

Academic Rhode Map for Exploring Arts at Rhode Island College

For possible major in Art, Dance, Film Studies, Music, or Theatre
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This map is a semester-by-semester guide toward choosing a major, to be used alongside your appointments with your academic advisor. It is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time who are still exploring their academic options.

As soon as you decide on a major, you need no longer follow this Map.

Contact the chair/director of your chosen department/program to declare the major and schedule an advising appointment. You will then be assigned a faculty advisor within that department/program.

This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion.

The column to the left suggests the ideal courses for each semester, which are designed to help you to graduate in four years.

This depends on how many courses you can take, how you perform in those courses, and what workload you feel you can handle.

Sometimes those courses may be full or unavailable during the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider switching with another course from a different semester.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST			
FYW 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)	Distribution Courses - One from each category	Math (M) - Suggested in first year	
FYS 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)		Arts (A)	
		History/Philosophy (HP)	
		Literature/Language (LL)	
		Natural Science (NS)	
Connections – Taken after FYW & FYS		Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	
	Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits (E)		

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 1 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing OR FYS 100 First Year Seminar	4	FYW Directed Self Placement exam
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: History/Philosophy (HP) Literature/Language (LL) Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3-4	
Gen Ed course from one of three groups within the Arts (A) categories: 1. Visual 2. Performing 3. Appreciation/History	3-4	
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: History/Philosophy (HP) Literature/Language (LL) Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3-4	
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 E-mail Career Development Center careerdevelopment@ric.edu to get your password to take Type Focus, an online career assessment and exploration tool.
# CREDITS EARNED	14-17	By October, make advising appointment with Academic Advising

SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 2 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing OR FYS 100 First Year Seminar	4	
One course from a different one of the three groups of Arts-Visual and Performing (A) categories	4	
MATH 139 Math, Data, & the Contemporary Citizen (M) or Gen Ed course (Any still needed) or Elective	3-4	There are other Math Gen Ed options available, this is the one recommended
Gen Ed course (Any still needed) or Elective	3-4	
		<i>Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits; minimum 2.0 GPA</i>
Requirements and GPA		
# CREDITS EARNED	14 -16	<i>By March, make advising appointment with Academic Advising</i>

SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 3 NOTES
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.
One course from a different one of the three groups of Arts-Visual and Performing (A) categories	4	
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: History/Philosophy (HP) Literature/Language (LL) Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB) Or Elective	3-4	
Introductory course in possible major	3-4	Check the program's Rhode Map for best choice
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: History/Philosophy (HP) Literature/Language (LL) Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB) Natural Science (NS) Or Elective	3-4	Some natural sciences have completed Mathematics Milestone or appropriate score on the Mathematics Placement Exam as prerequisite Check the catalog
		<i>Declare your major (Students are required to declare a major before earning 45 credits). Language requirement completed; aim for minimum of 45 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA</i>
Requirements and GPA		
# CREDITS EARNED	13 -17	<i>By October, make appointment with major advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE LIST

Arts – Visual and Performing

1. Visual:

ART 101 Drawing I: General Drawing
ART 104 Design I: Two Dimensional Design
ART 201 Introduction to Visual Arts
ART 210 Nurturing Artistic & Musical Development
COMM 241 Introduction to Cinema and Video
COMM 244 Digital Media Lab
FILM 116 Introduction to Film

2. Performing:

COMM 220 Digital Audio Production I
DANC 215 Contemporary Dance & Culture
MUS 203 Elementary Music Theory
THTR 242 Acting for Non-Majors

3. Appreciation/History:

ART 231 Prehistoric to Renaissance Art
ART 232 Renaissance to Contemporary Art
ENGL 113 Approaches to Drama
MUS 167 Music Cultures of Non-Western Worlds
MUS 201 Survey of Music
MUS 222 Opera
MUS 223 American Popular Music
MUS 225 History of Jazz
PHIL 230 Aesthetics
THTR 240 Appreciation & Enjoyment of the Theatre

History or Philosophy

HIST 101 Multiple Voices: Africa in the World
HIST 102 Multiple Voices: Asia in the World
HIST 103 Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600
HIST 104 Multiple Voices: Europe in the World since 1600
HIST 105 Multiple Voices: Latin America in the World
HIST 106 Multiple Voices: Muslim Peoples in the World
HIST 107 Multiple Voices: The United States in the World
HIST 108 History of Science and Medicine
HIST 110 Global History to 1000
HIST 111 Global History Since 1000
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 206 Ethics

Literature or Language

ASL 102 Elementary American Sign Language II
ENGL 120 Studies in Literature and Identity
ENGL 121 Studies in Literature and Nation
ENGL 122 Studies in Literature and the Canon
ENGL 123 Studies in Literature and Genre
FREN 102 Elementary French II
FREN 113 Intermediate French I
FREN 115 Lit of the French Speaking World
ITAL 102 Elementary Italian II
ITAL 113 Intermediate Italian I
ITAL 115 Literature of Italy
PORT 102 Elementary Portuguese II
PORT 113 Intermediate Portuguese I
PORT 114 Intermediate Portuguese II
PORT 115 Literature of the Portuguese Speaking World
SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II
SPAN 113 Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 115 Literature of the Spanish Speaking World

Mathematics

MATH 139 Contemporary Topics in Mathematics
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I
MATH 209 Precalculus Mathematics
MATH 212 Calculus I
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I

Natural Science

BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology
BIOL 111 Introductory Biology
BIOL 112 Introductory Biology II
BIOL 201&202 Anatomy & Physiology I
CHEM 103 General Chemistry I
CHEM 105 General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry I
PHYS 101 Physics for Science and Mathematics
PHYS 110 Introductory Physics
PSCI 103 Physical Sciences
PSCI 211 Intro to Astronomy
PSCI 212 Introduction to Geology
PSCI 217 Introduction to Oceanography

Social and Behavioral Sciences

AFRI 200 Introduction to Africana Studies
ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 102 Introduction to Archaeology
ANTH 104 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
CEP 215 Introduction to Educational Psychology
COMM 240 Mass Media and Society
COMM 245 Social Media Communication
COMM 256 Social Media and Society
ECON 200 Introduction to Economics
ECON 235 Economics of Race and Gender
GEND 100 Gender in Society
GEOG 100 Introduction to Environmental Studies
GEOG 101 Introduction to Geography
GEOG 200 World Regional Geography
GEOG 206 Disaster Management
POL 102 American Government
POL 103 Global Politics
POL 104 Introduction to Political Thought
POL 201 Development of American Dem.
PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 215 Social Psychology
SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 202 The Family
SOC 204 Urban Sociology
SOC 207 Crime and Criminal Justice
SOC 208 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOC 217 Sociology of Aging
SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work

Gen Ed Elective –

Courses from any category to bring Gen Ed credits to 40

Additional available courses can be found in the Gen Ed section of the College Catalog