

**ACADEMIC RHODE MAP
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GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 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, Korean, 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. For information about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>. Courses with (WID) are Writing in the Discipline courses and will be writing intensive.

Cognates	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
ENGL 230 Workplace Writing*		CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*		CIS 301 Introduction to Computer Programming*	
ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting I: Managerial*		CIS 421 Networks and Infrastructure*	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*		CIS 440 Issues in Computer Security*	
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*		CIS 455 Database Programming* (WID)	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		CIS 462 Applied Software Development* (WID)	
ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics*		Choose TWO restricted professional electives (6-8 credits) from any 300 level or above CIS or CSCI courses*, or COMM 230*	
FIN 301 Financial Management*			
MGT 201 Foundations of Management* (WID)			
MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing* (WID)			

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.

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 equivalent
- 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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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is 6 credits. To decide which FYW to take, see Directed Self-Placement test at www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), 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 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)
Gen Ed—MATH 177	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency/ placement test, or MATH 120
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	17	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency completed
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need a minimum of 30 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 completed credits
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 completed credits
ENGL 230 Workplace Writing*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 45 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is MATH 177
CIS 301 Introduction to Computer Programming	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)*
ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting I: Managerial*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite CIS 252
ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite ACCT 201
		<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency completed
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 60 earned credits
		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓
CIS 421 Networks and Infrastructure*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are CIS 252 and 60 completed credits
FIN 301 Financial Management*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are ACCT 201, ECON 214 and 215, and MATH 177
MGT 201 Foundations of Management* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 45 completed credits
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS), or elective if these all done.	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Choose a category you have not previously taken
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits
		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
CIS 455 Database Programming* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are CIS 252 and 60 completed credits
300 level or above CIS* or CSCI*, or COMM 230*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prereqs—check catalog
MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites are 45 completed credits
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 90 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	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 ✓
CIS 440 Issues in Computer Security*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites are CIS 252 and 60 completed credits
300 level or above CIS* or CSCI*, or COMM 230*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed or an elective	3-4	
Elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓
CIS 462 Applied Software* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites are CIS 301 and CIS 455
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed or an elective for four credits to be full time	4	<input type="checkbox"/> All TEN Gen Ed. courses completed.
Elective	4	
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 Accounting and Computer Information Systems Department website:

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

The total minimum credit count for the major is 68 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for M and AQSR will double-count, so the minimum total is 100, leaving room for 20 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, or can be electives.