

ACADEMIC RHODE MAP
BA FILM STUDIES MAJOR



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; (Su) Summer. All courses marked with an asterisk * have a prerequisite. For info. about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>

Academic Major Checklist	Course
FILM 116 Introduction to Film	
FILM 219 Methods of Film Analysis* (Spring only)	
FILM 220 Film History I* (Fall only)	
FILM 221 Film History II* (Spring only)	
Any upper-level FILM critical studies course (FILM 350-355)*	
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Any 4-credit upper-level FILM critical studies or production course (FILM 349-355; FILM 370-379; ENGL 337)*	
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FILM 454 Film Theory* (Spring only)	

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 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 its 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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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 116 Introduction to Film	4	<input type="checkbox"/> FILM 116 satisfies the Gen Ed Arts (A) requirement
FYW 100 Introduction to Academic Writing or FYW 100P Intro. to Academic Writing PLUS	4	<input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is a 6-credit option but if take this will not take one of the Gen Ed options below as cannot go over 18 credits. To decide which to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting/Pages/default.aspx
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: Math (M), Natural Sciences (NS), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), History (H), or Literature (L)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Math Competency</i> is completed, consider MATH 139* (prereq. math placement exam); if <i>Math Competency</i> is not completed, take MATH 010
Gen Ed Second Lang 101 (based on placed, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken); if language requirement is already satisfied, take another Gen Ed course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 14-16 earned credits (while 12 is fulltime, 15 or more credits are preferred in order to stay on track to graduate in 4 years) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Math Competency</i> completed <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 219 Methods of Film Analysis (Sp)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 116 <input type="checkbox"/> Note that FILM 219 is only offered in the Spring
FYS 100 First-Year Seminar	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Have completed FYW 100 with grade of C or better, and FYS 100. Information on FYS offerings each semester can be found at http://www.ric.edu/fys/Pages/default.aspx
Gen Ed course from one of these categories: Math (M), Natural Sciences (NS), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), History (H), or Literature (L)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete MATH 139* (or other Gen Ed Math course)—prereq. is appropriate score on math placement exam.
Gen Ed Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102* with grade of C or better (if needed)
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 30 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

Notes:

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SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 220 Film History I (F)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 116 <input type="checkbox"/> Note that FILM 220 is only offered in the Fall
Gen Ed Distribution course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider taking your Gen Ed Natural Sciences course
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Students interested in film production ought to consider taking FILM 370 Screenwriting I* and/or FILM 372 Preproduction* this semester.
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 45 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 221 Film History II (Sp)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 116 <input type="checkbox"/> Note that FILM 221 is only offered in the Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Students are urged to take FILM 220 before FILM 221
Gen Ed Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed AQSR)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: Gen Ed Math or Gen Ed Natural Sciences
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 60 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 219
Gen Ed Connections (Gen Ed C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites: FYW, FYS, and 45 completed credits <input type="checkbox"/> Note that Film Studies offers FILM 262
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 75 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 219
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Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to have declared your minor or second major with relevant department, if pursuing
Additional course as above	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 90 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in February to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 219
FILM 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 219
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> All ten Gen Ed courses and Second Language requirements completed
Additional course as above	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for a minimum of 105 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in September to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FILM 454 Film Theory*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites: FILM 220, FILM 221, and two 300-level FILM courses <input type="checkbox"/> Note that FILM 454 is only offered in the Spring
FILM 300/400 level*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite: FILM 219
Additional course in major, Gen Ed, elective, or possible minor or second major	3-4	
Additional course as above	3-4	
REQUIREMENTS and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 120 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Gradfest, Cap and Gown, and Commencement

For more information, please see the Film Studies Program website: <http://www.ric.edu/filmstudies/Pages/default.aspx>

NOTE: The total credit count for this major is 44 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 4 Gen Ed. credits for A can double-count, making the total 80 credits, leaving room for 40 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could go toward a second major, or a minor, or electives.