

## Academic Rhode Map for BS Finance Major at Rhode Island College

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** A complete listing of General Education courses can be found in the online catalog; 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. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. **Courses with an asterisk\* have prerequisites. Courses with a "W" in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.**

Academic Major Checklist	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*		FIN 301 Managerial Finance and Control*	
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*		FIN 423W Financial Markets and Institutions* (WID)	
		FIN 431 Advanced Corporate Finance*	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		FIN 432 Investments *	
ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics*		FIN 434 International Financial Management*	
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)		FIN 435 Financial Statement Analysis*	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis*		FIN 461W Seminar in Finance* or FIN 492 Independent Study II* (WID)	
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*		ONE course from: ECON 314 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Applications*, ECON 315 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Analysis (Sp)*, or ECON 449W Introduction to Econometrics* (WID)	
MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)			
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)		THREE courses from: FIN 436 Fixed Income Analysis*, FIN 441 Financial Derivatives and Risk Management*, FIN 447 Financial Modeling*, FIN 463W Seminar in Portfolio Management* (WID) or FIN 491 Independent Study I*	

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 you will need to take 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 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. 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 Milestone (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. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- 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	FYW 100P is a 6-credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	1	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); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	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	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed—MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis*	4	Prerequisite is Math Milestone, MATH 120, or Math Placement Exam
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Math Milestone completed. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	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	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
ECON 214 Microeconomics* or ECON 215 Macroeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math Milestone completed
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS), or elective/minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Need a minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	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>
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems	4	Prerequisite 15 completed credits
ECON 214 Microeconomics* or ECON 215 Macroeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math Milestone completed
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)	4	Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting 1: Financial*	3	Completion of 30 college credits
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed. Most of these have Math Milestone as a prerequisite
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	18	Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester, and discuss possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*	4	Prerequisite is MATH 177. Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Choose a category you have not previously taken
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	4	Completion of at least 30 college credits
FIN 301 Financial Management *	4	Prereqs are ACCT 201 and MATH 177
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16	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>
<b>ONE</b> from: ECON 314*, ECON 315*, ECON 449* (WID)	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
FIN 432 Investments*	4	Prereqs are FIN 301 and MATH 248
Elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	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	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
FIN 423W Financial Markets and Institutions* (WID)	4	Prereq is FIN 301
MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)	4	Completion of at least 30 college credits
<b>ONE</b> from: FIN 436*, FIN 441*, FIN 447*, FIN 463W*, and FIN 491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	16	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>
FIN 431 Advanced Corporate Finance*	4	Prereqs are FIN 301, ECON 241, and MATH 248
<b>ONE</b> from: FIN 436*, FIN 441*, FIN 447*, FIN 463W*, and FIN 491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
FIN 435 Financial Statement Analysis*	4	Prereq is FIN 301
Elective or course for minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	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>
<b>ONE</b> from: FIN 436*, FIN 441*, FIN 447*, FIN 463W*, and FIN 491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
FIN 461W Seminar in Finance (WID)* or FIN 492 Independent Study II*	4	Prereqs are FIN 431, FIN 432, and MATH 248
FIN 434 International Financial Management*	4	Prereqs are FIN 301, ECON 215, and MATH 248
Elective or course for minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Economics and Finance Department website:**  
<https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-economics-and-finance>

**NOTE: The total credit count for the Finance major is 77 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses (AQSR, M), which leaves 32 more credits of Gen Ed. and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 109 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 11 elective credits.**