUS courses
# CREDITS EARNED	14.5	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Music programs on the Department website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-music-theatre-and-dance/music-programs>

While the program only requires six semesters of MUS 161-163 Major Ensemble, MUS 270-289 Applied Music and MUS 091 Student Recital, these are recommended to take every semester, if possible, and are included in the Map.

While the program only requires two semesters of MUS 164-166/268 Chamber Ensemble/Opera Workshop, again, more are recommended, if possible, and are included in the Map.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the Music BA is 60 credits (though with the extra recommended classes this total will be higher), also there are 36 additional credits of Gen Ed. (MUS/ANTH 167 covers the Arts distribution) and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 96 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), leaving 24 elective credits.