

# Academic Rhode Map for BA Public Administration 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
PBAD/GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I	
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management* (Sp)	
POL 102 American Government	
POL 300 Methodology in Political Science*	
POL 301W Foundations of Public Administration* (F) (WID)	
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F)	
POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp)* or POL 328 Field Experiences in the Public Sector*	
THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300- or 400-level taken outside of the political science curriculum, chosen in consultation with the public administration coordinator, OR completion of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> RIC major, minor or any other RIC approved, credit bearing certificate program, including the CUS in Geographic Information Systems. A CCRI transfer student can fulfill the cognate requirement by completing an Associate Degree at CCRI in one of the six CCRI Transfer Majors approved for Public Administration: Law Enforcement, Paralegal Studies, Computer Programming, Homeland Security/Disaster Management, Accounting, or Fire Science.	

Note: Not required but recommended POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy (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.

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

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS</b>
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 <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS)	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider Gen Ed-139 MATH here, if not will need to take MATH 010. Take Math Placement Exam to find out which
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)
POL 102 American Government	4	Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
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 MATH. If taken, Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (M); consider MATH 139*, prereq. is Math Milestone/Math Placement Exam
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
PBAD/GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I	4	Could take this a later semester if necessary, but take before or concurrent with POL 300
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	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 (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS); many have Math Milestone as their prerequisite
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	1	Not required but recommended: Prereq. FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 301W Foundations in Public Administration* (F)(WID)	4	Prereq. POL 102
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 45 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 possible second major or minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL, or elective if not needed	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE courses</b> . Note that a major/minor outside of POL will satisfy this req.
POL 300 Methodology in Political Science*, or elective	3-4	Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 102 and Gen Ed Math (M); satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	1	Not required but recommended if not yet taken: Prereq. FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp)*, or elective	3-4	Prereq. for POL 327 is consent of program director or department chair. Need POL 327 or 328
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	1	Not required but recommended if not yet taken: Prereq. FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 300 Methodology in Political Science*, or elective	3-4	Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 102 and Gen Ed Math (M); satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR). Completed POL 300
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector*	4	Prereq. for POL 331 is POL 102. Prereq. for POL 328 is consent of department chair. Need POL 327 or 328
Gen Ed course, elective, or second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 75 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.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS</b>
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	1	Not required but recommended if not yet taken: Prereq. FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management* (Sp)	4	Prereq. POL 301 or POL 301W or consent of department chair
POL 327 Internship in the State Government* (Sp) if not done POL 328; or POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	4	Prereq. for POL 327 is consent of program director or department chair Prereq. for POL 355 is POL 102
Elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 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	12-13	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector* (if not done POL 327)	4	POL 331 is completed
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE courses</b> . Note that a major/minor outside of POL will satisfy this req.
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another 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
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
POL 327 Internship in the State Government* (Sp); POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp); or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	POL 355 is completed; POL 327 or 328 is completed
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>THREE courses</b> . Note that a major/minor outside of POL will satisfy this req.
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	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Public Administration Program website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-political-science/public-administration-ba>

**NOTE:** The minimum total credit count for this major is 41-44 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 8 more depending on secondary language needs. However, 8 of these credits (AQR and SB) may be able to double count, making the minimum credit count 73 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 47 elective credits, which could be used for a minor, second major, or certificate program (CUS).