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
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management* (Sp)	
PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems* (annual)	
POL 202 American Government	
POL 301 Foundations of Public Administration* (F)	
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F)	
POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	
300-400 level course outside POL*	
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POL 300 Methodology in Political Science* or GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I* (Sp)	
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp)* or POL 328 Field Experiences in the Public Sector*	

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

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SEMESTER 1	CR		SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4		☐ FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which FYW to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting
Gen Ed Distribution course from **one** of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4		☐ If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-139 MATH 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		☐ Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) ☐ Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
POL 202 American Government	4		☐ Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
			☐ Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years) ☐ Math competency completed
Requirements and GPA			☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16		☐ 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		☐ Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed MATH. If taken, Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)	4		☐ Complete Gen Ed Math (M); consider MATH 139
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	4		☐ Complete Second Lang 102, grade C or better (if needed)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
			☐ Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits
Requirements and GPA			☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16		☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR		SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4		☐ Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
Choose POL 300 to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		☐ Prereqs are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M) ☐ An alternative to this is would be GEOG 202 (Sp)
POL 301 Foundations in Public Administration* (F)	4		☐ Prereq. POL 202
Requirements and GPA			☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16		☐ Make appointment with advisor in Sept.to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

SEMESTER 4	CR		SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓
** Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL	3-4		☐ Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need **THREE**
Choose GEOG 202 (Sp) to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* if not taking POL 300; or take an elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		☐ Prereq for GEOG 202 is GEOG 201
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		
Requirements and GPA			☐ Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits ☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA ☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16		☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR		SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Choose POL 300 to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		☐ Prereqs are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M) ☐ An alternative to this is would be GEOG 202 (Sp)
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4		☐ Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS ☐ Note: POL offers three options: 262, 266 and 267.
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector *	4		☐ Prereq. for POL 331 is POL 202 ☐ Prereq. for POL 328 is consent of department chair
PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems* (annual)	4		☐ Prereq. is POL 202 or by consent of program director
Requirements and GPA			☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA ☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16		☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR		SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓
PBAD 325 Public Budgeting and Human Resource Administration* (Sp)	4		☐ Prereq. POL 301
Choose GEOG 202 (Sp) to satisfy Advanced Quantitative /Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* if not taking POL 300; or take an elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		☐ Prereq for GEOG 202 is GEOG 201 ☐ Either POL 300 or GEOG 202 completed.
POL 327 Internship in the State House (Sp) if not done POL 328; or POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	4		☐ Need SIX 300 level or above POL courses (POL 208 can count) ☐ Prereq. for POL 327 is recommendation by Advisory Comm. ☐ Prereq. for POL 355 is POL 202
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4		☐ If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA			☐ Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits ☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA ☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major ☐ Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16		☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓		
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector * (if not done POL 327)	4	☐ POL 331 is completed		
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	☐ Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need **THREE**		
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4			
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4			
Requirements and GPA		☐ All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed ☐ Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits ☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA ☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major		
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.		

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓		
POL 327 Internship in the State House (Sp); POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp); or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	☐ POL 355 is completed ☐ POL 327 or 328 is completed		
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL * or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	☐ Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need **THREE**		
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	☐ If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).		
Requirements and GPA		☐ Need minimum of 120 earned credits ☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA ☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major		
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Attend Gradfest and Commencement		

For more information, check the Public Administration Program website:
http://www.ric.edu/politicalscience/Pages/Public-Administration-Program.aspx

Cognates: THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300 or 400-level taken outside of the political science department offerings and chosen in consultation with the public administration coordinator. The cognate requirement can be satisfied by completing a dual major, a minor, or a college-approved, credit-bearing certificate program.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for this major is 41 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 8 more depending on secondary language needs. However, 8 of these credits (AQSR and SB) may be able to double count, making the minimum credit count 73 credits (without secondary language), which would leave 47 elective credits, which could be used for a minor or second major.