

Academic Rhode Map for BA Philosophy 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
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy	
ONE from: PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic (WID), PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning*, or PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic* (WID)	
PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)* (WID) or PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)* (WID)	
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)* or PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics (Sp)*	
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (F)* or PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law (Sp)*	
PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	
PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)*	
TWO additional courses in PHIL for seven credits minimum [Note: Connections courses do not count]	

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 will need you to take them 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. 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 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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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); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	4	Math Gen Ed. recommended (take Mathematics Placement Exam to decide which is best for you), MATH 139 has Math Milestone as its prerequisite
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If lang. requirement satisfied, other Gen Ed Distribution	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy, or other Gen Ed.	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
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	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 Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral (SB)	4	Complete Gen Ed Math. Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category. Consider PHIL 230 Aesthetics for Gen Ed Arts (A)
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic (WID), PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning*, or PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic* (WID)	3-4	Prereqs. for PHIL 220 are any Gen Ed. M or NS completed; Prereq. for PHIL 305W are any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Complete PHIL 100
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
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.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic (WID), PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning*, or PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic* (WID)	4	Prereqs. for PHIL 220 are any Gen Ed. M or NS completed; Prereq. for PHIL 305W are any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Complete ONE from PHIL 205W, PHIL 220 or PHIL 305W
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)* or PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID)	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 (F) or PHIL 325 (Sp); PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp)
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (F)* or PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)*	3	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 321 (F) or PHIL 322 (Sp); PHIL 330 (F) or PHIL 333 (F)
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.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 46 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. and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Consider one of the PHIL connections courses, but this cannot be counted toward the major
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)*(WID) or PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law* (Sp)	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp); PHIL 321 (F) or 322 (Sp)
PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics (Sp)* or PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	3	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 or PHIL 325; PHIL 311 (Sp) or PHIL 320 (Sp)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 62 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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. Consider PHIL 220 Logic and Probability
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)* or PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID)	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 (F) or PHIL 325 (Sp); PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp)
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (F)* or PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)*	3	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 321 (F) or PHIL 322 (Sp); PHIL 330 (F) or PHIL 333 (F)
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)*(WID) or PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law* (Sp)	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp); PHIL 321 (F) or 322 (Sp)
PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics (Sp)* or PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 or PHIL 325; PHIL 311 (Sp) or PHIL 320 (Sp)
Any other PHIL course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Need Two additional PHIL courses
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
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 92 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)* or PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID), or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Completed PHIL 306 (F) or PHIL 325 (Sp); and either PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp)
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (F)* or PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits. Completed PHIL 321 (F) or PHIL 322 (Sp); and either PHIL 330 (F) or PHIL 333 (F)
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
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	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
Any other PHIL course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Completed TWO additional PHIL courses (7 credits)
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May 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 Philosophy Department website:
<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-philosophy>

Note: The total credit count for the major is 30 credits, and 40 credits for General Education for an overall total of 70 credits. This leaves 50 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a second major, or minors and additional PHIL courses.