

# ACADEMIC RHODE MAP

## BA, ENGLISH MAJOR



**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
ENGL 200 Reading Literature and Culture*	
ENGL 208 British Literature*	
ENGL 209 American Literature*	
ENGL 300 Introduction to Theory and Criticism*	
ONE <b>WRITING</b> course from: ENGL 220 Introduction to Creative Writing*; ENGL 230 Writing for Professional Settings*; ENGL 231 Writing for Digital and Multimedia Environments*; ENGL 232 Writing for the Public Sphere*; ENGL 250 Topics Course in Writing*; ENGL 492 Independent Study II*	
ONE course from an <b>earlier literary</b> period, choose from: ENGL 301*, ENGL 304*, 305*, 306*, 335*, 345*, or 346*	
Any 4 credit ENGL 300/400 level (except 460) in literature *	
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ENGL 460 Seminar in English*	
<b>Note:</b> If you take both ENGL 375 and 376 they can count as one of the 4 credit 300/400 level non-literature choices.	

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 above.
- 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 (FYW 100P)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYW grade of C or better. FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting">www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting</a>
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 <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> (If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139 here, if not will need to take MATH 010)
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)
Gen Ed--Literature	4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for at least 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.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS
139 MATH* Gen Ed (M). If taken, choose Gen Ed (NS)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete MATH 139 (or other Gen Ed Math course; most have prerequisites that include a placement exam)
ENGL 200 Reading Literature and Culture*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. Gen Ed Literature and FYW
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, or a needed ENGL 200-level	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102,* grade C or better (if needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.)
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>
Choose Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Natural Science course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 200 level course that is needed*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.)
ENGL 300 Introduction to Theory and Criticism* or other 200 level course that is needed	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.); for ENGL 300 the prereq. is ENGL 200 (or ENGL 201)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<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: English offers ENGL 261, 262, 263, 265, and 267 options
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 300 Introduction to Theory and Criticism* or other 200 level course that is needed	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for ENGL 200 levels are Gen Ed (L) and FYW (or college writing req.); for ENGL 300 the prereq. is ENGL 200 (or ENGL 201) <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 300 completed (must be done before reach 75 credits)
ENGL 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Need five 300 /400 level courses. Creative writing options use ENGL 220 as a prerequisite, others use ENGL 200 or ENGL 201
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 64 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 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
ENGL 200/300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed ENGL 208, 209 and one from <b>WRITING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> At least three of the 300/400 level must be in literature
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 80 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.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
ENGL 300/400 level*	4	
ENGL 300/400 level in literature *	4	<input type="checkbox"/> At least three of the 300/400 level must be in literature; this includes one from: ENGL 301*, ENGL 304*, 305*, 306*, 335*, 345*, or 346* all have ENGL 200 as prereq.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 96 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	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. and get form to enroll in ENGL 460 if ready.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
ENGL 300/400 level*	4	
ENGL 460 Seminar in English,* elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 460 Register through department secretary. Prerequisite is four completed 300/400 level courses, or by consent of department chair.
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> If elective courses are 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	12-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. and get form to enroll in ENGL 460

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
ENGL 460 Seminar in English,* elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 460 Register through department secretary. Prerequisite is four completed 300/400 level courses, or by consent of department chair. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete ENGL 460
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> If elective courses are 3 credits, 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	12-13	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**Prerequisite for Literature 300/400 level courses is ENGL 200; for Creative Writing 300/400 level courses it is ENGL 220.**

**For more information, check the English Department website:** <http://www.ric.edu/english/Pages/default.aspx>

Note: ENGL 200, 300 and 460 are offered Fall and Spring but not over the Summer.

**You might also consider the English B.A.—with Concentration in Creative Writing, which has a greater emphasis on writing courses. Or there is the 20-credit minor in Creative Writing which can be done in addition to the English major. There is also a 20-credit minor in Rhetoric and Writing that you may wish to consider in addition to the major, which includes an internship. See details at the website listed above.**

**NOTE: The total credit count for the BA English major is 44 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100, making an overall total of 84 credits (without secondary language/RIC 100). This leaves room for 36 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses (and RIC 100), but could go toward another major, a minor, or electives.**