

**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; (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
GEOG 100 Introduction to Environmental Geog. Or GEOG 205 Earth’s Physical Environments*	
GEOG 101 Introduction to Geography	
GEOG 200 World Regional Geography	
GEOG 201 Mapping Our Changing World*	
GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I(Sp)*	
Any other GEOG course (except 261) up to 15 credits in GEOG courses (varied prerequisites)	
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Possibly one more GEOG course (except 261)	
GEOG 460 Senior Seminar; Theory and Research (Sp)*	
GEOG 463 Internship in Geography*	

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 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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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
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, check the Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting">www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting</a>
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	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); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> (If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-139 MATH* or 240 MATH* here, if not will need to take MATH 010); take math placement exam to get appropriate score for these courses
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)
GEOG 101 Introduction to Geography	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Gen Ed-- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
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.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed MATH, consider MATH 139 Contemporary Topics* or MATH 240 Statistics*. If taken, Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Math (M)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102, grade C or better (if needed)
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS), or elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 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.

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Note: Need <b>ONE</b> Gen Ed from each category
GEOG 200 World Regional Geography	4	
GEOG 100 Introduction to Environmental Geog. Or GEOG 205 Earth's Physical Environments*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> GEOG 205 has Math Gen Ed as prerequisite, and satisfies Gen Ed Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning (ASQR)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
GEOG 201 Mapping Our Changing World*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. Gen Ed Math (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)
Any other GEOG course (except 261)	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need minimum of 15 credits in additional GEOG courses
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 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	13-16	<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>
Any other GEOG course (except 261)	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>15 credits</b>
Any other GEOG course (except 261)	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>15 credits</b>
Gen Ed, elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	<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>
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS <input type="checkbox"/> Note: GEOG offers 261 (does not count to major).
GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I (Sp)	4	
Any other GEOG course (except 261)	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>15 credits</b>
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second 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 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	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
GEOG 463 Internship in Geography* or elective	4-6	
Any other GEOG course (except 261)	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need <b>15 credits</b>
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 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	13-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
GEOG 463 Internship in Geography* or elective	4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography Internship (GEOG 463) completed
GEOG 460 Senior Seminar; Theory and Research (Sp)*	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. 15 credits of GEOG courses
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	13-14	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Geography Program website:

<http://www.ric.edu/politicalscience/Pages/Geography-Program.aspx>

**NOTE:** The minimum total credit count for this major is 43 credits (depending on choices), and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for AQSR, and SB could double-count, making the minimum overall total 75 credits, leaving room for 45 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.