

ACADEMIC RHODEMAP
BA COMMUNICATION MAJOR
 With Concentration in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science



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; (Su) Summer.

| Academic Major Checklist | Course | Academic Major Checklist | Course |
|---|--------|---|--------|
| COMM 208 Public Speaking | | COMM 421 Speech and Hearing Science (Sp)* | |
| COMM 251 Research Methods in Communication* | | COMM 422 Language Processes* | |
| COMM 255 Introduction to Language (Sp)* | | COMM 429 Introduction to the Clinical Process* OR COMM 479 Communication Internship* | |
| COMM 305 Introduction to Communication Disorders (F)* | | Cognates | |
| COMM 319 Phonetics and Phonology (F)* | | BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology* | |
| COMM 320 Speech and Language Development (F)* | | MATH 240 Statistical Methods* | |
| COMM 323 Introduction to Audiology (F)* | | CHEM 103 General Chemistry I* OR PHYS 110 Introductory Physics | |
| COMM 325 Anatomy and Physiology: Speech and Hearing (Sp)* | | | |

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. While there are many courses in your major that have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map. All courses that have prerequisites are marked with an asterisk* in the checklists above and in the map.

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 with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in late September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. 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. 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
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement) and must be completed by end of first semester or you will be placed on probation. Find more information at [Math Competency](#)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart below.
- 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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| 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, see Directed Self-Placement test at www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting |
| Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L); or Social and Behavioral Science (SB). | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> If Math competency is not completed will need to take MATH 010 here (this course is not credit bearing) |
| Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: Any Gen Ed Distribution course, or other required course | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed) |
| Another Gen Ed course, COMM 208 Public Speaking, or elective | 3-4 | |
| 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"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 14-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 2 | CR | SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| FYW 100 or FYS 100 | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better |
| MATH 240 Statistical Methods* or whatever is needed to meet its prerequisite; or another Gen Ed distribution | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. MATH 120 or consent |
| Another Gen Ed course or COMM 208 Public Speaking | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 208 completed |
| Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed course, or required course for the major/minor | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Language 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 | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 3 | CR | SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| MATH 240 Statistical Methods* or another Gen Ed distribution | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. MATH 120 or consent <input type="checkbox"/> MATH 240 and Gen Ed Math completed |
| Gen Ed Natural Science (NS) Choose BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology*; CHEM 103 General Chemistry I*; or PHYS 110 Introductory Physics | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed Natural Science completed <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for BIOL 100 and CHEM 103 is Math competency completed <input type="checkbox"/> Note: SLHS requirements include both BIOL 100 and either CHEM 103 or PHYS 110. |
| COMM 251 Research Methods in Communication* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is 24 credits completed |
| Gen Ed, elective, or course toward another minor/major | 3-4 | |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor in Sept. |

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| SEMESTER 4 | CR | SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Gen Ed Distribution, elective, or course in another major/minor | 3-4 | |
| Choose 1 Connections course (Gen Ed-C) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. |
| COMM 255 Introduction to Language (Sp)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq is COMM 251 |
| BIOL 100*, CHEM 103* or PHYS 110 | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq for BIOL 100 and CHEM 103 is Math competency completed <input type="checkbox"/> All cognates completed |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 5 | CR | SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M |
| COMM 305 Introduction to Communication Disorders (F)* | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is COMM 251 |
| COMM 319 Phonetics and Phonology (F)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq is COMM 255 |
| COMM 320 Speech and Language Development (F)* | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are COMM 251 and COMM 255 |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 6 | CR | SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor | 3-4 | |
| COMM 325 Anatomy and Physiology: Speech and Hearing (Sp)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are COMM 251 and either COMM 255 or COMM 305 |
| COMM 421 Speech and Hearing Science (Sp)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is COMM 319 |
| COMM 429 Introduction to the Clinical Process* if offered, OR COMM 479 Communication Internship* | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 429 are at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 429 is offered every third semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 479 are 75 credits, 18 in COMM; application is made the prior semester |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <input type="checkbox"/> If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 14-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

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| SEMESTER 7 | CR | SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| COMM 422 Language Processes* if offered | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. are COMM 251 and COMM 255 |
| COMM 323 Introduction to Audiology (F)* | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are COMM 251 and either COMM 255 or COMM 305 |
| COMM 429 Introduction to the Clinical Process* if offered, OR COMM 479 Communication Internship* | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 429 are at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 429 is offered every third semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 479 are 75 credits, 18 in COMM; application is made the prior semester |
| Elective, or course in another major/minor | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status. |
| Requirements and GPA | | <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 | 13-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 8 | CR | SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| COMM 422 Language Processes* if offered | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. are COMM 251 and COMM 255 <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 422 completed |
| COMM 429 Introduction to the Clinical Process* if offered, OR COMM 479 Communication Internship* | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 429 are at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 429 is offered every third semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for COMM 479 are 75 credits, 18 in COMM; application is made the prior semester |
| Elective, or course toward another minor/major | 3-4 | |
| Elective, or course toward another minor/major | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status. |
| 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 Communication Department website:

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

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the Communication major (concentration in Speech Language and Hearing Science) is 53 credits (depending on choices), although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses (M,NS), which leaves 32 more credits of Gen Ed. and possibly 8 more depending on secondary language needs. The minimum credit count will be 85 credits (without secondary language), which would leave 35 elective credits, some of which could be used for a minor.