

**ACADEMIC RHODEMAP
BS HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION 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	Academic Major Checklist	Course
BIOL 103 Human Biology* OR BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology*		HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Administration (F, Sp, Su)*	
COMM 330 Interpersonal Communication (F)*		MGT 201 Foundations of Management*	
ENGL 230 Writing for the Professional Setting*		MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*		MGT 322 Organizational Behavior*	
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*		MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing*	
PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations*		HCA 201 Introduction to Health Care Systems (F, Sp)*	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*		HCA 302 Health Care Organizations (Sp)*	
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*		HCA 303 Health Policy and Contemporary Issues (Sp)*	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		HCA 401 Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA (Sp)*	
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance*		Three additional courses* Recommendation is to take all three from one of the following categories: Gerontology, Human Resource Management, Informatics, Management Foundations, or Wellness (see end of map for more detail).	
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care (F, Sp)*			
HCA 461 Seminar in Strategic Health*			

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.

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. 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)
- 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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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
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); or Literature (L).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 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)
BIOL 103 Human Biology (not a Gen Ed.) or BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology (Gen Ed NS)	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"/> Math competency completed <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 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 Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); or Literature (L), or elective.	3-4	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency completed or MATH 120 <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Gen Ed Math
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*, grade C or better (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need a minimum of 30 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 ✓
ECON 214 Microeconomics*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency completed
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is MATH 120
ENGL 230 Writing for Professional Settings*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
HCA 201 Introduction to Health Care Systems (F, Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. pursuing major in HCA
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 (if took BIOL 108 this requirement is satisfied) <input type="checkbox"/> Need ONE course from each distribution
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 45 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	18	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester, and discuss possible minor



SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 earned credits
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 earned credits
MGT 201 Foundations of Management*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. 45 earned credits
HCA 302 Health Care Organizations (Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. NURS 201 or HCA 201
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course or an elective	3-4	
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	15-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓
MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. MGT 201 or 301
MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. 45 earned credits
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for HCA 330 is MGT 201 or 301 <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for FIN 301 is MATH 177 and ACCT 201
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed or an elective.	3-4	
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	12-14	<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 (Gen Ed-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 earned credits and FYW and FYS.
PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. PSYC 110
HCA 303 Health Policy and Contemporary Issues (Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. HCA 201 or NURS 201
HCA 401 Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA (Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. HCA 201 or NURS 201
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
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	15-17	<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 ✓
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care (F, Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. HCA 302 or NURS 302, MGT 201 or 301, MATH 240
COMM 330 Interpersonal Communication (F)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. completion of 30 credits
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <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	12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓
HCA 461 Seminar in Strategic Health*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are completion of all major and cognate courses (except electives and HCA 467).
HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Admin.*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is completion of all major and cognate courses (except for electives or HCA 461), or be concurrently enrolled in any outstanding courses, or have permission from the program director.
MGT 322 Organizational Behavior*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. MGT 201 or 301
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Elective	1-4	
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	12-17	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Health Care Administration website:

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

Required Electives: THREE to be taken; while these may be taken from any of the categories, it is recommended that they all be taken from the same one.

Gerontology	GRTL/NURS 314 Health of Aging*; HCA 403 Long-Term Care Administration*; HCA 404 Long-Term Care Laws and Regulations*; SOC 217 Aging and Society; SOC 320 Law and the Elderly*
Human Resource Management	MGT 423 Compensation and Benefits Administration (F)*; MGT 424 Employee Relations and Performance Appraisal (Sp)*; MGT 425 Recruitment and Selection (F)*; MGT 428 Human Resource Development (Sp)*
Informatics	CIS 440 Issues in Computer Security*, CIS 455 Database Programming*; HCA 402 Health Care Informatics*
Management Foundations	ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting II: Managerial*; MKT 349 Service Operations Management (F)*; MKT 334 Consumer Behavior*; POL 301 Foundations of Public Administration (F)*
Wellness	ANTH 309 Medical Anthropology*; HPE 406 Program Development in Health Promotion*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*; SOC 314 The Sociology of Health and Illness*

Note: The total credit count for the major is 77-83 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses, so a student can complete HCA with Gen Ed, in 109-115 and have room for 5-11 electives, depending on secondary language needs.