

**ACADEMIC RHODEMAP  
BA, AFRICANA STUDIES MAJOR**



**RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE**

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS) or online at <http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/Pages/College-Catalog.aspx> 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, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. All courses marked with an asterisk \* have a prerequisite

Academic Major Checklist	Course
AFRI 200 Introduction to Africana Studies	
AFRI 461 Seminar in Africana Studies*	
HIST 348 African under Colonial Rule* OR HIST 349 History of Contemporary Africa*	
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map (up to a minimum of 24 credits).	
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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 RhodeMap 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
- College Math Competency (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.
- 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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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which FYW to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
For Gen Ed-- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB): AFRI 200 Introduction to Africana Studies	4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Math competency completed <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Math (MATH 139 recommended) <input type="checkbox"/> Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category
Elective, or course towards minor or second major	4	
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102,* grade C or better (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
Any AFRI (or equivalent) see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> The program includes options of courses other than AFRI (including ANTH, ART, ENGL, HIST, POL, PSYC and SOC—see details in catalog). Take minimum 24 credits.
Gen Ed History (H)	4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 46 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS <input type="checkbox"/> Note: Gender Studies offers GEND 261
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS); BIOL 100 recommended
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 62 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
HIST 348 or HIST 349 (African History)* or any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for HIST 348/349 is any HIST Gen Ed. course
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
HIST 348 or HIST 349 (African History)* or any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for HIST 348/349 is any HIST Gen Ed. course
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 92 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* if needed; see list at end of map, or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If any courses are taken for 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. <input type="checkbox"/> Make internship arrangements with placement site <input type="checkbox"/> Work with your advisor on learning agreement for internship

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* if needed; see list at end of map, course in another major or minor	3-4	
AFRI 461 Seminar in Africana Studies *	4	Prereqs. are AFRI 200, HIST 348 or 349 and 12 other credits toward the AFRI program
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 120 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Economics/Finance Department website:**

<http://www.ric.edu/africanaStudies/Pages/default.aspx>

A minimum of 24 credits from the following list are required (All AFRI courses, and ART 461 are 3 credit, the rest are all 4 credit): AFRI 310 Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Era (F); AFRI 320 Hip-Hop: A Global Perspective; AFRI 335 Race and Cyberspace; AFRI 350 Special Topics in Africana Studies; AFRI 410 Seminar in Comparative Race Relations (Sp); AFRI 420 Comparative Slave Systems; AFRI 450 Special Topics in Africana Studies; ART 461 Seminar in Art History (only if on Africana related topic); ENGL 326 Studies in African American Literature; ENGL 327 Studies in Multicultural American Literatures; ENGL 336 Reading Globally (only if on Africana related topic); HIST 334 African America History; HIST 348 Africa Under Colonial Rule (if taken HIST 349 to satisfy program requirement); HIST 349 History of Contemporary Africa (if taken HIST 348 to satisfy program requirement); POL 333 Law and Politics of Civil Rights; POL 341 The Politics of Developing Nations; PSYC 351 Psychology of Human Diversity (Sp); PSYC 425 Community Psychology (F); SOC 208 The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; SOC 344 Race and Justice.

**Note: The total credit count for the major is 36 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. This leaves 44 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses, but could also include a second major or a minor, or just taken as electives.**