Academic Rhode Map for BA Sociology 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
SOC 300 Classical Sociological Theories*	
SOC 302W Social Research Methods* (WID)	
SOC 400 Contemporary Sociological Theories*	
SOC 404 Social Data Analysis*	
FIVE more SOC courses (ONE at 200 level--which have no prereqs.--but no Connections courses as these cannot count toward the major)*	
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I* may be used to satisfy ONE of these courses.	
SOC 460W Senior Seminar in Sociology* (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 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 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		If Math Milestone is completed, consider doing a Gen Ed-MATH now, if not will need to take MATH 010. Note, MATH 240 could also count toward the major (take Math Placement Exam to see if can take this).
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-- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); pick any one SOC course 200-217	4		This will count toward your FIVE additional SOC courses. Counts as your Gen Ed. SB
Requirements and GPA			Math Milestone completed. Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16		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 (M). If taken, Gen Ed (NS)	4		For Gen Ed. Natural Science we suggest BIOL 100*; prereq. is Math Milestone
Gen Ed Distribution course from a **different** GE categories not yet taken.	4		Note: Need **ONE** Gen Ed from each category
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	3-4		Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA			Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR		SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Natural Sciences (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4		Complete Gen Ed (NS) course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
SOC 215 Careers and the Social Sciences*	1		Not required but recommended: Prereq. FYW 100 and 15 completed credits.
SOC 300 Classical Sociological Theories*	4		Prereq. any 200 level SOC course
ONE 300-level SOC course*	3-4		Need **FOUR** additional 300-level SOC courses, or **THREE** additional if MATH 240 was taken as the Gen Ed. Math. Prereqs. vary—see catalog
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 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 course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
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TWO 300-level SOC courses*	6-8		Need **FOUR** additional 300-level SOC courses, or **THREE** additional if MATH 240 was taken as the Gen Ed. Math. Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Requirements and GPA			Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major.
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR		SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4		Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Note: SOC offers three options: 262, 264 and 267.
SOC 302W Social Research Methods* (WID)	4		Prereqs are any SOC 200 level and Gen Ed Math (M). Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*
SOC 400 Contemporary Sociological Theories*	4		Prereq. is SOC 300
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or 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.

SEMESTER 6	CR		SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
SOC 404 Social Data Analysis*	4		Prereq. any SOC 200 level; SOC 302 or SOC 302W; and Gen Ed (M)
ONE 300-level SOC course* (if do not have MATH 240), or elective	3-4		Also, Independent Study options. Ask advisor
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second 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	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
ONE SOC course (300 levels*), or elective	3-4		Completed **FIVE** additional SOC courses, of which **ONE** may be at the 200 level. MATH 240 may be counted.
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4		
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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		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR		SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
SOC 460W Senior Seminar in Sociology* (WID)	4		20 credit hours of sociology courses, including SOC 300 SOC 404, and concurrent enrollment in or completion of SOC 400, and a minimum 2.0 GPA, or consent of department chair. **Note: you cannot self-enroll in SOC 460W, you must contact the Department Chair**.
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

For more information, check the Sociology Department website:
https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-sociology

The minimum total credit count for the major is 39 credits, and 40 credits for General Education (12 of these credits could double count toward the major if MATH 240 is taken; M, SB and AQSR), so the total minimum number of credits is 67. This leaves 53 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100 but could also include a second major or a minor, or just be taken as electives.