ORIENTATION 2008

Welcome Class of 2012
Transition to College.....

Here’s just a few of the things we will cover …

- RIC and credits toward graduation?
- What kinds of grades can I get?
- What’s my GPA?
- Math/Writing Requirements.
- How many buildings on campus??
- I can change my own schedule?
- When do I register?
- Etc…..
THE BIG PICTURE....

Graduation...
GRADUATION
B.A. or B.S. Degrees

- General Education Requirements → 34-36 Credits
- Curriculum/Major Requirements → 30-50 Credits
- Cognates → 0-15 Credits
- Electives → # Varies
- TOTAL CREDITS → 120 Credits
COLLEGE WRITING REQUIREMENT

- Required of all students
- Fulfilled by one of the following methods:
  
  1. Passing Writing 100 at Rhode Island College with a C- or better.
  2. Passing the equivalent of Writing 100 with a C- or better.
  3. Passing the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) English Composition Exam with essay with a score of 50 or better.

**Note:**

*Any student scoring 430 or below on either the Verbal or Writing section of the SAT-I, or English sub-score of 17 or less on the ACT, or who has not taken the SAT-I or ACT, is required to take the College Writing Placement Examination.*

*Students who have not completed the Writing Requirement after **40 attempted credits** will be placed on Academic Probation.*

*All Transfer and Readmitted students are expected to fulfill the Writing Requirement as soon as possible after matriculating at the College or they will be placed on Academic Probation.*
COLLEGE MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT

- Required of All Students
- Fulfilled by one of the following methods:
  1. Achieving a score of 480 or better on the quantitative portion of the SAT-I, or an ACT Mathematics sub-score of 20 or better.
  2. Achieving a satisfactory grade on the Rhode Island College Mathematics Assessment Examination. This test may be repeated once.
  3. Successful completion of Math 010.

- Note:

  Students who have not completed the Mathematics Requirement will not be able to register for certain math and CIS/CSCI courses.

  Students who have not completed the Mathematics Requirement after having completed a minimum of 15 attempted credits will be placed on Academic Probation.

  All Transfer and Readmitted students are expected to fulfill the Mathematics Requirement as soon as possible after matriculating at the College or they will be placed on Academic Probation.
## GRADING SYSTEM

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# How to Compute Your GPA

## Grade Point Average

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16 total 44.99 total

**Here’s how you do it:** Add up the total credits you earned, which is 16. Add up all the numbers in the Total Quality Points column, which is 44.99. You then divide the 44.99 (TOTAL Quality Points) by 16 (TOTAL Credits) and your answer is 2.81. **THAT’S YOUR GPA.**
Courses may be added or dropped at any time during the first two weeks of classes. Please note: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 is the last day to add or drop a course.

A student may withdraw from a course without a grading penalty up to mid-semester (Friday, October 31, 2008).

Withdrawing from courses after October 31 requires extenuating circumstances and permission from the student’s instructor.

**WARNING:** There is no such thing as an automatic drop. If you do not attend class, and do not drop or withdraw, you may receive an F grade in the course.
Credit/No Credit Option

You may choose to take a course for credit only (no grade). However, there are some rules you MUST follow.

- You can only take one course per semester under this option.
- The total number of courses taken toward graduation under Credit/No Credit shall not exceed six.
- A course in your major, concentration, minor, cognate or any professional sequence courses in a Teacher Education Program cannot be taken Credit/No Credit.
- No General Education courses may be taken Credit/No Credit.
- You must file for Credit/No Credit prior to the end of the Withdrawal Period (October 31, 2008).
- Grades A through D- will receive the CR. Grades of F receive NCR. CR counts toward the number of credits needed for graduation. NCR does not. Remember, no matter whether you receive a CR or NCR it DOES NOT affect your GPA.
BUILDING CODES

There are over 20 buildings on campus. Each building has a code. Below is a partial list. A complete list can be found in your College Catalog, CD ROM, and most importantly, the College Bulletin.

- **AC** Art Center
- **AL** Adams Library
- **ALG** Alger Hall
- **CL** Craig-Lee (home of OASIS!)
- **CS** Clarke Science
- **G** Gaige Hall
- **HBS** Henry Barnard School
- **HM** Horace Mann
- **MC** Murray Center
- **NPA** Nazarian Center for Performing Arts
- **OC** Off Campus
- **R** Roberts Hall
- **REC** Recreation Center
- **SSW** School of Social Work
- **WH** Whipple Hall
- **TBA** To be announced
GENERAL EDUCATION 2008-2009

CORE REQUIREMENTS
- CORE ONE: English 161 - Western Literature
- CORE TWO: History 161 - Western History
- CORE THREE: Non-Western Worlds
- CORE FOUR: Critical Inquiry

DISTRIBUTION AREAS
- Social and Behavioral Sciences 1
- Social and Behavioral Sciences 2
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Laboratory Science
- Mathematical Systems
- Science/Mathematics

TOTAL: 10 courses
34 credit hours (credits) minimum/36 maximum
REGISTRATION

Registration is easy. Here are a couple of things not to forget.

- After you register on-line in the computer lab for your classes, please select the *Evaluation* icon on the desktop, complete the evaluation, and let us know how helpful you have found Orientation!

- Then, don’t forget to go to the printer and pick up a copy of your schedule.
LOTS TO REMEMBER!

Don’t worry. We don’t expect you to remember EVERYTHING! Here are a few things to remember though:

• Classes begin Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

• If you have ANY questions, at ANY time, please come into the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS) in Craig-Lee 154, or contact us by phone at 456-8083.

• Please don’t forget to read the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Program Brochure found in your folder. You will be automatically enrolled in this plan and billed for it, unless you waive out of the plan. Further details are located on Page 2 of the brochure.

• Oh Yes…don’t forget to do AlcoholEdu in August